



MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

March 10, 2021 - 6:30PM

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.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #430, vs. 1,2,6,7 *"My Song Is Love Unknown"*

- 1 My song is love unknown,
 My Savior's love to me,
 Love to the loveless shown
 That they might lovely be.
 Oh, who am I
 That for my sake
 My Lord should take
 Frail flesh and die?

- 2 He came from His blest throne
 Salvation to bestow;
 But men made strange, and none
 The longed-for Christ would know.
 But, oh, my friend,
 My friend indeed,
 Who at my need
 His life did spend!

6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

INVOCATION

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips.
People: And my mouth will declare Your praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
People: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

CANTICLE #610, vs. 1,2,3 *"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"*

1 Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free
And make me pure within.

2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving servant be
And taste Your promised rest.

3 Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery,
O be my health and life!

THE LITANY OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and
of one another. We confess to you, Merciful
Father,

People: **That our lack of trust in You causes us to sink
into sin.**

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

People: **That we have not built on Your solid foundation.**

Pastor: We confess to you, Spirit Comforter,

People: **That we are hopeless sinners.**

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.**

CANTICLE #610, vs. 4,5

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

4 Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out Your chosen way.

5 Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when this life is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
And share Your joy at last.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8:1-3

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ²And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:20-25

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING

Matthew 7:24-27

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat

on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION “Rolling Stones: Weakness”
Pastor Adam Wolfe

HYMN #575 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
(alternate tune: Melita)

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. Refrain

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Create in Me”

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

LITANY

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church here and around the world, and people everywhere in their various needs.

For everyone weighed down by their bondage to sin and an inability to stop sinning by thought, word, and deed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: For the sake of Christ's sacrifice, heavenly Father, open their ears to hear the Gospel anew; free them to live before You in Your kingdom.

Pastor: For everyone who has fallen prey to society's distorted morality, let us pray to the Lord.

People: For the sake of Christ's sacrifice, heavenly Father, surround them with faithful and caring members of the Body of Christ; call them back in repentance and hope.

Pastor: For those who keep the peace at home or are deployed abroad, for those who provide care and guidance in relationships, finances, and health, and for those who respond to natural disasters and crises of various sorts, let us pray to the Lord.

People: For the sake of Christ's sacrifice, heavenly Father, accompany them with Your Holy Spirit; protect them from harm, and give them wisdom in all circumstances.

Pastor: For ourselves and the Church around the world as we seek to live according to Your will, let us pray to the Lord.

People: For the sake of Christ's sacrifice, heavenly Father, assure us that we are Your redeemed children; forgive our errors, and send us to serve in faithfulness and love.

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

People: Amen.

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.

CLOSING LENTEN COLLECT

Pastor: Dear Father in heaven, who having created us knows well our frailties, purify our motives for all our works, that they proceed from faith in Christ, our Redeemer, and be done because we love You above all else; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

CLOSING CANTICLE

#883, vs. 1,2,4,6 *"All Praise to Thee; My God, This Night"*

1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.

- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
- 4 Oh, may my soul in Thee repose,
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make
To serve my God when I awake!
- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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