

Rock Creek Fellowship
Worship
April 26, 2026
10:45 AM

Prelude Song

“Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)”

Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul,
Oh my soul, worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

1. The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again

(CHORUS)

Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes **(CHORUS)**

2. You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find **(CHORUS)**

Call to Worship

The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Be near to us, dear Savior!

The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

Be near to us, dear Savior!

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Be near to us, dear Savior!

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

Be near to us, dear Savior!

You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

Be near to us, dear Savior!

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

Be near to us, dear Savior!

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

Be near to us Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and satisfy our desires today as we give ourselves to you in worship! Amen

Worship in Song

“The Sands of Time are Sinking”

1. The sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for -
The fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight
But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

2. The king there in His beauty,
Without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey,
Though seven deaths lay between:

3. And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore

The Lamb with His fair army,
Doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land

3. O Christ, He is the fountain,
The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted
More deep I'll drink above:

There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

4. The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear Bridegrooms face;
I will not gaze at glory
But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth
But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land.

5. O I am my Beloveds
And my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
Into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit -
I know no other stand,
Not seen where glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

Confession of Faith

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

“May the Mind of Christ my Savior”

1. May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling
All I do and say.

2. May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power.

3. May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

4. May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is victory.

5. May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.

6. May His beauty rest upon me,
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only Him

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Matt Jelley, Elder

Welcoming One Another

(K-2nd grade is dismissed to the Cupola Room 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

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:5-6

William Dawkins

And now the Lord says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him
and gather Israel to himself,
for I am⁵ honored in the eyes of the Lord
and my God has been my strength—

⁶ he says:

“It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,

All: but the Word of our God stands forever.

Ephesians 3:7-21

⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. ¹³ I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory. ¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Embodied Grace: *“Immeasurably More”*

Pastor Eric

Ordination and Installation of New Officers

Office of Deacon

Dustin Douglass
Noel Durant
Peter Goss (Lula)
Stephen Lloyd
Zach Robbins

Officer of Elder

Marshall Brock
Nathan Brauer
Chet LeSourd (Lula)
Keith Moore
J. Tingle

Questions of ordination and installation

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?

4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder (or deacon, as the case may be) in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?

5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?

6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the Church?

To the congregation:

Do you, the members of Rock Creek Fellowship, acknowledge and receive these brothers as a ruling elders or deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the constitution of this church, entitles them?

Closing Song

"Before the Throne of God Above"

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high Priest whose Name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
My soul is purchased by His blood,
Upward I look and see Him there
My life is hid with Christ on high
Who made an end of all my sin.
With Christ my Savior and my God!

Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
3. Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace,
One in Himself I cannot die.

Benediction

Announcements

HEALING PRAYER

If you need prayer for any reason at all, we will have elders available after the service in the children's wing to anoint you with oil and pray over you.

SABBATICAL FOR PASTOR ERIC

Pastor Eric will begin a sabbatical beginning May 18 and will return in mid August. This is a regularly scheduled sabbatical that the session grants to our pastors every seven years. Since this is intended as a time of rest and refreshment, he will not be present or in communication with the congregation. As needs arise, feel free to reach out to Pastor Brian, an elder, or our office.

COLLEGE STUDENT BRUNCH

All college-aged students are invited to brunch at the Martinez's home immediately following the 10:45 service on May 3rd. Take a break from your studies (you've earned it) and enjoy some fellowship as we celebrate with (and say goodbye) to our seniors.

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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PSALM 90:2 "BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE

