

Rock Creek Fellowship

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



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Welcome to Rock Creek Fellowship! We aspire to be a one-anothering community that adores Christ and embodies the warmth and wonder of our Savior in word and deed to all the world.

Get Connected

If you are interested in getting connected, please email Kristen in the office at office@rockcreekfellowship.org.

The best ways for you to get connected with us are to:

- Attend an event
- Join a small group
- Sign up to receive email updates
- Volunteer to serve
- Become a member

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Jesus, I come

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth' s sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life' s storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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

This is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:

the battle is not done:
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and Heav'n be one.
Tag: This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Confession of Faith

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Q. What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Follow the QR Code to make an online gift.



My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

1. My Shepherd will supply my need:

Jehovah is His Name;

In pastures fresh He makes me feed,
Beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back

When I forsake His ways,

And leads me, for His mercy's sake,

In paths of truth and grace.

2. When I walk through the shades of death

Thy presence is my stay;

One word of Thy supporting breath

Drives all my fears away.

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,

Doth still my table spread;

My cup with blessings overflows,

Thine oil anoints my head.

3. The sure provisions of my God

Attend me all my days;

O may Thy house be my abode,

And all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest,

While others go and come;

No more a stranger, nor a guest,

But like a child at home.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thomas Hayes, Elder

Announcements

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

Old Testament Reading

Brittany Lloyd

1 Kings 8:56

⁵⁶“Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses.

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,
All: **but the Word of our God stands forever.**

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 10:23

²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

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

Sermon

Pastor Brian

The Life of Abraham: “A World of What-if’s”

Sermon Passage

Genesis 23:2-18

² Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold. ³ From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier ⁴ and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the LORD. ⁵ Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. ⁶ But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. ⁷ And quarreling arose between Abram's herders and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time. ⁸ So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. ⁹ Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left." ¹⁰ Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) ¹¹ So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: ¹² Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. ¹³ Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD. ¹⁴ The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. ¹⁵ All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring^[a] forever. ¹⁶ I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. ¹⁷ Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you." ¹⁸ So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the LORD.

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.

Come, Ye Sinners

**1. Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.**

**2. Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,**

Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

4. Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

5. Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

Lord, Have Mercy

1. Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief, Renew the fire again

Chorus: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me *[Repeat all]*

2. I have built an altar where I worship things of men
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions, Help me love You again **Chorus**

3. I have longed to know You & Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence
Your grace forever shining, Like a beacon in the night **Chorus**

Take Up Your Cross

1. If anyone would come after me
Let him deny himself
Take up his cross
Follow me (**Repeat**)

2. Whoever would save his life
Will lose it
Whoever loses his life for me
Will find it

3. If anyone claims to worship God
Let him give all away
Take up his cross
Follow me

4. Whoever would save his life
Will lose it
Whoever loses his life for me
Will find it

Bridge:

What would it profit a man
If he gains the whole world
And forfeits his soul
What would it profit a man at all (**Repeat**)

If anyone would come after me
Let him deny himself
Take up his cross
Follow me

God be Merciful to Me

1. God, be merciful to me;
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

2. My transgressions I confess;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace,
And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just;
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

3. I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

4. Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice,
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove,

And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord

Nothing But The Blood

1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus: Oh! Precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Repeat chorus)

3. Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

(Repeat chorus)

4. This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Repeat chorus)

Closing Song

He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

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He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last!

Benediction

Announcements

RCF UPDATES

Rock Creek's Facebook and Instagram accounts are being updated weekly. Please follow us @rockcreekfellowship to keep up with all our weekly activities, along with inclement weather updates, etc.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

We're so excited to invite all women to our fall retreat in Sevierville, TN on September 18-20. Save your spot now for \$50. The remaining cost will be determined by how many women attend. To register, you can reach out to Leah Jones or register in our weekly Announce. Don't let a lack of funds keep you from attending. Talk to Leah about potential scholarships. We hope to see you ladies there!

SIMPLY SOCIAL

All Rock Creek women are invited to a refreshing evening filled with friendship, laughter, and leafy greens.

Bring your favorite salad to share...

Fruit, pasta, garden or surprise us! We will provide the drinks and sweet treats. Throw on something super casual, grab a friend, and join us for a night of fellowship.

The Mountain Hall,

1200 Lula Lake Road, Lookout Mtn GA

Thursday, June 18th at 6:30pm

SERMON NOTES



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