

# ROCK CREEK FELLOWSHIP

July 19, 2026

9:00AM

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH



FOR THE GLORY OF THE SKIES



# rock creek fellowship

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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### Pastors and Staff

**Senior Pastor:**

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Matt Luther

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Dustin Douglass

Zach Robbins

Stephen Lloyd

Peter Goss

## **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  
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)**

**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 **(CHORUS)**

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## 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

**Rejoice, The LORD is King!**                      Hymn 370

## 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.**

## **Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

Follow the QR Code to make an online gift.



## **Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

1. Jesus, Lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; Oh, receive my soul at last.
2. Other refuge have I none, Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, Still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head With the shadow of Thy wing.
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want, More than all in Thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am Thou art full of truth and grace.
4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, Freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart; Rise to all eternity.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Jane Henegar*

## **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**

*Mike Cameron*

### **Jeremiah 29:12-13**

<sup>12</sup>Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup>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

<sup>16</sup> 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

<sup>16</sup> When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way. <sup>17</sup> Then the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? <sup>18</sup> Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>19</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous <sup>21</sup> 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." <sup>22</sup> The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare<sup>[c]</sup> the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? <sup>25</sup> 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?" <sup>26</sup> The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup> 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, <sup>28</sup> 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." <sup>29</sup> 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." <sup>30</sup> 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." <sup>31</sup> 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." <sup>32</sup> 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." <sup>33</sup> When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

## **Closing Song**

### **We Will Feast in the House of Zion**

**Chorus:** We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things, we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

**1.** We will not be burned by the fire

He is the LORD our God

We are not consumed, by the flood

Upheld, protected, gathered up (Chorus)

**2.** In the dark of night, before the dawn

My soul, be not afraid

For the promised morning, oh how long?

Oh God of Jacob, be my strength (Chorus)

**3.** Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the Faithful one

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together, bring shalom. (Chorus)

# Benediction

## Announcements

### **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](mailto:leah@rockcreekfellowship.org)



### **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.

## Sermon Notes



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