



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 21, 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 #440, vs. 1-4                          "Jesus I Will Ponder Now"**

- 1        Jesus, I will ponder now  
            On Your holy passion;  
            With Your Spirit me endow  
            For such meditation.  
            Grant that I in love and faith  
            May the image cherish  
            Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death  
            That I may not perish.
  
- 2        Make me see Your great distress,  
            Anguish, and affliction,  
            Bonds and stripes and wretchedness  
            And Your crucifixion;  
            Make me see how scourge and rod,  
            Spear and nails did wound You,  
            How for them You died, O God,  
            Who with thorns had crowned You.

- 3      Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
          Make me see Your passion,  
          But its cause to me make known  
          And its termination.  
          Ah! I also and my sin  
          Wrought Your deep affliction;  
          This indeed the cause has been  
          Of Your crucifixion.
- 4      Grant that I Your passion view  
          With repentant grieving.  
          Let me not bring shame to You  
          By unholy living.  
          How could I refuse to shun  
          Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
          Since for me God's only Son  
          Suffered without measure?

### INVOCATION

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

### CONFESION

Pastor:     Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and  
                  of one another.  
People:     We confess to you, Merciful Father,  
                  **that we have rejected Your beloved Son.**

Pastor:     We confess to you, Jesus, our Savior,  
People:     **that our sins resulted in Your death on the  
                  cross.**

Pastor:     We confess to you, Spirit Comforter,  
People:     **that we are not worthy of Your mercy and  
                  grace.**

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.

## **KYRIE ELEISON (Lord Have Mercy)**

Refrain: Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.  
Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the Church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! Refrain...

That we may live out Your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! Refrain...

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! Refrain...

For Your Spirit to guide, that You center our lives in the water and the word; that You nourish our souls with Your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Refrain ...

## **SALUTATION**

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**      "Build on the Rock"      Miss Heidi

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 118:22-24

*The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.*

<sup>23</sup> *This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.*

<sup>24</sup> *This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)      "Return to the Lord"

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in common time and G major. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with the first line starting with a square note head and the subsequent lines continuing the melody. The lyrics are:

C 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

Mark 12:1-12

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*And he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. <sup>2</sup>When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. <sup>5</sup>And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. <sup>6</sup>He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>7</sup>But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' <sup>8</sup>And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup>What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup>Have you not read this Scripture:*

*“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes?””*

*“And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people,  
for they perceived that he had told the parable against them.  
So they left him and went away.*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON            “**Rolling Stones: Rejected**”  
                    Pastor Jeffery Schubert

**HYMN OF THE DAY** (Please stand)

#645

*“Built on the Rock”*

- 1       Built on the 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,  
            But above all the souls distressed,  
            Longing for rest everlasting.
  
- 2       Surely in temples made with hands  
            God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
            High above earth His temple stands,  
            All earthly temples excelling.  
            Yet He who dwells in heav’n above  
            Chooses to live with us in love,  
            Making our bodies His temple.
  
- 3       We are God’s house of living stones,  
            Built for His own habitation.  
            He through baptismal grace us owns  
            Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
            Were we but two His name to tell,  
            Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
            With all His grace and His favor.
  
- 4       Here stands the font before our eyes,  
            Telling how God has received us.  
            The altar recalls Christ’s sacrifice  
            And what His Supper here gives us.  
            Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim  
            Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
            And evermore, our Redeemer.

5      Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,  
          That, when the church bells are ringing,  
          Many in saving faith may come  
          Where Christ His message 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.”

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** of Huckson Grey Wallis  
(10:30AM)  
**APOSTLES' CREED** (8AM only)

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**

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 gr and higher can volunteer) and then come to FOOTSTEPS TO THE CROSS - An interactive, guided walk-through for adults and children of all ages. Come experience what Christ felt, saw, & heard as you walk through 10 stations of His footsteps to the cross. You won't want to miss it this time. Learn more at [www.drlc.org/events](http://www.drlc.org/events)

Boots, Bling & Blessings is this year's Divine Redeemer Auction on April 9. Get your tickets now at [school.drlc.org/auction](http://school.drlc.org/auction) and enjoy a fun evening of Saz's BBQ, open bar, raffle, dessert dash, auction and more.

**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.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

For the Church here and wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament, that God would move us to true repentance so that we reflect in our lives the love that He has written on our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Loving Father, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** That our Lord would bring about understanding across political borders, between racial, generational, economic, and cultural differences, and within families of all sizes and shapes, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord of the nations and Prince of Peace, listen to our plea.**

**Pastor:** For teachers and students, social workers and counselors, police and all first responders, that God would keep them safe and healthy, guiding them in crises and sustaining them in chronic problems, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Father in heaven, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** For all who are in exile from home, those who have been incarcerated, and any who have not been treated with human dignity, that God would surround them with supportive individuals and organizations, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Spirit of truth, increase their patience and hope that many may rejoice together.**

**Pastor:** For those near and dear to us, people everywhere who seek healing and peace, and those known only to God, that our Lord would heal, restore, and console them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord Jesus, come to their aid.**

**Pastor:** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER (8AM only)

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.

## 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 #912

*“Christ is Our Cornerstone”*

- 1 Christ is our cornerstone,  
On Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone  
The courts of heav'n are filled.  
On His great love  
Our hopes we place  
Of present grace  
And joys above.
- 2 Here may we gain from heav'n  
The grace which we implore,  
And may that grace, once giv'n,  
Be with us evermore  
Until that day  
When all the blest  
To endless rest  
Are called away.
- 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise  
These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise  
The Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim  
In joyful song,  
Both loud and long,  
That glorious name.

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**Lay Readers:**

8:00AM: Jan Prox  
10:30AM: Paul Ewan

**Acolytes:**

8:00AM: Jason Sitzman & Tanner Kulich  
10:30AM: Chloe & Cammy Pingle

**Sound:**

8:00AM: Todd Radke  
10:30AM: Amelia Sitzberger

**Elder:** 8:00AM: Michael Johnson; 10:30AM: Michael Johnson