

ROCK CREEK FELLOWSHIP

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10:45AM

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 like 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.

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Come and Welcome

1. From the cross uplifted high
Where the Savior deigns to die
What melodious sounds I hear
Bursting on my ravished ear
Love's redeeming work is done
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

2. Sprinkled now with blood the throne
Why beneath thy burdens groan
On my pierced body laid
Justice owns the ransom paid
Bow the knee and kiss the Son
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

3. Spread for thee the festal board
See with richest dainties stored
To thy Father's bosom pressed
Yet again a child confessed
Never from His house to roam
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

4. Soon the days of life shall end
Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend
Safe your spirit to convey
To the realms of endless day
Up to my eternal home.
come and welcome, sinner, come

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)

Mighty To Save

1. Everyone needs compassion

Love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Savior

The hope of nations

Chorus: Savior, He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

2. So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

I give my life to follow

Everything I believe in

Now I surrender **(Chorus)**

Bridge: .Shine your light and

let the whole world see

We're singing

for the glory of the risen King

Confession of Faith

(from the Heidelberg Catechism)

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.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

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Abide with Me

1. Abide with me; Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.
2. Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

3. I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, Lord, abide with me.

5. Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Senior Recognition/Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Old Testament Reading

Grace Lloyd

Genesis 21:1-14

21 Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. ² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac^[a] to

the son Sarah bore him. ⁴ When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶ Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." ⁷ And she added, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age." ⁸ The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. ⁹ But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, ¹⁰ and she said to Abraham, "Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac." ¹¹ The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. ¹² But God said to him, "Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring^[a] will be reckoned." ¹³ I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴ Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba.

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

New Testament Reading

Galatians 4:28-31

²⁸ Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹ At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. ³⁰ But what does Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son."^[a] ³¹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

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

The Life of Abraham: "The Last Laugh"

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.

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, 'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; Receive my soul at last.**

2. Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head In the shadow of Thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want, Here more than all 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, Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; For all eternity.

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.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory

2. Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

3. I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer\

But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Stricken Smitten and Afflicted

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long expected prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis a true and faithful Word

2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting his distress:
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that Justice gave.

3. Ye who think of sin but lightly,
Nor suppose the evil great,
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed!
See Who bears the awful load!
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man, and Son of God.

4. Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost.
Christ the Rock of our salvation,
Christ the Name of which we boast.
Lamb of God for sinners wounded!
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

You Have Redeemed My Soul

CHORUS:

You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness
You have redeemed my soul from death
(repeat)

VERSE:

I was a hungry child
A dried up river
I was a burned out forest
And no one could do anything for me
But You put food in my body
And water in my dried bed
And to my blackened branches
You brought the springtime
Green of new life
And nothing is impossible for You

Closing Song

Father Long Before Creation

1. Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us.
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.
2. Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.
3. God's compassion is my story,
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing

Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us
That His only Son He gave.

4. Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb;

Chorus: And the world will sing His love,
Yes, the world will sing His love,
And we'll all join hands,
every woman, every man,
To sing His love,
To sing His love.

Benediction

Announcements

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group starts back up next Sunday, August 16 from 6-8PM at Durham Rd for 6th-12th graders. We are so excited to be back together. If you have any questions, please reach out to Paul Byrd (Paul@rockcreekfellowship.org)

TEXTING UPDATES

If you are not receiving texts from RCF, please use the QR code on page 2 of this bulletin and "consent to receive" texts. These texts are sent out from our office with bulletin links on Saturday evenings, occasional upcoming event deadlines, and most importantly inclement weather or emergency announcements.

***Please note: these texts are not the same as Pastor Eric's Saturday evening prayer texts, so if you receive his texts, you still must consent to receive ones from our office.*

COLLEGE GROUP MEETING

Thank you to all of you that have expressed an interest in helping with the college brunch. We will have a brief meeting after the 10:45 service on August 23rd to organize and determine the best way to work together on this ministry. Please contact Lynell Martinez if you have any questions (lynell.martinez@covenant.edu)



