

# ROCK CREEK FELLOWSHIP

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9:00 AM





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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.

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## Get Connected

If you are interested in getting connected or have any questions about RCF, please email Kristen in the office at [office@rockcreekfellowship.org](mailto: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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## 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. Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be  
glad!

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## Call to Worship

I will extol the Lord at all times;  
his praise will always be on my lips.

**Glorify the Lord with me;  
let us exalt his name together.**

I sought the Lord, and he answered me;  
he delivered me from all my fears.

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

Fear the Lord, you his holy people,  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

**The lions may grow weak and hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

*(Selections from Psalm 34)*

## Crown Him With Many Crowns

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

3. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

4. Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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## 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 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**

# Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Follow the QR Code to make an online gift.



## Trust and Obey

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

**Chorus:** Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

3. But we never can prove the delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows,  
Are for them who will trust and obey.

4. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet.  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.  
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**      *Kathaleen Hughes*

## Announcements

# 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

## **Confession of Sin**

Heavenly Father, loving King, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from Your sight. Our self-pity and pride, our cowardice and sloth, our greed and lust, our anger and envy are laid bare before Your eyes and ours. We open ourselves to You and ask that You cover us in Christ. Let us hear Your voice saying His blood is our peace, His death is our freedom, His Spirit our power, His smiting our safety. And convince our hearts afresh that in Your service is perfect freedom. Amen.

*(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:

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **Old Testament Reading**

*Pat Wilson*

### **Psalm 139:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>You have searched me, LORD,  
and you know me.

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
<sup>3</sup>You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.  
<sup>4</sup>Before a word is on my tongue  
you, LORD, know it completely.

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

## New Testament Reading

### John 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
<sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the  
world, but to save the world through him.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord  
**All: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## Sermon

*Pastor Brian*

The Life of Abraham: *Shortcuts*

## Sermon Passage

### Genesis 16

**16** Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; <sup>2</sup>so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said. <sup>3</sup>So after Abram had been living in Canaan for ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. <sup>4</sup>He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. <sup>5</sup>Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me.

May the LORD judge between you and me.”<sup>6</sup> “Your slave is in your hands,” Abram said. “Do with her whatever you think best.” Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur.<sup>8</sup> And he said, “Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?” “I’m running away from my mistress Sarai,” she answered.<sup>9</sup> Then the angel of the LORD told her, “Go back to your mistress and submit to her.”<sup>10</sup> The angel added, “I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count.”<sup>11</sup> The angel of the LORD also said to her: “You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. You shall name him Ishmael for the LORD has heard of your misery.<sup>12</sup> He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone’s hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers.”<sup>13</sup> She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: “You are the God who sees me,” for she said, “I have now seen the One who sees me.”<sup>14</sup> That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered.<sup>15</sup> So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne.<sup>16</sup> Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

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## 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  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

2. When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look, and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin

Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
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 with Himself, I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ, my Savior and my God  
One with Himself, I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
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## **Benediction**

## **Announcements**

### **Movie Night**

It's time for Movie Night at Durham! Join us Friday, July 10 from 6-8PM for pizza, popcorn, movie candy, and the showing of an oldie, but goodie--*The Lego Movie*. Invite a friend and spend a Friday evening with us. If you have any questions please reach out to Melinda.

### **Muffins and Mugs**

"Set me as a seal upon your heart; as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the Lord." Song of Solomon 8:6

Join the women of Rock Creek, Saturday, July 18th at 9:30AM at RCF Durham as we explore what it means for us to be ignited by fire, the last topic in our Formed and Filled Series. Please let Lisa Brown or Leah Jones know if you're coming!

### **Rock Creek Women Prayer Ministry, "Streams of Prayer"**

We heartily invite the women of Rock Creek to be part of our praying ministry; we love the idea of a praying friend for every woman in our church family.

To find out more email Jane Henegar, Connie Divens or Emily Bevill at [womenpray@rockcreekfellowship.org](mailto:womenpray@rockcreekfellowship.org).

- To have someone pray regularly for you, write "Praying Friend"
- To be praying regularly for two or more women, on a regular basis, write "Praying Team"
- To do both, write "Praying Friend and Team"
- For specifics, write "Tell me more!"

### **Sunday School for Adults**

Join us for Sunday School from 10:30-11:00. Adult Sunday school, led by James Bevill, meets in the Fellowship Hall for sermon discussion.

## Women's Retreat Update

Register for the Rock Creek Women's fall retreat by August 1st!

**Cost:** With our current registrations we are able to reduce the overall cost to \$200!

**Dates:** Friday, September 18th at 7PM (feel free to arrive early but eat dinner on the way) to Sunday September 20th (we'll depart by 10AM)

**Location:** Our house in Sevierville has 24 bedrooms and 24 bathrooms with enough beds no one will have to share!

**Itinerary:** There will be fabulous teaching with big pockets of free time for your ideal version of fellowship. You can talk around the fire, take a dip in one of the four hot tubs or enjoy access to a sauna, steam room, and a seasonal community swimming pool. Grab a friend and take a quiet hike, grab lunch in town, or sit in a rocking chair on the porch looking at the mountains.

Use the NEW QR code below to register or contact Leah at [leah@rockcreekfellowship.org](mailto:leah@rockcreekfellowship.org)



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Sermon Notes



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