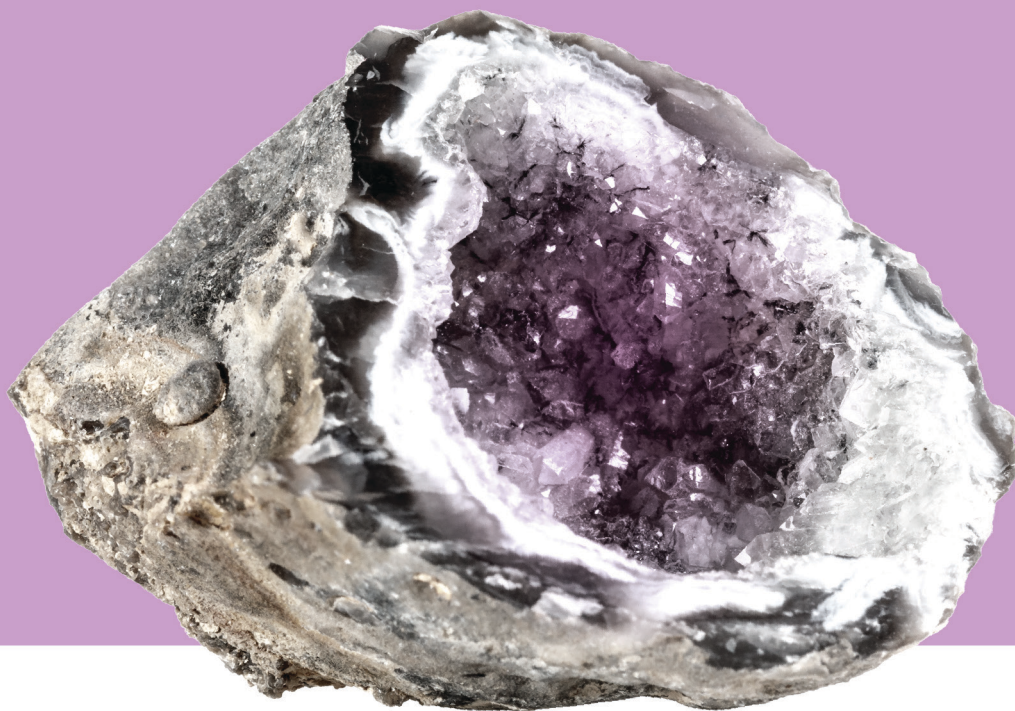


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH // MAY 3, 2026 // 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LIVING STONES

Stewardship Week Two



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

Margaret Klammer, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

When the world divides us,

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world says we are alone,

Come, Holy Spirit, build us into a community.

When the world leads us astray,

Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

When the world says we cannot make a difference,

Come, Holy Spirit, show us our purpose.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come and fill this place.

* Hymn #401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Call to Confession

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy One,

We long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.

To serve each other in love and humility.

To serve your world with wisdom and energy.

Forgive us when we stumble over pride,

when our words and actions are not guided by love.

Turn our hearts when we act in folly.

Restore our energy when it is gone.

Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.

But your abundant grace is strong and eternal,

and forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Written by Rev. Joanna Harader

Silent prayers of confession.

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!

† *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.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Psalm 68:3-10, 35**

Anthem

Feed My Lambs
Westminster Choir

by Natalie Sleeth
arr. Tom Fettle

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word **1 Peter 2:2-10**

Sermon

Chosen and Precious

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

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

Through all the tumult and the strife,

I hear that music ringing.

It finds an echo in my soul.

How can I keep from singing?

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?

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Song of Response #552 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Song of Response #553 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Unison Prayer after Communion

We thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen Lord. As we receive the grace of this table, help us to share this love in our words, actions, and relationships. Send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Stewardship Sharing

Carol Hufnagel

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 #509

*All Who Hunger,
Gather Gladly*

HOLY MANNA

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 was sent out this week. Pledges are due by Dedication Sunday, May 17, and can be submitted by mail, in the offering box, or online.

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!

Habitat House of Faith: Westminster has two opportunities to serve with Habitat for Humanity this month: May 9 and May 22. Visit our website for more information and to register. Contact Ron Fairchild with any questions (ron@thefairchilds.net).

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: Donna Greyerbiehl, Kathy Kamm, Elke Kramer

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).

Thank you for continuing to fulfill your pledges and financial commitments in support of the mission and ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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