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9:15 AM - August 23, 2026 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

ALIVE! Worship Service

INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A7 D F#m

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

LAFFERTY
irregular

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Music: Karen Lafferty, b. 1948
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We Are All One in Christ

sing twice



So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos u - no. So - mos
We are all one in Christ, we are one bod - y, all one



u - no, u - no so - lo. So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos
peo - ple out of man - y. We are all one in Christ, we are one



u - no, So - mos u - no, u - no so - lo.
bod - y, all one peo - ple out of man - y.



Un so - lo Dios, un so - lo Se - ñor, u - na so - la
There is one God, and on - ly one Lord; there is one



fe, un so - lo a - mor. Un so - lo bau - tis - mo, un so - lo Es -
faith, one ho - ly love. There is one bap - tism; there is one



pí - ri - tu, ye - se es el con - so - la - dor.
Spir - it, who is God the com - fort - er.

Text: Anonymous; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

Music: SOMOS UNO, anonymous

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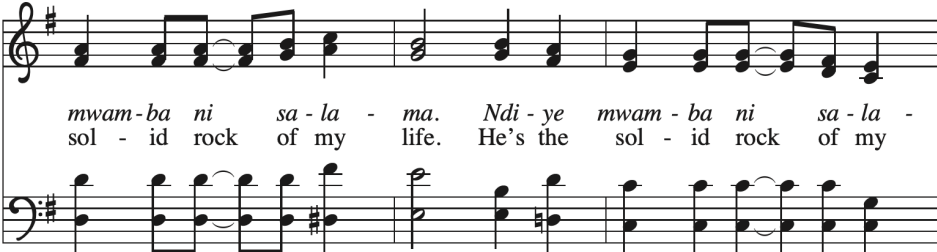
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Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand

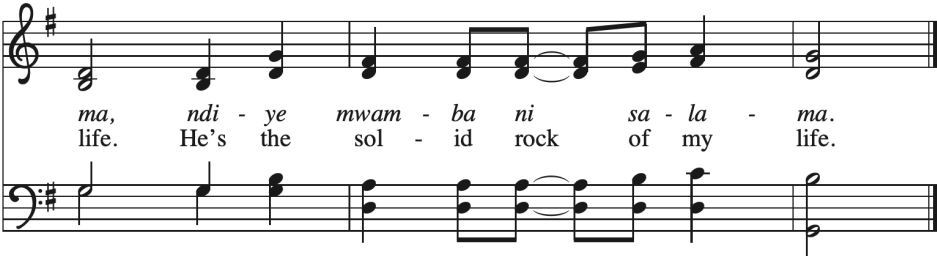
Refrain



Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the



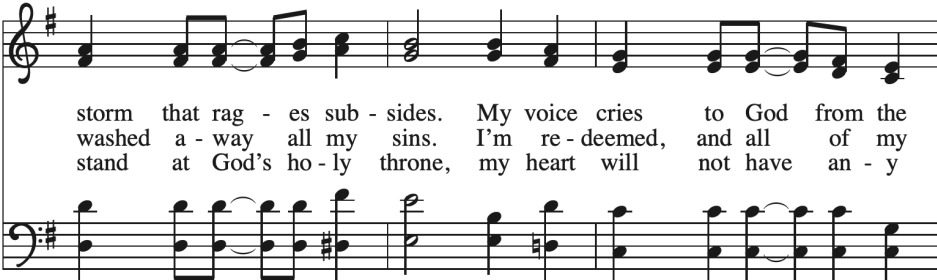
mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my



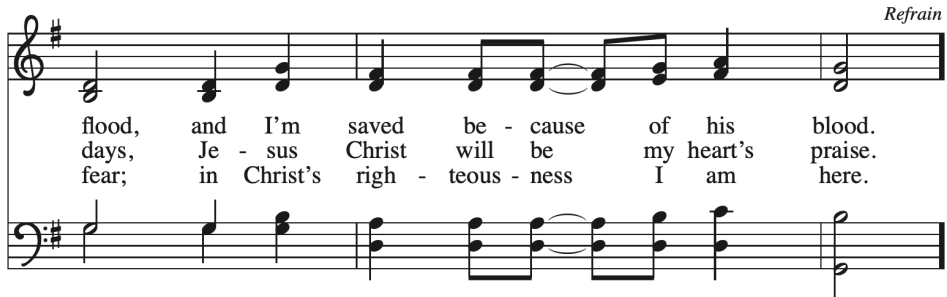
ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.



1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
2 It is not the work of my hands that has
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I



storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y



Text: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer

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PEACE

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Whether by Blood or Baptism, we are family here. Let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS

KYRIE

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.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

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.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

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.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

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.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise

Verse 1

ALIVE Soloists, congregation remains seated

I'll praise in the valley
Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure
Praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered
Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water
My enemies drown in

Pre-Chorus

Congregation stands & sings

As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to

Chorus 2

Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul

Praise the Lord oh my soul

Bridge

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You

Chorus 2

Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul

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A READING

Romans 12:1-8

A reading from Romans.

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Gragg

ANTHEM

My Feet Are On the Rock

**Hein, Parker, Sweat,
and Bronleewe**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Create in Me
sing twice

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points. The key signature has one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 4/4.

Chord symbols: F, C/E, C/D Dm, Dm/C, Bb, Gm, C⁷_{sus}, C⁷, F, C/E, C/D Dm, Dm/C, Gm, F/A, C, F, Am⁷, Dm⁷, Am⁷, Dm⁷, Gm⁷, Gm/D, C⁷_{sus}, C⁷, F, C/E, C/D Dm, Dm/C, Gm, F/A, C, F.

Lyrics:
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve
you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that
I might be re - newed. So fill me and
heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -
ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

You Are the Rock of My Salvation

Fm⁹ Gm⁷ Cm Bb/C
 You are the rock of my sal - va - tion,
 A♭M⁷ B♭ Cm Bb/C Fm⁹ Gm⁷
 you are the strength of my life. You are my hope and my in -
 Cm Bb/C A♭M⁷ B♭ Cm
 - spi - ra - tion; Lord, un - to you will I cry. I be -
 A♭M⁷ B♭ Gm⁷ Cm⁷
 lieve in you, be - lieve in you, for your
 A♭M⁷ B♭ Cm⁷ Bb/C Cm⁷ A♭M⁷ B♭
 faith - ful love to me. You have been my help in
 Gm⁷ Cm⁷ Fm Fm/A♭ Gsus G
 time of need; Lord, un - to you will I cleave.
 Fm⁹ Gm⁷ Cm Bb/C
 You are the rock of my sal - va - tion,
 A♭M⁷ B♭ Cm
 you are the strength of my life.

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

ALIVE! Musicians

Gale McLeod, Co-Director

Ricky Lusk

Irelou Moye, Co-Director

Lyndsey Ebener

Julie Ann Payne

Beth Branham

David Moye

Ed Redmond

Leah Conrad

Erin Hall

Roxanne Rich

Brett Ebener

Vaughn Hall

Sarah Smith

Clark Ebener

Jessica Gibbons

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<i>Lector</i>	<i>Wendy Spainhour</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Ed & Grace Fuson</i>
<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Grace Fuson</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>KateLynn Parker</i>
<i>Livestream coordinators</i>	<i>Pam Hoskins, Kendrick Kerr</i>



To the glory of God and with celebration the altar flowers are given in honor of the birthdays of David and Lisa Moye, Steven Vanlangendon, and Lillian Minor by Richie and Irelou Moye.



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For Further Study

Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 138

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your
steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
- ³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- ⁸ You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Inspiration Word Search

N F I M A G I N A T I O N F Q O T Z N E E T H T
 V X G S M T Q L B X C M L K V M Q G H O P E N B
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 C I S M T R T N U O P K G C I X R B Q S O M E W
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 D D I Y K M F N C N A P C G S E T X P V M F B S
 T I N B N A C H I E V E M E N T Z T N E T W L H
 W C S T E A M W O R K C O L L A B O R A T I O N
 K A P P O H H O F Q P H B W C E N C O U R A G E
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 I O E D I S C I P L I N E I P K M I N D S E T D
 L N F R E S P E C T N Q D K N O W L E D G E J E
 D P E R S E V E R A N C E P D Y E S H L M J J O
 L S T R E N G T H R F K B L O V E D J B T S D U
 O R G A N I Z A T I O N C H A L L E N G E U G A
 F H F B T K I M G F A I R N E S S L A J U W X Q

LOVE
 COMPASSION
 MOTIVATION
 ENERGY
 TEAMWORK
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HARD WORK
 EMPATHY
 SUCCESS
 CONFIDENCE
 STRENGTH
 DEDICATION
 INTEGRITY

RESPECT
 INSPIRE
 ACHIEVEMENT
 IMAGINATION
 EFFECTIVE
 KNOWLEDGE
 COLLABORATION

ORGANIZATION
 ENCOURAGE
 PERSEVERANCE
 CHALLENGE
 FAIRNESS
 KINDNESS

FAMILY
 CREATIVE
 HOPE
 DISCIPLINE
 PRIDE
 MINDSET

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Chris Elledge, Court Morris, Mary Garrett Waring, MJ Witcher, Stanton Moye, Jackson Addy, Paxton Goings, Sally McFarland, Nicole Thompson, Tyler Wiggers, LJ Witcher, Stephen Hamilton, Charlotte Rister, Mindy Williams, Ray Conrad.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

John Morris, Michael Gayden, Murray Hoskins, Christie Cook, Michael Bradshaw, Foster McLeod, Abby Grace Roof, Liliana Stork, Tammy Quarles, Hoa O'Kelley, Sally Kleber, James Campbell

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Jeanie & Paul Jacobs, Rachel Bundrick, Karen Holton, Sandra Baker, Paul & Carolyn Dufries, John Conrad, Bruce Merchant, Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood, Alice Pollock, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Paul Addy, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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