

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH // APRIL 26, 2026 // 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LIVING STONES

Stewardship Week One



COME TO HIM, A LIVING STONE, THOUGH REJECTED BY MORTALS YET CHOSEN AND PRECIOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT, AND LIKE LIVING STONES LET YOURSELVES BE BUILT INTO A SPIRITUAL HOUSE, TO BE A HOLY PRIESTHOOD, TO OFFER SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES ACCEPTABLE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

1 Peter 2:4-5



We Come Into God's Presence with Joy

Life of the Church

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Connie George, liturgist

*Siblings in Christ, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts,
For many signs and wonders are being done among us.*

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

Let us give what we can to all who have needs.

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

Let us worship God, and seek the goodwill of all people.

* Hymn #475

*Come Thou Fount
of Every Blessing*

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Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Caring God, you call us to be the body of Christ: to live in community, to care for one another, to use our different gifts. But often, instead of working to sustain community, we follow our own desires. Instead of trusting in your care, we think we can do it alone. Forgive us when we neglect the needs of others. Give us obedient spirits, that we may care for one another, depend on your love, and use our gifts for your gospel. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Mary Petrina Boyd

Silent prayers of confession.

* *You are invited to stand as you are able.*

Assurance of Grace

* Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

* Song of Response #609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

† **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Genesis 28:16-22**

Anthem

As We Believe

by Eugene Butler

Westminster Choir

As we believe, so let us live and give.

Let us pray that others looking to us can observe in truth,
"See how they love one another, see how they love one another,
see how they love one another."

As we believe, so let us live and give.

Let us live so that where we walk the report goes forth,
the report goes forth that the poor are clothed,
the hungry fed, and the sorrowful comforted,
and all creation proclaim God's wondrous works,
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† *You are welcome to sign as you are comfortable and able.*

We include this practice as a way to engage our whole selves in worship.

A Moment to Wonder

Children are invited to come forward for a short lesson on the chancel steps.

Second Reading of the Word Acts 2:41-47

Sermon

Laying the Foundation

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Preparation for Prayer #821 *My Life Flows On (v.1)*

**My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.**

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offertory

* Song of Response #353 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;

all other ground is sinking sand;

all other ground is sinking sand.

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Stewardship Season Has Begun! Grounded in Christ as our cornerstone, this year's theme, *Living Stones*, invites us to find our place in what God is building among us, combining our gifts, talents, and resources into something none of us could build alone. A stewardship letter with details about how to participate will be sent out this week. Pledges are due by Dedication Sunday, May 17, and can be submitted by mail, in the offering box, or online.

Spring Cleanup: Our annual Spring Cleanup is planned for Saturday, May 2, from 9am-noon. Join us in keeping our building and grounds beautiful!

Sacred Songs in Harmony: Avital Granot (soprano), Shawn McDonald (organ), and Deborah Rebeck Ash (flute) will be presenting a recital at Westminster on Saturday, May 2, at 3pm. Featuring music from Jewish and Christian traditions, it will be an afternoon of reflection, prayer, and shared spiritual expression. Admission is free, and all are welcome!

House N2 Home: House N2 Home furnishes living spaces for people transitioning from homelessness into housing in Washtenaw County. We are holding a donation drive of household items, new or gently used, from now–May 10. Collection bins are located outside the library, and a full list of most needed items can be found on our website.

Live Music by Writers Co: Join us for an evening of music with local trio, Writers Co! Nate Veldhoff with bandmates Bekah Brudi and Zack Smith will bring their acoustic-driven, jazz-folk influenced sound to Westminster on Friday, May 15. Enjoy some desserts at 6:30pm with music at 7pm. Sign up on the bulletin board to help us get a head-count and to let us know if you can bring a dessert to share. All are invited!

Youth Group Tonight: The Westminster youth will be gathering with youth from First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor to begin a series on journaling as a spiritual practice, tonight from 6-7:30pm in the WPC Fellowship Hall. 6th-12th graders are welcome to join us for dinner, games, and learning!

Grow in Faith and Friendship

Reading Through the Bible Group meets Sundays at 9:30am in Room 34 and via Zoom. Contact Marcia Anderson (hilden.anderson@gmail.com; 734-757-4305) for more information.

Sunday Morning Adult Ed meets in the fellowship hall at 9:30am.

Children and Youth Faith Formation meets on the second and third Sundays of each month at 9:30am. Contact Cathy Daniels (catld1121@gmail.com) for more info.

Monday Conversations are weekly at 1pm online: an opportunity to discuss Sunday's sermon in a small group. The Zoom invitation is in the Friday *Good Things* and Sunday podcast emails.

Mary Martha Group meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm via Zoom. Contact Margaret Klammer (mklammer@comcast.net) for more information.

Matthew 25 Study Group meets at 7pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. For meeting information, please contact Elizabeth Tidd (lizbeth0405@yahoo.com) or Carol Hufnagel (carol.hufnagel@tetrattech.com).

Thursday Book Club meets weekly at 1pm at Westminster and over Zoom. Contact Linda Harnisch for more information (rlharnisch@gmail.com).

We pray for our Westminster family

Ongoing needs: Elke Kramer, Fran Bolhouse, Cara Doane

For deacon care, contact your deacon directly or send an email to the deacon moderator, Amy Welzenbach (awelzenbach411@gmail.com). To list prayer requests here, in the *Friday Good Things Are Happening* email, or Prayer Chain, contact Jill Fairchild (jill@thefairchilds.net or 734-417-0816). You can join our email prayer chain by contacting Jill. To keep us current, please share updates on those for whom we are praying.

Welcome to Westminster

Our Values: Love, Compassion, Connection, Inclusion, Earth-Care, Service

Our Mission: Show the love of Jesus Christ by welcoming everyone, without exception, into the full life of the church; participating in the joyful worship of God; engaging in regular study, reflection, prayer and sharing of our faith; committing ourselves and our resources to the spiritual and physical needs of our church family and neighbors near and far; seeking to be a good neighbor in our neighborhood.

Sunday worship podcasts are at westpresa2.org/online-sermons.

For deacon care, please contact Amy Welzenbach (awelzenbach411@gmail.com).

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