

Rock Creek Fellowship  
Worship  
September 14, 2025  
10:45 AM

Prelude Song

“Sing Oh Sky”  
**Chorus:** Sing oh sky, sing oh earth  
Sing oh sky; sing with me (2x)  
**1.** M: My Lord Jesus has come today.  
*W: My Lord Jesus has come today.*  
M: And I am united with him  
*W: And I am united with him*  
M: I cannot stop my lips from singing.  
*W: I cannot stop my lips from singing.*  
**Repeat Chorus**  
**2.** M: Sing you angels and birds of the sky  
*W: Sing you angels and birds of the sky*  
M: Play the music of the waves  
*W: Play the music of the waves*  
M: I cannot stop my lips from singing  
*W: I cannot stop my lips from singing*  
**Repeat Chorus**

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

“His Mercy is More”  
**1.** What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
**2.** What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
**Chorus:** Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
**3.** What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
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Confession of Faith *(From the Heidelberg Catechism)*

Q/A. 51 How does the glory of Christ, our Head, benefit us?  
**First, by his Holy Spirit he pours out heavenly gifts upon us, his members. Second, by his power he defends and preserves us against all enemies.**

Q/A53. What do you believe concerning *the Holy Spirit*?  
**A. First, he is, together with the Father and the Son, true and eternal God. Second, he is also given to me, to make me by true faith share in Christ and all his benefits, to comfort me, and to remain with me forever.**

“O God Beyond All Praising”  
**1.** O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.  
**2.** Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Worship with Tithes and Offering

“Be Thou My Vision”  
**1.** Be Thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought,  
by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.  
**2.** Be Thou my wisdom,  
and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and  
Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father,  
and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling,  
and I with Thee one.  
**3.** Riches I heed not,  
nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance,  
now and always:  
Thou and Thou only,  
first in my heart,  
High king of heaven,  
my treasure Thou art.  
**4.** High king of heaven,  
my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
Still be my vision,  
O ruler of all.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ralph Kelley

Welcoming One Another

*(K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders are dismissed to Children’s Church upstairs)*

“Gloria Patri”  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, as it is now, and ever more shall be,  
world without end. Amen

Confession of Sin

*Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments”* (Matthew 22:37-40)

Let us together confess our sin against God and neighbor:

Heavenly Father, loving King, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from Your sight. Our self-pity and pride, our cowardice and sloth, our greed and lust, our anger and envy are laid bare before Your eyes and ours. We open ourselves to You and ask that You cover us in Christ. Let us hear Your voice saying His blood is our peace, His death is our freedom, His Spirit our power, His smiting our safety. And convince our hearts afresh that in Your service is perfect freedom. Amen.

*(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:

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”  
(Proverbs 28:13)

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Tamale Conrad

Zechariah 9:7b-12

Those who are left will belong to our God and become a clan in Judah, and Ekron will be like the Jebusites. <sup>8</sup> But I will encamp at my temple to guard it against marauding forces. Never again will an oppressor overrun my people for now I am keeping watch. <sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion; Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.<sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River<sup>[a]</sup> to the ends of the earth.<sup>11</sup> As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,  
**All: but the Word of our God stands forever.**  
**1 John 2:18-29**

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. <sup>19</sup> They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us. <sup>20</sup> But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>21</sup> I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. <sup>22</sup> Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup> No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. <sup>24</sup> As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. <sup>25</sup> And this is what he promised us—eternal life. <sup>26</sup> I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. <sup>27</sup> As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him. <sup>28</sup> And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. <sup>29</sup> If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Pastor Eric

The Joyful Invitation: “Remaining With Whom We Belong”



Closing Song

“Father Long Before Creation”

1. Father, long before creation  
Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us.  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.  
2. Though the world may change its fashion,  
Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant  
Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever praise His name.  
3. God's compassion is my story,  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing

Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That His only Son He gave.  
4. Loving Father now before Thee  
We will ever praise Thy love, and  
our songs will sound unceasing  
'Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb;  
**Chorus:** And the world will sing His love  
Yes, the world will sing His love,  
And we'll all join hands,  
every woman, every man,  
To sing His love,  
To sing His love.

Benediction

Announcements

FALL PICNIC AT HIDDEN HOLLOW

Join us Sunday, September 28 from 4:00-7:00PM for our annual Fall Picnic at Camp Hidden Hollow (463 Hidden Hollow Ln, Chickamauga, GA 30707). Gather at 4 for lawn games, swimming in the lake, and a barbecue dinner. Dinner will be served at 5:30PM.

- Bring swimsuits, lawn chairs, bug spray, towels, etc.
- **Pets are NOT allowed, so please them at home!**
- There are no lifeguards on duty, so please be prepared to carefully watch your kids as they play in the water.
- Please bring a dessert to share!

**Dinner Costs:** \$5.00/person or \$15.00 max for family. Register and pay online on our weekly ANNOUNCE. There is also a sign-up sheet in the foyer. You are also welcome to pay with cash or check at event

MOVIE NIGHT

Young and old are invited to our next Movie Night at Durham this Friday, September 19, from 6-8PM. Enjoy pizza, popcorn, movie candy and the showing of [Treasure Planet](#) on the big screen. Bring a friend and join us for a fun night. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Kendra Tingle](#).

GATHER AND SHARE

Please join Lisa and Eve for our first meeting of the new year of Gather and Share, Sunday, September 21st, 6-8 pm. All women are welcome to come enjoy a meal and hear stories of God's faithfulness to one of our women, who has literally lived all over the world.

We'll meet at Eve's, 4060 GA Highway 157, Rising Fawn, GA. Please be sure to RSVP to Eve 423.513.9224 or ever4buck@gmail.com ASAP. Note our start time of 6pm. We'll end promptly at 8. Y'all come!

THIRD SUNDAY HEALING PRAYER NEXT WEEK

If you are in need of prayer, elders will be available immediately following the service in the children's wing to pray over you and anoint you with oil.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Officer nominations will begin next Sunday, September 21. More info coming soon!

**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 QR code below.



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