

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH // MAY 10, 2026 // 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LIVING STONES

Stewardship Week Three



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

Suzanne Lange, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

Holy God, you have set your image upon every human being.

Build us up, Lord, according to your love.

You have given of yourself so that we might be near to you.

Build us up, Lord, according to your love.

You heal the broken and dwell with the humble.

Build us up, Lord, according to your love.

You seek the outcast and welcome the stranger.

Build us up, Lord, according to your love.

You have called us your family and given us belonging.

Build us up, Lord, according to your love.

Let our hearts be shaped in accordance with the heart of God.

Build us up, Lord, according to your love.

* Hymn #65

*Guide Me, O Thou
Great Jehovah*

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Call to Confession

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, your ways are always love and welcome, generosity and justice. Yet we often choose our own way. Forgive us for when we have chosen power for ourselves. Forgive us for when we have invested in emptiness. Forgive us for when we have devoted ourselves to an earthly kingdom instead of a heavenly community. Forgive us, Lord, and shape us anew, that we might follow where you lead and love how you love.

Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Thom Shuman

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

*Beloved children of God, receive the good news with hearts restored:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* 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 31:1-5**

Anthem

Make Me an Instrument

by Craig Courtney

Westminster Choir

O Lord, O Lord, Make me an instrument of Your peace.
Make me an instrument of Your peace, of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.
O divine, Master, Grant that we might not seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying we are born to eternal life, eternal life.

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word **Acts 17:22-28**

Sermon

Stacking Stones

Nate Veldhoff

We Respond to God's Word

* Preparation for Prayer #821 *My Life Flows On (v.3)*

**What though my joys and comforts die?
I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.**

**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.**

Stewardship Sharing

Dave Gross

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

* Closing Hymn

Bring Forth the Kingdom

by Marty Haugen

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Stewardship Season: 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. **Pledges are due by next Sunday, May 17**, and can be submitted by mail, in the offering box, or online.

House N2 Home: Today is the last day to contribute to our House N2 Home donation drive. 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 this coming 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 one more opportunity to serve with Habitat for Humanity this month: May 22. Visit our website for more information and to register. Contact Ron Fairchild with any questions (ron@thefairchilds.net).

Youth Group Tonight: The Westminster youth will be gathering with youth from First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor to continue their 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!

Spring Sack Lunches for HOPE: 96 in '26. The Mission Ministry Team invites you to participate in our sack lunch drive for Hope Clinic: Now–May 24. This is a short timeline, so visit our website today for more info and to sign up to donate needed items. Questions: contact Lynda Berg (lrwberg@sbcglobal.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: Fran Bolhouse, Cara Doane, Donna Greyerbiehl

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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