

ROCK CREEK FELLOWSHIP

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FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH



FOR THE GLORY OF THE SKIES



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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 or have any questions about RCF, 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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Our Great God

1. Eternal God, Unchanging, Mysterious and unknown.
Your boundless love unfailing, In grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne.
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Chorus: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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2. Lord, we are weak and frail, Helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, Hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, His pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, And he will flee before our Sovereign God.

Repeat Chorus

3. Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
Let every mountain, Every field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the Living God, Who rules them by His word.

Repeat Chorus

Sing Hallelujah
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To Our Great God

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

Immortal, Invisible

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

4. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

5. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Confession of Faith

From the Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 27, 28

Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. God's providence is his almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Q. What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by his providence?

A. We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future, we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father, that no creature shall separate us from his love; For all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot so much as move.

And Can it Be

1. And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain!
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love; How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Chorus: Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me (x2)

2. He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

Chorus

3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Chorus

4. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Chorus

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

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Psalm 19 (May the Words of My Mouth)

May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, pleasing to You
May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You my God

You're my Rock and my Redeemer
You're the reason that I sing
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes
Ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment, Lord
I want to be Your servant
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes

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

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)

Old Testament Reading

Eve Roebuck

Jeremiah 29:12-13

¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,

All: but the Word of our God stands forever.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 4:16

¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Pastor Brian

The Life of Abraham: A Story About Prayer

Sermon Passage

Genesis 18:16-33

¹⁶ When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way. ¹⁷ Then the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? ¹⁸ Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him.^[a] ¹⁹ For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him." ²⁰ Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹ that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know." ²² The

men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD.^[b] ²³ Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare^[c] the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" ²⁶ The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸ what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?" "If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it." ²⁹ Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?" He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there." ³¹ Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?" He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it." ³³ When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

Closing Song

Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee?
O who shall stand before Thee?

2. To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy
And live alone by mercy

3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience
I wait for it with patience

4. What though I wait the live-long night,
And til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait 'til God appeareth
And wait 'til God appeareth

5. Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow
From all their sin and sorrow

Benediction

Announcements

Children's Volunteers Needed!

Beginning August 16, we're resuming Children's Church for Kindergarten–3rd Grade. We are still in need of volunteers. If you'd be willing to help out, please call or text Melinda Redberg at 805-550-5260 or email melinda@rockcreekfellowship.org

Third Sunday Healing Prayer

Today is *Third Sunday Healing Prayer*. If you need prayer for any reason, our elders and pastors would love to pray over you and anoint you with oil. We'll meet in the children's wing, immediately following the service.

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!

Use the NEW QR code below to register or contact Leah at

leah@rockcreekfellowship.org



Sermon Notes



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