

Rock Creek Fellowship
Worship
May 12, 2024
10:45 AM

Prelude Song

“Everlasting God”

1. Strength will rise as we
wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
2. Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary

3. You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Call to Worship

I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.

Matt Jelley, Elder

**Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.**

I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

Fear the Lord, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.

**The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

(Selections from Psalm 34)

Worship in Song

“What Wondrous Love is This”

1. What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this,
O my soul!

What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul!

2. When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down,
sinking down;
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul!

3. To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb
I will sing!

To God and to the Lamb,
who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing.

4. And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity
I'll sing on.

Confession of Faith

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of

the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

1. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and
ever more shall be.

3. Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy;
there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power,
in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy;
merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
blessed Trinity!

Worship with Tithes and Offering

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.
2. Other refuge have I none,
I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.
4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dan Pinckney

Welcoming One Another

(K-2nd graders are dismissed to Children's Church upstairs)

“Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, abundant in mercy; there is always forgiveness with You! Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our

souls. Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us so that we love and serve You in all that we do.

(Offer silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Hear, receive, and rest by faith upon the promises of God to all those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for all their confidence before God:

"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed." (1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 63

Eve Roebuck

¹You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;

I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.

²I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.

³Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.

⁴I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

⁶On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.

⁷Because you are my help,
I sing in the shadow of your wings.

⁸I cling to you;
your right hand upholds me.

⁹Those who want to kill me will be destroyed;
they will go down to the depths of the earth.

¹⁰They will be given over to the sword
and become food for jackals.

¹¹But the king will rejoice in God;
all who swear by God will glory in him,
while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,

All: but the Word of our God stands forever.

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

³⁶"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

³⁷They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

³⁸"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

³⁹"We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." ⁴¹When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴²Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord

All: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

“He came to serve”

Pastor Brian

Closing Song

“Abide with Me”

1. Abide with me; Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.
2. Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.
3. I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, Lord, abide with me.
5. Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Benediction

Announcements

HEALING PRAYER

If you are in need of prayer, elders will be available after the service next week upstairs in the cupola room to pray over you and anoint you with oil.

HIKE AT LULA LAKE LAND TRUST

Join us after the service next week for a BYO picnic/hike at the Lula Lake Land Trust. Please see below for specifics:

- Entrance Gate will be open from 12:45-1:15. Please arrive during that time frame. At 1:15 the gate will be closed. If you arrive late, you may still come in, **but please close the gate once you're in.**
- Upon arrival, each family must sign a waiver form.
- The Land Trust will close at 5:00PM sharp. If you choose to leave before that time, you may leave by the same way you entered. **Again, please close the gate, but do not lock it.** Remember the gate must be kept closed for the entirety of the event

YOUTH DIRECTOR SEARCH

As the Youth Committee begins the search for a new youth director, we would be so grateful if you would pass along any potential leads you may have. Please email Pastor Brian with anyone you feel might be interested in shepherding our 6th-12th graders.

NEW HERE? Nursery is available for ages 0-5 during the worship service in the children's wing behind the Sanctuary. If you prefer to be with your nursing and/or crying child, please use the cry room located in front of the Sanctuary. You are also more than welcome to keep your children in the service with you.

GIVE TO RCF

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