

# *Like Living Stones*

A LIVING HOPE WORSHIP SERIES



**First United Methodist Church of Gilbert**

*Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ*

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# Welcome!

Services at 8:00 and 9:30 am • See [gilbertumc.org](http://gilbertumc.org) for streaming information  
*\*please stand as you are able*

## Pre-service Music

“Rock of Ages”

*by Thomas Hastings; arr. by Traci S Law*

## Ringing of the Bell

## Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Adriana Hernandez

## Bringing in the Light of Christ

## Prelude

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

*by William B. Bradbury & Edward Mote*

## \*Call to Worship

(8:00) Sharon Kotsonas (9:30) Larson Hemingson

Leader: Once we were not a people.

**People: Now we are God’s people.**

Leader: Once we ate food that did not satisfy.

**People: Now we drink the spiritual milk of our Lord.**

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

## \*Opening Hymn

“A Charge to Keep I Have” vs. 1-4

**#413**

*WORDS: Charles Wesley MUSIC: Lowell Mason*

## \*Opening Prayer

Merciful God, our refuge and our strength, train our hearts on the words of your Son: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.” Feed our souls with your spiritual milk, and build our very lives into spiritual houses that neither famine nor storm can shake the foundation of our faith. In the name of the master builder and the living stone, we pray.  
Amen.

## Anthem

“The Church’s One Foundation”

The Chancel Choir

*arranged by John Purifoy*

## Reception of New Members (9:30)

MACKENZIE GREER and KYLE MARSHALL | AJ HARRIS | MIKE ORR

**Scripture Reading** 1 Peter 2:2-10

**Message** Pastor Rick Casebolt

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory (8:00)** “Whispering Hope”  
*by Septimus Winner; arr. by Jenifer Cook © 2015 by Jenifer Cook*

**(9:30)** “Build My Life”  
*Brett Younker | Karl Martin | Kirby Kaple | Matt Redman | Pat Barrett  
CCLI Song # 7070345 © 2016 Kaple Music (Bethel) et al.*

**\*Doxology** “Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow” *by Thomas Ken* **#95**

**\*Offering Prayer**

God of overflowing abundance, you feed our spirits with spiritual milk and nourish our souls with heavenly food. You are our fortress and our rock when the snares of this world threatened to overwhelm us. In gratitude for your mercy and your many blessings, we offer you our gifts and our ministries, that a wounded world might know your grace. Amen.

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Music during Communion**

**(8:00)** “One Bread, One Body” **#620**  
*WORDS and MUSIC: John B. Foley; harm. Gary Alan Smith*

**(9:30)** “The Table”  
*CCLI Song # 7028956 Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Wayne Jolley  
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**\*Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**\*Closing Music (8:00)**    “We Are The Church” vs. 1, 2, 4    **#558**  
*WORDS and MUSIC: Richard K. Avery; Donald S. March*

(9:30)    “The Blessing”  
*CCLI Song # 7147007 Chris Brown | Cody Carnes | Kari Jobe | Steven Furtick © 2020 Capitol CMG Paragon et al.*

**\*Blessing**

**Postlude (8:00)**    “Praise the Name of Jesus”  
*by Roy Hick © 1976 Latter Rain Music*

*Thank you for joining our services today!*

If you have any questions or comments please contact us at [connection@gilbertumc.org](mailto:connection@gilbertumc.org)





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<b>TODAY</b> In the Activity Center	<b>BLOOD DRIVE</b> <b>Walk-ins Welcome!</b>	<b>BLOOD PRESSURE</b> <b>and HEALTH CHECKS</b>
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1 Peter 3:13-22



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