

Sermon

“Are you a Living Stone?”

*** Hymn**

“O Christ, the Great Foundation”

No. 361

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Sometimes it’s hard to have the strength to be a living stone so now we turn our hearts to those who need to know God is with them. Let us pray.

O God, bless those who have no hope; let us find a way to give them the hope they need.

Bless those who grieve; let us be their strength when they don’t know where else to turn.

Bless those who have been brought low; help us to remind them that they are your children.

Bless those who long for things to be made right; allow us to fill them with a vision of your future.

Bless those who hunger and thirst; move us to share.

Bless those who show mercy; may we personify your grace.

Bless those who work for peace; let us always walk by their side.

Bless those who are harassed for doing what is right; may we give them our courage to stay strong when they feel weak.

Bless those who face insults, lies, and gossip just for being the person you made them to be, let us love them as they are, just as you do. Amen

(We conclude with The Lord’s Prayer found on p. 35 in the hymnal)

Minute for Stewardship

Howard Aulick

The Offering of God’s People

*** Offertory Response**

“Give Thanks”

No. 647

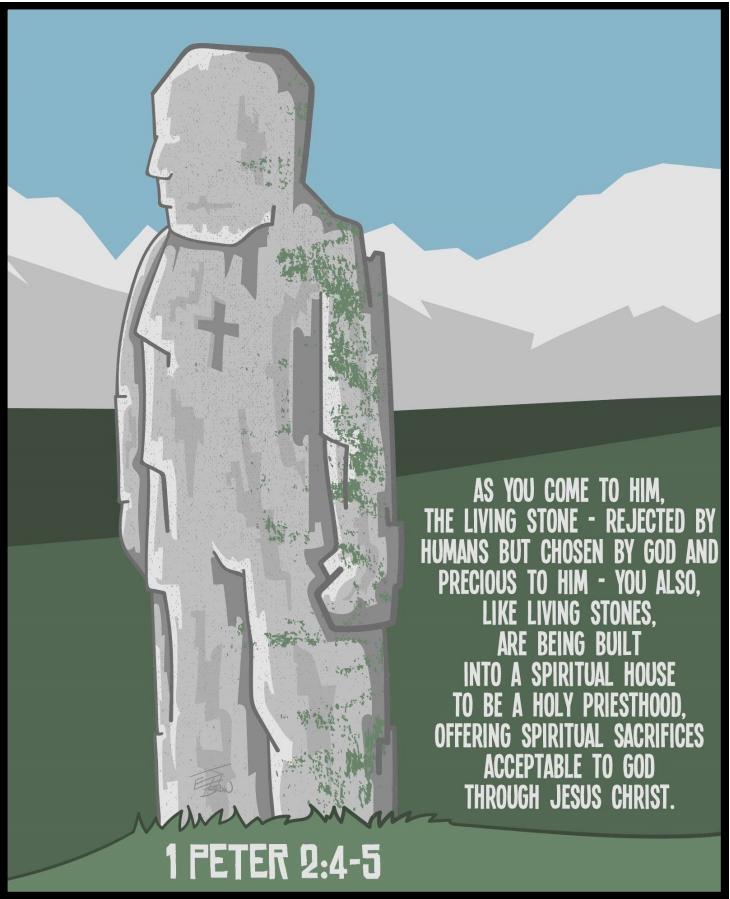
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** Those who are able, please stand for the parts of worship indicated with an asterisk*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"The Heart of Worship"

Matt Redman

Arr. Jerry Ray

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come

Longing just to bring, something that's of worth, that will bless your heart.

I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself, is not what you have required.

You search much deeper within, through the way things appear, you're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship

And it's all about you, all about you, Jesus.

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:4-10

* Hymn

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

No. 394

Call to Worship

We are the body of Christ!

The hand-clapping, toe-tapping, love-making, bread-baking, risk-taking ...

Body of Christ!

Passing of the Peace

We are the body of Christ! Now take some time to share that excitement with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Peace be with you, **and also with you.**

Children's Message

A History of Peter's Followers

taken from *God's Spiritual House:
A study of 1 Peter 2:4-5, written by Jerry Truex*

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

We are a pilgrim people, accompanied by our God, who journeys beside us, accepting who we are; yet goes before us, beckoning us toward who we might become.

But as we move through our days, other gods call to us, questions confound us, direction blurs, indifference lulls; and we lose our way.

So we enter into silence, to discern again the nearness of God, who is our hope and guide

(Moment for silent prayer)

Sisters and brothers, we can trust God at all times, for the Holy One is our refuge and our salvation! So with confidence, let us pour out a shared confession from our hearts.

We confess to You, steadfast God, that we wander from the path of love upon which we are meant to walk. Fears divide us, prejudice hardens us, and violence destroys us.

But God eternally beckons.

We turn our hearts again to You, God of grace and mercy. Forgive us love that is self-satisfied, and teach us love that is self-and other-affirming. Forgive us faith that makes us rush to judgment, and give us faith that fills us with compassion. Forgive us peace we have made with our divisions and unite us in peace that passes understanding. We pray, with thanksgiving, in the name of Christ. Amen

By God's mercy, our feet are set again upon the path of faithfulness; our hearts are set again upon the coming of God's realm.

Thanks be to God, our hope and our guide forever!

Anthem

"Jesus Is the Living Stone"

Mary McDonald