

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH // MAY 17, 2026 // 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# LIVING STONES

Dedication Sunday



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

Caryn Gehrke, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

*We come as living stones, shaped by the journeys of our lives,*

**Held together by the one who is our cornerstone.**

*We bring what we have: our gifts, our questions,  
our hopes for what comes next.*

**We trust that God can build something beautiful with all of it.**

*We do not know exactly where we are headed.*

**But we know who goes with us. We know we do not go alone.**

*Let us worship together.*

**Thanks be to God.**

\* Hymn #409

*God Is Here!*

ABBOTS LEIGH

Call to Confession

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

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Christ our Savior, as you ascended, you left the work to us. You called us to keep the movement going, to witness to the ends of the earth, to pray, to heal, to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds, to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us. We have fallen short of this call. We have hidden ourselves in fear, sought our own comfort, and resigned ourselves to the status quo. Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will, that we may be signs of your coming reign.**

*Adapted from Call to Worship, Vol. 56.1*

*Silent prayers of confession.*

## Assurance of Grace

*Jesus is the one who hears our prayers,  
responding to our longing for forgiveness with mercy.*  
**Thanks be to God, praise be to Christ,  
Glory be to the Holy Spirit.**

## \* 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!**

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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.*

# We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word

**Acts 1:6-14**

Anthem

**May Our Work and  
Praise Be One**

by Mark Hill

**Westminster Choir**

O God Almighty, worthy of all praise and honor we accord,  
We thank You that we are by love created, and by grace restored.  
Made in Your image, we employ both acts of love and songs of joy  
To join the labor You've begun; Lord, may our work and praise be one.

For words alone cannot express the adoration You deserve.  
Our worship is in vain unless a world in need we humbly serve.  
Lord, grant us eyes that we may see, as You see, all humankind as family.  
Through us, show love to ev'ryone, thus will our work and praise be one.

Forgive us, Lord, when we ignore Your will, and seek our own instead.  
Teach us, by faith, to trust You more for ev'ry need, for daily bread.  
Compel us, then, as we are blessed to grace and mercy to attest,  
Until redemption's work is done, Lord, may our work and praise be one.

No greater worship can we give than serving others in Your name.  
No greater witness can we live, with hands and feet, Your love proclaim.  
No deeper rev'rence can we show, no higher praise can we bestow,  
No clearer image of Your Son, than when our work and praise are one.  
Lord, may our work and praise be one.

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word

**Joshua 4:1-9**

Sermon

**Onward**

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

## *We Respond to God's Word*

\* Preparation for Prayer #821      *My Life Flows On (v.4)*

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!**

**All things are mine since I am his!**

**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?**

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

Margaret Klammer

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 #757

*Today We All Are Called  
to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

*We Go Forth to Serve*

\* Dismissal

*And let all God's people say:*

**Alleluia! Amen!**

Postlude

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## 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. **Today is Dedication Sunday!** Please submit your pledges by mail, in the offering box, or online. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Gross (bookkeeper@westpresa2.org).

**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).

**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).

**Office Availability:** Over the next few weeks, several members of our staff will be away at different points. Though someone will likely be in the office across our normal office hours, please make an appointment ahead of time if you need to speak with a particular staff member, to ensure they are available.

### We pray for our Westminster family

**Ongoing needs:** Kathy Kamm, Elke Kramer, Fran Bolhouse

**Condolences:** We hold Clif Miller and family in our prayers as they grieve the death of Sue Miller.

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.

## *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).

## *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](http://westpresa2.org/online-sermons).

**For deacon care**, please contact Amy Welzenbach ([awelzenbach411@gmail.com](mailto: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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