

Worship Leader Edition  
Cornerstone

July 31, 2022

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Rob)

+CALL TO WORSHIP *{Front Center}* (Rob)

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L: Lord, we gather

**C: Help us remember who you are.**

L: We gather from different places and have different opinions

**C: Help us remember the value of adversity.**

L: We gather as community

**C: Help us remember to love and strengthen one another.**

L: We gather in need of healing

**C: Help us remember mortal suffering is temporary, but God's Promises are eternal.**

L: We gather as your people, created in your image

**C: Help us remember the Savior's Example, and to go and do likewise.**

**C: Amen**

+OPENING HYMN

"Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"

ELW #647

*Verses 1 & 4*

**Verse 1**

Glorious things of you are spoken,

Zion, city of our God!

He whose word cannot be broken

Formed you for his own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,

What can shake your sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,

You may smile at all your foes.

**Verse 4**

Savior, since of Zion's city

I through grace a member am,

Let the world deride or pity,

I will glory in your name.

Fading are the world's vain pleasures,

All their boasted pomp and show;

Solid joys and lasting treasures

None but Zion's children know.

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (Allie Erickson)

L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center}* (Allie Erickson)

L: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

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WORD

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FIRST READING (Greg Hornicke)

1 Peter 2:1-12

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 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. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a

chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:42-46

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?" Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

"Built on a Rock"

ELW #652

*Verses 1, 3 & 5*

**Verse 1**

Built on a rock the church shall stand,  
Even when steeples are falling;  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,  
Bells still are chiming and calling—  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
Calling souls of those distressed,  
Longing for life everlasting.

**Verse 5**

Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
Grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
Many may come to hear your Word,  
Who here this promise is bringing:  
"I know my own, my own know me;  
You, not the world, my face shall see;  
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

**Verse 3**

Christ builds a house of living stones:  
We are his own habitation;  
He fill our hearts, his humble thrones,  
Granting us life and salvation.  
Where two or three will seek his face,  
He in their midst will show his grace,  
Blessings upon them bestowing.

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Allie Erickson*)

*Screen*

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} (*Allie Erickson*)

*Screen*

*After each petition:*

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Screen

**C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Allie Erickson*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*Allie Erickson*)

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website [stlukesbloomington.org](http://stlukesbloomington.org) and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

SENDING

+BENEDICTION (*Rob*)

L: Let us go forth into the world in peace, dedicated to God's service, Let us hold fast to that which is good, render to no person evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the needy and the afflicted, and honor all people. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

+SENDING HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

ELW #543

**Verse 1**

"Go, my children, with my blessing,  
Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,  
You are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing,  
You are my own."

**Verse 3**

"Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
Closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
Here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
Joyful and free."

**Verse 2**

"Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
What I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
Here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure."

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Allie Erickson*)

L: Go in Peace. Share the Good News.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

*Altar Flowers Today*

*Given by:*

*Ian and Kelsey Newby*

*In celebration of their anniversary and Liam's baptism*