

Rock Creek Fellowship
Worship
May 12, 2024
9:00 AM

Prelude Song
“A Mighty Fortress,”

Hymnal, pg. 151

Call to Worship

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

**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

“In Christ Alone”

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Confession of Faith

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

Brenda Theune

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.

Worship with Tithes and Offering
“How Great Thou Art,”

Hymnal, pg. 147

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Chet LeSourd

Welcoming One Another
“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

Pat Wilson

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

“We Will Feast (House of Zion)”

CHORUS:

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

1. We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord, our God

We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

CHORUS

2. In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid

For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength

CHORUS

3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one

And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

CHORUS

Benediction

Announcements

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome you to Rock Creek! If you would like more information about Rock Creek, please fill out a "Welcome Card" located in the foyer, and place in the wooden box also located in the foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen in the office: Kristen@rockcreekfellowship.org

HEALING PRAYER

If you are in need of prayer, Elders will be available next week at 8:15 to anoint you with oil and pray over you.

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

LUNCHEON HONORING THE EMERSONS

Lula will have a light luncheon/refreshments after the Sunday service on May 26, in honor of the Emerson family as they prepare to head back overseas. Please join us as we thank them for the gift of their presence with, and service to, us all

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

There are several ways that you can contribute financially to Rock Creek Fellowship: 1. Drop a check in the offering basket, 2. Mail a check to the church, or 3. Make a payment electronically using the PayPal QR code below.



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