LIVING STONE WORSHIP

[⊕] Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost [⊕]Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

O God, Your kingdom is present among us in the Gospel and in the Sacraments. Prepare us for the coming of the Son of Man, absolve us from our offenses, free us from the bonds of our sins, and deliver us by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements & Greeting

Call to Worship Psalm 98

- L Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
- C His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.
- L The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- C He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
- L All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God!

ALL Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Opening Song

"Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)"

Verse 1

Praise is rising, Eyes are turning to You; We turn to You; Hope is stirring Hearts are yearning for You; We long for You;

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You, We find strength to face the day; In Your presence

All our fears are washed away, Washed away.

Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves us, Worthy of all our praises; Hosanna, hosanna, Come have Your way among us; We welcome You here, Lord Jesus. Verse 2

Hear the sound of Hearts returning to You; We turn to You; In Your Kingdom Broken lives are made new, You make us new; Pre-Chorus

Chorus

'Cause when we see You,
We find strength to face the day;
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away, (repeat)
Washed away.

Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna.

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Invocation

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

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 \$\psi\$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 John 20:19-23
- C Amen.

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1-6

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

"Remember the law of My servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And He will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Luke 21:5-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And they asked Him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" And He said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for My name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for My name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Song of the Day

"The King Is in the Room"

Verse 1

Come open the doors and make way.
The King is in the room, the King is in the room.
Expectant for strongholds to break,
'Cause we know what You can do,
We know what You can do.

Pre-Chorus

We're gonna see lives changed, souls saved, Broken hearts made new.

Chorus

The King is in the room.

Lord we enthrone You upon our praise.

The King is in the room.

There's freedom and life anywhere You reign.

Jesus, we bow only to You.

We're laying down all of our crowns.

The King is in the room.

Verse 2

Come see all the captives run free.

He's tearing down the walls,

He's tearing down the walls.

There's grave shaking power when we sing

The Name above them all, Your Name above them all.

Chorus

Bridge

Fear has to flee, shame has to leave before the King, before the King

Chains have to break, dry bones awake.

Prepare the way. (repeat)

Chorus

The King is in the room.

I can't wait to see what You're gonna do.

Every mountain has to move.

Prepare the way. The King is in the room.

Prepare the way. Prepare the way. He's in the room.

(repeat)

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Sermon

"With Patience! Not Idleness..."

Song of Response

"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 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. Constant in the trial and the change. One thing remains, one thing remains.

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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 Φ life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Offering

Offertory Song

"Build My Life"

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing. Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring. Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe. We live for You. We live for You.

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. We live for You.

Chorus

Holy, there is no one like You.
There is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder,
and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart.
And lead me in Your love to those around me.

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name. Jesus the only one who could ever save. Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe. We live for You. We live for You.

Chorus

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love. It is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone.
And I will not be shaken. (repeat)

Chorus

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Prayer of the Church

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.

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

"You Cannot be Stopped"

Verse 1

The dark tried to hide You and steal You away. Death tried to keep You inside of the grave. The enemy fought You; he tried but he lost. You cannot be stopped.

Verse 2

When we cried for freedom You tore down the walls. The weight of our burdens, You carried it all. Our fears and our failures hang dead on the cross. You cannot be stopped.

Chorus

Mover of mountains, breaker of chains, Jesus has triumphed over the grave. Sing hallelujah; the battle is won! Nothing can stand against our God.

Verse 3

We stand on Your victory, we shout out Your praise. Miracle maker, You're mighty to save. Awesome in power, relentless in love, You cannot be stopped.

Chorus

Mover of mountains, breaker of chains, Jesus has triumphed over the grave. Sing hallelujah; the battle is won! Nothing can stand against our God.

Bridge

There's nothing that can stop our God.
There's nothing that can stop our God.
There's nothing that can stop our God.
There is nothing, there is nothing. (repeat)

Chorus 2x

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