



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 14, 2021

AS WE GATHER: *Rolling Stones* - Drawing on the rich imagery of rocks and stones in Scripture, this Lenten sermon series centers around the compelling metaphor of stones. These metaphors illustrate God's will for our lives and our failure to trust, follow and obey Him in all things. These stones show us our sins and our need for a Savior, Jesus, the Rock of our Salvation. Join us this Lenten season as we journey to the Cross of Christ and the forgiveness that He won for us. This series begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and continues Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during Lent.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #425 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
 On which the Prince of Glory died,
 My richest gain I count but loss
 And pour contempt on all my pride.

- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
 Save in the death of Christ, my God;
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to His blood.

- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a tribute far too small;
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION (10:30AM)

CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

People: We confess to you, Merciful Father,
That we are guilty of sinning against You in thought, word and deed.

Pastor: We confess to you, Jesus, our Savior,

People: That we do not proclaim You to be the Christ, the Son of God.

Pastor: We confess to you, Spirit Comforter,

People: That should be convicted of our sins against You.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: Have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: Have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: Have mercy. Amen.

(Time for silent reflection and confession)

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SONG #570, vs. 1,2,5,6

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
 But that Thy blood was shed for me
 And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not
 To rid my soul of one dark blot,
 To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
 Has broken ev’ry barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus,
 to be the Way, the Truth and the life that we may
 boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly
 walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through
 the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
 reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
 and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 4:1-6

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold. My foot has held fast to his steps; I have kept his way and have not turned aside.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by^[a] him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)

“Return to the Lord”

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON "Rolling Stones - Convicted"
Pastor Seth Flick

HYMN OF THE DAY (please stand)

#644

"The Church's One Foundation"

- 1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
 The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union
 With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
 Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
 May see You face to face.

APOSTLES' CREED

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of
 heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The
 third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended
 into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the
 Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge
 the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian
 Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of
 sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
 everlasting. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TIME OF THANKSGIVING

We want to remind everyone to go in and create your profile and set your privacy levels in CCB. Visit drlc.org/ccb for all the information you need as well as the link to CCB.

Boots, Bling & Blessings is this year's Divine Redeemer Auction on April 9. Get your tickets now at school.drlc.org/auction and

enjoy a fun evening of Saz's BBQ, open bar, raffle, dessert dash, auction and more.

On March 27, we invite you to two unique events happening that day. Join us at 10 AM for an Easter Egg Hunt for kids up to 6th grade (7th grade and higher can volunteer & an interactive guided Footsteps to the Cross Learn more at www.drlc.org/events

Mission Haiti Update: so far, we have raised \$8769.07 more than meeting our goal of \$8750 (This includes both Church and School Offerings: Praise God!) That's roughly 351 pairs of shoes which means 351 children get to attend school! As a direct result of your generous donation. Any additional monies that come in will go toward an education scholarship to help keep those children in school. THANK YOU

OFFERTORY (please stand)

"Create in Me"

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence;
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation;
and uphold me with Your free spirit.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for sending Your Son, our Savior Jesus, into this world to take our conviction, to take our sins and be our Savior. Please hear the prayers we bring before Your throne of grace. We thank you for the gifts that your people just provided in their thank offerings to You. You give and we give as we follow You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus, in Your great love for all who worship You, You bring servants of Your Word who call us to repentance and faith. When we are convicted by the reality of our sin through Your Law, and as we are comforted with Your forgiveness through the preaching of Your Gospel, we turn to You every day with hearts of worship and obedience. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father God, Your eye is always on Your creation. Bless all who work as You give us strength for our daily callings. Guide the members of our government and all those who lay down their lives to guard and defend us that we would be protected from threats and give thanks to You for Your constant care. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, giver of Faith and Healer of the broken, work mightily in the lives of all who experience hardships in their health. Move all who ask for healing mercies to lift up their eyes to You, the watchman for our bodies and souls, and find peace in knowing that Your presence is with them. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer. Amen.

Pastor: We pray together, the prayer taught to us by our Savior, Jesus:

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

COMMUNICANT INSTRUCTIONS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Father, You provide the true bread from heaven, Jesus Christ, and in His body and blood You generously forgive our sins. Grant us the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, fed and nourished at this Table, we may mark this year's Lenten journey with faith active in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

#420, vs. 1,6,7

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Guest Organist: Sheri Fleischfresser

Lay Readers:

8:00AM: John Uttech

10:30AM: Brad Baker

Acolytes:

8:00AM: Grace Kaczmarek

10:30AM: Andrew & Alex Harshbarger

Sound:

8:00AM: Todd Radke

10:30AM: Amelia Sitzberger

Elders:

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