

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

† Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost †

Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Teach us to forgive one another and to do what You have commanded, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Your aid, grant us the help of Your grace to please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements & Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 111

- L Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- C **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**
- L Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- C **He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**
- L The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

ALL His praise endures forever!

Opening Song

“Great Are You Lord”

Verse

You give life. You are love.
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore
ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are You, Lord.

Verse

Chorus (2x)

Bridge 3x

**And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
“Great are You, Lord!”**

Chorus

**It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise,
It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to You only.**

Chorus 2x

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Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.
Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited His people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me.” Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 2:1–13

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him;
if we endure, we will also reign with Him;
if we deny Him, He also will deny us;
if we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And He said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Song of the Day

“United in Christ”

Verse 1

**People of the Lord, come now and sing.
Every nation and tongue, to Christ our King.
With empty hands, His gifts receive.**

Verse 2

**Whether young or old, you’re a child of God.
Whether rich or poor, no matter what you got.
He gathers all at the foot of the cross.**

Chorus

**His body broken makes this body whole.
His resurrection, it assures us all.
No darkness, nor doubting, nor pain in this life
Could keep us from being united in Christ.**

Verse 3

**Sinners and saints, you have a place.
With the Spirit’s gifts, proclaim His grace.
There’s nothing too small
To be used by the Living God.**

Chorus

Bridge

**We are the body, Christ is the head.
Sealed with the promise, through blood He shed.
We are the body, Christ is the head.
His grace the heartbeat, our confidence.
We are the body, Christ is the head.
Sealed with the promise, through blood He shed.
We are the body, Christ is the head.
His grace the heartbeat, our confidence.
Our confidence.**

Chorus

Tag

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Sermon

“Think It Over”

Apostles’ Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the ☩ life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Offering

The offertory is an important time to reflect with thanksgiving on the many blessings God has given us.

Offertory

"Blessed Be Your Name"

- 1 Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.
- 2 Blessed be Your name,
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say,

Chorus

"Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name."

- 3 Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's "all as it should be."
Blessed be Your name.
- 4 Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
"Lord, Blessed be Your name." (REPEAT)

Chorus (2x)

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LWML Pledge (spoken together)

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 60th wedding anniversary of William & Karen Frederick (Oct. 9).
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 49th wedding anniversary of Al & Joan Koepke (Oct. 9).
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 33rd wedding anniversary of Rev. Dr. Martin & Peggy Haeger (Oct. 10).
- ✠ Celebration and thanksgiving for wedding of TD Walker & Sandra Allen, son of Jeff & Dawn Walker (Oct. 11).
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 29th wedding anniversary of John & Tavia Shively (Oct. 12).

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Confession of Sins and Absolution

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19–23*
C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

Mark 14:22–24

Pax Domini – “Peace of the Lord”

John 20:19

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

- C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

John 1:29

Distribution

Song

“Great Things”

Verse 1

Come, let us worship our King.
Come, let us bow at His feet.
He has done great things.
See what our Savior has done,
See how His love overcomes.
He has done great things.
He has done great things.

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave.
You free every captive and break every chain.
O God, You have done great things.
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.
O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high.
O God, You have done great things.

Verse 2

You've been faithful through every storm.
You'll be faithful forevermore.
You have done great things.
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is Yes and Amen.
You will do great things. God, You do great things.

Chorus

Bridge

Hallelujah, God above it all!
Hallelujah, God unshakable!
Hallelujah, You have done great things! (REPEAT)
You've done great things!

Chorus

You have done great things.
O, God You do great things

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“One Thing Remains”

Verse 1

Higher than the mountains that I face.
Stronger than the power of the grave.
Constant in the trial and the change.
One thing remains, one thing remains.

Chorus

Your love never fails, it never gives up,
never runs out on me.
Your love never fails, it never gives up,
never runs out on me.
Your love never fails, it never gives up,
never runs out on me. Your love.

Verse 2

On and on and on and on it goes.
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
And I never, ever have to be afraid.
One thing remains, one thing remains.

Chorus

Bridge

In death, in life, I'm confident and
cover'd by the power of Your great love.
My debt is paid; there's nothing that
can separate my heart from Your great love.
(REPEAT)

Chorus (2x)

Verse 1

Higher than the mountains that I face.
Stronger than the power of the grave.
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Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

C Amen.

Closing Song

“I Thank God”

Verse 1

Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide,
This weary soul, this bag of bones.
I try with all of my might,
But I just can't win the fight.
I'm slowly drifting, a vagabond

Pre-Chorus

And just when I ran out of the road,
I met a man I didn't know.
And He told me that I was not alone.

Chorus

He picked me up, You turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,
Because You healed my heart,
You changed my name.
Forever free, I am not the same.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, I thank God.

Verse 2

I cannot deny what I've seen;
Got no choice but to believe.
My doubts are burnin', oh, like ashes in the wind.
So so long to my old friends: burden and bitterness.
You can just keep them moving,
nah you ain't welcome here.

Pre-Chorus

From now till I walk the streets of gold,
I'll sing of how You saved my soul.
This wayward son has found his way back home.

Chorus

Hell lost another one, I am free, I am free, I am free.
(4x)

Chorus

Preacher
Liturgist
Instrumentalists

Pastor Wade
Pastor Thompson
Whitney Wade, Ben Rudzinski guitar
Mark Yaeger, piano
Ben Rudzinski, percussion

Sound

Whitney Wade, Cory Ahlbrand, Ellie Pelt, Jonny Thompson, vocals
Eli Hackman

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