

Rock Creek Fellowship
Worship
October 26, 2025
10:45 AM

Prelude Song

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1. Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord,
Who over all things so
wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth
prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness
And mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Call to Worship

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;
We come thirsting for you, O Lord.
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
We come hungering for you, O Lord.
Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not
satisfy?
Satisfy us with your unfailing love, O Lord
Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.
**Open our ears to hear, incline our hearts to obey, and enliven us in
healing praise as we give ourselves to you in worship, O Lord!**
-from portions of Isaiah 55

Worship in Song

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A Bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient Foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow’r are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing;
Dost ask who that may be:
Christ Jesus it is He;
Lord Sabbaoth His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

3. And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed,
His truth to triumph through us
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure,
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him
4. That Word above all earthly pow’r
No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever!

Confession of Faith

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I
believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the

Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day
He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at
the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to
judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

“O Church, Arise”

1. O Church, arise, and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies.
An army bold, whose battle cry is Love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.
2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side,
We know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died:
An inheritance of nations.
Chorus:
Arise, shine for your light has come
Arise, shine for the Risen Son
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride
Arise, o church arise!
3. Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
4. So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride;
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old, still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in Glory.

Worship with Tithes and Offering

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

1. Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God
2. Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God
3. Let us sing though fierce temptation

Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God
4. Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God
5. Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Grant Lowe

Covenant College Update

President Brad Voyles

Welcoming One Another

“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

**Father in Heaven, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose
face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the
blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us
from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble
hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your
grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ
your Son.**

(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: *“If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us
our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”* (1 John 1:9)

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Jess Gauley

Isaiah 55:6-7

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷ Let the wicked
forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and
he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,

All: but the Word of our God stands forever.

1 John 5:13-21

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you
may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching
God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that
he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.
¹⁶ If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should
pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death.
There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that. ¹⁷ All
wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death. ¹⁸ We know that anyone

born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them. ¹⁹ We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. ²⁰ We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. ²¹ Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

The Joyful Invitation: “Confident Knowing”

Pastor Eric

Closing Song

“For All the Saints”

1. For all the saints,
who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith
before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus,
be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...

2. Thou wast their rock,
their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain
in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness
drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Allelu...

3. O may Thy soldiers,
faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints
who nobly fought of old,
And win with them
the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Allelu...

4. The golden evening
brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful
warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm
of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...

5. But lo! There breaks
a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant
rise in bright array;
The King of glory
passes on his way,
Alleluia, Allelu...

6. From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Benediction

Announcements

NEW HERE?
We welcome you to Rock Creek! If you would like more information about Rock Creek, please fill out the “Welcome Cards” 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

COLLEGE BRUNCH

All college aged students are invited to the Martinez's house for brunch on November 2nd immediately after the service for food and fellowship. Come enjoy the beautiful fall weather on the mountain with some fall themed food and fun! No RSVP needed; feel free to bring a friend. The address is 714 N Stewart Lane, Rising Fawn; the gate coded is 0929. If you have questions or dietary restrictions, please contact Lynell at lynell.martinez@covenant.edu or (786) 457-0354.

MOUNTAIN GATHERING

Mark your calendars for our annual Mountain Gathering on Friday, November 7 from 5:30-7:30PM at Durham Rd. We'll enjoy a potluck chili/soup dinner, desserts, jumpy castles, and Stacy Moon's balloons. Sign-up to bring a soup in our weekly Announce!

NEW HERE? We welcome you to Rock Creek! 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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