

**WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD**

\*Closing Hymn

Hymn 26

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor  
to our fathers in distress.

Praise him, still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us;  
all our hopes and fears he knows.

In his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him,  
you behold him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before him;  
all who dwell in time and space.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace.

Benediction

The Rev. Peter Larson

Postlude

Sohee Lee

*Lift Up Your Songs of Praise* Charles-Camille Saint-Saëns

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

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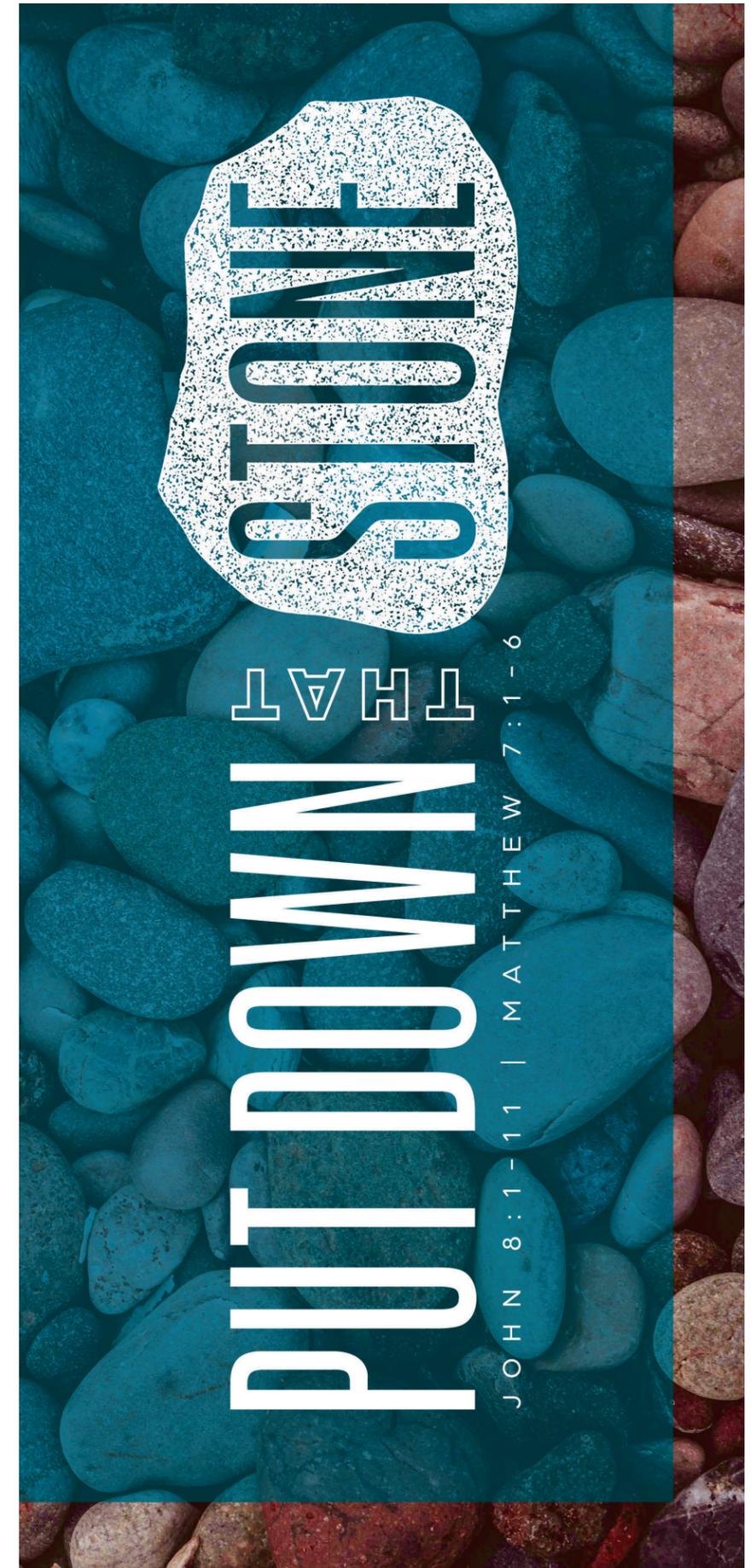
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# Sunday, August 22, 2021

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship Service

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## WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Stephanie Poblenz

Prelude Sohee Lee  
*Andante from Suite Gothique* Léon Boëllmann

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 89: 1-2; 5-10; 52) Chloe Larson

Leader: I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;

**People:** With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

Leader: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

**People:** The heavens praise your wonders, Lord, your faithfulness, too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Leader: For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord?

**People:** Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings? He is more awesome than all who surround him.

Leader: You rule over the raging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them.

**People:** The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth.

Leader: You founded the world and all that is in it.

**All:** Praise be to the Lord forever! Amen and Amen.

\*Opening Hymn

*When Morning Gilds the Skies* Hymn 99

When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awaking cries,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer  
to Jesus I repair,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?  
A solace here I find,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day,  
when from the heart we say,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
The powers of darkness fear  
when this sweet chant they hear,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,  
my canticle divine,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this th'eternal song  
through all the ages long,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

## WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession The Rev. Peter Larson  
Heavenly Father, you are a God of grace and mercy. By the death of your Son, Jesus Christ, our sins have been forgiven. By his blood, shed on the cross, we have escaped your wrath and judgement. In response to your grace, our lives should be marked by gratitude, humility and forgiveness. And yet, we find it so easy to judge others. Instead of showing mercy, we throw stones. Instead of being humble, we feel superior and self-righteous. Instead of forgiving others, we treat them with shame and contempt. Lord, forgive us for judging. Forgive us, for hearts that are harsh and unloving. Forgive us, for our lack of pity and compassion. By your Spirit, remind us again that you alone have the right to judge. Teach us again that we are beggars at your throne of grace. We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

\* Response *Gloria Patri*  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost  
as it was in the beginning  
is now and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen! Amen!

Recognition of our Summer Intern, Chloe Larson

## WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication Gary Ensing 8:30  
Rick Oliver 10:00

Offertory Rachael Earley, Cello; Rick McNeely, Mandola,  
Sohee Lee, Piano (8:30)

*There's A Wideness in God's Mercy* arr. McNeely

*Higher Ground* arr. Carol Tornquist Sohee Lee (10:00)

## WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading Adam Waits 8:30  
*Matthew 7:1-6* Tom Way 10:00

<sup>1</sup> "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. <sup>2</sup> For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup> "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. <sup>6</sup> "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Children are Dismissed 8:30 service only

*Preschool - 2nd grade dismissed to Children's Church-Room 301 and will return to the Sanctuary during the last hymn.*

\*Hymn Hymn 687

*Shall We Gather at the River?*

Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. (Refrain)

Second Scripture Reading

*John 8:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group <sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" <sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" <sup>11</sup> "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

Sermon The Rev. Peter Larson

Put Down That Stone