

LIVING STONE WORSHIP
✠ Last Sunday of the Church Year ✠
Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Lord God, Heavenly Father, You have made us stewards of the riches of Your grace. Prepare us to meet our Lord when He comes again in glory and preserve our faith as we hold fast to the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 46

- L God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
C **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way.**
L There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
C **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved. God will help her when morning dawns.**
L The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
ALL **“Be still, and know that I am God.” The Lord of hosts is with us— the God of Jacob is our fortress!**

Opening 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

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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.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:13–18

“Your words have been hard against Me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against You?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping His charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed His name. “They shall be Mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up My treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:13–20

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 23:27–43

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

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

And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!” There was also an inscription over Him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” And He said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Song of the Day

“Honey in the Rock”

Chorus 1

There's honey in the rock, water in the stone,
Manna on the ground, no matter where I go.
I don't need to worry now that I know,
Everything I need You've got,
There's honey in the rock.

Verse 1

Praying for a miracle, thirsty for the Living Well;
Only You can satisfy.
Sweetness at the mercy seat.
Now I've tasted, it's not hard to see,
Only You can satisfy.

Chorus 2

There's honey in the rock. (4X)

Verse 2

Freedom where the Spirit is,
Bounty in the wilderness; You will always satisfy.

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

There's honey in the rock, purpose in Your plan,
Power in the blood, healing in Your hands.
Started flowing when You said it is done.
Everything You did's enough.

Bridge

I keep looking, I keep finding.
You keep giving, keep providing
I have all that I need.
You are all that I need.
I keep praying, You keep moving, I keep praising.
You keep proving I have all that I need.
You are all that I need. (repeat)
I have all that I need. You are all that I need, yeah.

Chorus 3

There's honey in the rock, water in the stone,
Manna on the ground, no matter where I go.
I don't need to worry now that I know,
Everything I need You've got,
There's honey in the rock, purpose in Your plan,
Power in the blood, healing in Your hands.
Started flowing when You said it is done.
Jesus, who You are is enough.
There's honey in the rock.
There's honey in the rock.
There's honey in the rock.

Ending

Oh, how sweet, how sweet
it is to trust in You, Jesus. (3x)

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Sermon

“Faith That Won’t Fold”

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

“Living Hope”

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written,
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory,
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!,
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
(REPEAT)
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Chorus (2x)

Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Oh God, You are my living hope.

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Prayer of the Church

- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 65th wedding anniversary of Don & Lois Ditzler (Nov. 26).
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 55th wedding anniversary of Joe & Judy Ostermann (Nov. 28).
- ✠ Gary Mueller recovering from surgery.

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

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Song

“King of Kings”

- 1 In the darkness we were waiting,
without hope, without light,
Till from Heaven You came running.
There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets,
to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, Majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings.

- 2 To reveal the kingdom coming
and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering,
You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus, for our sake You died.

Chorus

- 3 And the morning that You rose
all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good,
for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs,
and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored.
- 4 And the Church of Christ was born,
then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old
shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name,
in His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me.

Chorus

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“The Wonderful Cross”

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or, thorns compose so rich a crown?

- Chorus O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name.
- 3 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an off'ring far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Chorus

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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.
- C Amen.

Numbers 6:24–26

Closing Song

“Can’t Steal My Joy”

Verse 1

In the valley of the shadow,
I got a feeling it's a season that'll make me grow.
I'm still breathing, I got praise in my lungs
And a choir in my soul.

Post-Chorus 1

Can't steal my joy
(Wa oh, oh, oh.) 3x
Can't steal my joy.
(Wa oh, oh, oh.) 3x

Chorus 1

Can't steal my joy.
Can't steal my joy.
What the world couldn't give,
no, it can't take away.
Sorrow may come, but it can't steal my joy.
Can't steal my joy.

Bridge

Can't steal my joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart, down in my soul,
deep in my bones. I got the joy, joy, joy.
I can't contain, nothing can quiet my praise.
I got the joy, joy, joy. Down in my heart,
down in my soul, deep in my bones.
I got the joy, joy, joy. I can't contain,
nothing can quiet my praise.

Verse 2

In the high highs, in the low lows,
You fill my cup, You fill it up until it overflows.
I remember, I'll keep holding on to hope,
'Cause You're the king of rolling stones.

Can't steal my joy. Can't steal my joy.

Chorus

Can't steal my joy.
(Wa oh, oh, oh.) 3x
(Wa oh, oh, oh.) 3x
Can't steal my joy.

Chorus

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We rejoice in the following Baptisms in the Sanctuary this weekend!

✝ **Ava Grace DeWulf** ✝

Daughter of Michael and Katie DeWulf
Sponsors Kelly Hastings and Patrick Hooper Jr.

✝ **The King Children** ✝

Audrey Grace, Patrick Henry, and Eloise Christine
Children of Phillip and Stephanie King
Sponsors Evan & Hallie King and Nate & Adrienne Kinzinger

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Liturgist
Assisting Seminarian
Instrumentalists

Pastor Wade
Pastor Thompson
Josh Horst
Whitney Wade, guitar
Mark Yaeger, piano
Mark Stoddard, bass
Ben Rudzinski, percussion

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