

Rock Creek Fellowship  
Worship  
March 15, 2026  
10:45 AM

**Prelude Song**

**“Arise, My Soul, Arise”**

1. Arise, my soul, arise,  
shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice,  
in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.  
**Chorus:** Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise  
2. He ever lives above,  
for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love,  
His precious blood, to plead;

His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace  
3. Five bleeding wounds He bears;  
received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers;  
They strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"  
4. My God is reconciled;  
His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child;  
I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry

**Call to Worship**

Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,**  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

**Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.**

Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

**In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.**

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

— 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

**Worship in Song**

**“His Love Can Never Fail”**

1. I do not ask to see the way  
My feet will have to tread;  
But only that my soul may feed  
Upon the living Bread.  
'Tis better far that I should walk  
By faith close to His side;  
I may not know the way I go, But oh, I know my Guide.

**Refrain** His love can never fail, His love can never fail,  
My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail.  
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2. And if my feet would go astray, They cannot, for I know  
That Jesus guides my falt'ring steps, As joyfully I go.  
And tho' I may not see His face,  
My faith is strong and clear,  
That in each hour of sore distress  
My Savior will be near. **Refrain**

3. I will not fear, tho' darkness come Abroad o'er all the land,  
If I may only feel the touch Of His own loving hand.  
And tho' I tremble when I think  
How weak I am, and frail,  
My soul is satisfied to know  
His love can never fail. **Refrain**

**Confession of Faith**

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

1. Come Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.  
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

**Worship with Tithes and Offering**

**“He will Give the Weary Strength”**

1. Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength  
They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint  
And like a flight upon an eagle's wings, He will give the weary strength  
(Repeat)  
**Chorus:**  
So lift your eyes up to the sky  
To the one who hears you when you cry  
Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength  
They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint  
Like a flight upon an eagle's wings, He will give, He will give  
He will give the weary strength  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Stephen Bontekoe, Deacon*

**Welcoming One Another**

*(K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade children are dismissed to the foyer for Children's Church)*

**“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**

**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**

"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**

*Reidun Paulsen*

**Psalm 13**

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?  
2 How long must I wrestle with my thoughts  
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?  
How long will my enemy triumph over me?  
3 Look on me and answer, Lord my God.  
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,  
4 and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"  
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.  
5 But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation.  
6 I will sing the Lord's praise,  
for he has been good to me.

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,

**All: but the Word of our God stands forever.**

**John 13:21-30**

21 After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me." 22 His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. 23 One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. 24 Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means." 25 Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" 26 Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. 27 As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly." 28 But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. 29 Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor. 30 As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord

**All: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Sermon**

*Pastor Eric*

*Taught By Tears: "The Inevitable Bruises of Distressing Trouble in the Giving Heart That Loves"*

## Closing Song

### “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee;  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou, from hence, my all shalt be.  
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought, or hoped, or known;  
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heaven are still my own!
2. Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too;  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue;  
O, while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate, and friends disown me; Show Thy face, and all is bright.
3. Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;  
Life with trials hard may press me, Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
O 'tis not in grief to harm me, while Thy love is left to me;  
O 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.
4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure, with Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me.
5. Soul, then know thy full salvation; Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heaven, canst thou repine.
6. Haste thee on from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by prayer;  
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

## 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](mailto:Kristen@rockcreekfellowship.org)

#### HEALING PRAYER

It's the 3rd Sunday of the month. If you are in need of prayer, elders will be available after our service in the children's wing to anoint you with oil and pray over you.

#### GATHER AND SHARE

Daffodils are dancing, spring is winging, and Rock Creek Women are gathering TONIGHT, March 15 from 6-8 pm, to share a hearty meal together and to hear Marian Fitzgerald's stories of God's faithfulness from the mission field, classroom, and basketball court. RSVP to Eve at 423.413.9224 or [ever4buck@gmail.com](mailto:ever4buck@gmail.com) and let her know you're coming, but no one will be turned away for forgetting. Y'all come...and bring friends! Eve's address: 4060 GA Hwy 157; Rising Fawn, GA. 30738.

#### 2025 GIVING STATEMENTS

Our financial administrator-Auxilio-has emailed all 2025 giving statements. If you have not received yours or if the link has expired, please reach out to Stephanie at [finance@rockcreekfellowship.org](mailto:finance@rockcreekfellowship.org).

#### 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. Hope to see you there!

**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

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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