

Rock Creek Fellowship
Worship
March 1, 2026
9:00 AM

Prelude Song

“My Jesus, I love Thee”

1. My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
2. I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
3. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
4. In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Call to Worship

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

Worship in Song

“Man of Sorrows”

1. Man of Sorrows, what a name; For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim; Hallelujah, what a Savior
2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude; In my place condemned He stood
Sealed my pardon with His blood; Hallelujah, what a Savior
3. Guilty, vile and helpless we; Spotless Lamb of God was He
Full atonement, can it be? Hallelujah, what a Savior
4. Lifted up was He to die; It is finished, was His cry
Now in heav'n exalted high; Hallelujah, what a Savior
5. When He comes, our glorious King; All His ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we'll sing; Hallelujah, what a Savior

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.

Worship with Tithes and Offering

“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 / 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Janet Milanesi

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

Scripture Reading

Joshua 1:9

Leigh Ann Theune

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,

All: but the Word of our God stands forever.

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord

All: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

Taught by Tears: *His way with the Anxious*

Pastor Brian

Sermon Passage

Luke 12: 22-34

²² Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life^[a]? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Confession of Sin

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

(Offer silent prayers of confession.)

The Lord's Supper

On behalf of our Savior, Rock Creek Fellowship warmly welcomes all baptized Christians to receive the Lord's Supper. Since this is a meal for increasing our faith, enhancing our allegiance, and participating more deeply in the life of Christ, we'd ordinarily expect those who participate to be looking to Christ for their renewal and salvation, to trust and follow him, and to be a member of a church that is seeking to esteem and embody Christ in its worship and ways.

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast; save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most; I sacrifice them through his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

“I Surrender All”

1. All to Jesus I surrender, All to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him; In his presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all, All to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at his feet, I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, Take me, Jesus, take me now.

(Refrain)

3. All to Jesus I surrender; Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, Truly know that thou art mine.

(Refrain)

3. All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee,
Fill me with thy love and power, Let thy blessing fall on me.

“Near the Cross”

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream; Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross; Be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find; Rest beyond the river.

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul, Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star; Shed His beams around me. [Refrain]

3. Near the cross! O lamb of God, Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day With its shadow o'er me. [Refrain]

4. Near the cross! I'll watch and wait, Hoping, trusting ever;
Till I reach the golden strand, Just beyond the river. [Refrain]

Closing Song

“Soon and Very Soon”

1. Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King.
(x3)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
We are going to see the King!

2. No more crying there,
We are going to see the King.
(x3)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
We are going to see the King!

3. No more dying there,
We are going to see the King.
(x3)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
We are going to see the King!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
We are going to see the King!

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIMPLY SOCIAL “Sips and Strokes”

Our very own Lisa Boozer will lead us in a watercolor painting class from 1-3pm on Saturday, March 7th, at The Haven (second floor of 3221 Brainerd Road). No experience or artistic gifting required! We will provide materials, snacks, and mocktails to enjoy throughout the lesson. Parking is available in the lot behind the building or along the side, but spaces are limited, so carpooling is encouraged. Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/RJkcGCsTLEmoFLuNA> by Wednesday, March 4th.

MEN'S DISC GOLF

All men are invited to play some disc golf at Cloudland Canyon on Saturday, March 21 at 10:30. Lunch to follow at Lookout Mtn. Pizza Company. If you have any questions, please reach out to John Sadler (Sadlerjohn8@gmail.com)

YOUTH GROUP

All 6th-12th graders, join us for Youth Group tonight from 6-8PM at Durham Rd. Can't wait to see you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school will be immediately following the service and ends at 11. There is a class for elementary children and one for middle and high school. The adult Sunday school, led by James Beville, meets in the fellowship hall to discuss the sermon. We hope you'll stay and join us.

Welcome Visitors: We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us this Lord's day. 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 Quiet 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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THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION.

"Sacrifice is God's chosen means of righting what's wrong in the world."

-Eugene Peterson

"The Word leads us to Christ by the ear: the Sacraments lead us to Christ by the eye and by the mouth and by the hand. But it is to the same Christ we are led. We do not get a better Christ in the Sacrament. But we may get Christ better by taking it."

-Robert Bruce, 16th Century Scottish Pastor

*"And let me make it quite clear that when Christians say the Christ-life is in them, they do not mean simply something mental or moral. When they speak of being 'in Christ' or of Christ being 'in them', this is not simply a way of saying that they are thinking about Christ or copying Him. **They mean that Christ is actually operating through them; that the whole mass of Christians are the physical organism through which Christ acts- that we are His fingers and muscles, the cells of His body. And perhaps that explains one or two things. It explains why this new life is spread not only by purely mental acts life belief, but by bodily acts like baptism and Holy Communion...God never meant man to be a purely spiritual creature. That is why He uses material things like bread and wine to put the new life into us.**"*

-CS Lewis