

Rock Creek Fellowship
Worship
April 21, 2024
10:45 AM

Prelude Song

“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!

Call to Worship

John Conrad, Elder

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**
Know that the Lord is God.
**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**
Enter his gates with thanksgiving
**and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.**
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.
(Psalm 100)

Worship in Song

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Chorus: All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.
1. Each little flow'r that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings. (Refrain)
2. The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one. (Refrain)
3. He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. (Refrain)

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I
believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the**

**Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day
He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at
the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to
judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

“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 Offering

1. Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown
2. Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight and
all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.
4. Beautiful Savior!
Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Katie Bostrom

Welcoming One Another

(K-2nd grade children are dismissed to the foyer for Children's Church)

“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

Confession of Sin

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(Offer silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon:

Let us declare the good news to each other:
Since we are justified by faith,

**we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom
we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast
in our hope of sharing the glory of God.**

—Romans 5:1-2

Scripture Reading

Hosea 14

Lisa Brown

Return, Israel, to the Lord your God. Your sins have been your downfall!
²Take words with you and return to the Lord. Say to him: “Forgive all our sins and
receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips. ³Assyria cannot save us;
we will not mount warhorses. We will never again say ‘Our gods’ to what our own
hands have made, for in you the fatherless find compassion.” ⁴“I will heal their
waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them. ⁵I will be
like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like a lily. Like a cedar of Lebanon he will send
down his roots; ⁶his young shoots will grow. His splendor will be like an olive tree, his
fragrance like a cedar of Lebanon. ⁷People will dwell again in his shade; they will
flourish like the grain, they will blossom like the vine— Israel's fame will be like the
wine of Lebanon. ⁸Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols? I will answer him and
care for him. I am like a flourishing juniper; your fruitfulness comes from me.” ⁹Who is
wise? Let them realize these things. Who is discerning? Let them understand. The
ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in
them.

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,

All: but the Word of our God stands forever.

Romans 7:1-6

7 Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the
law—that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives? ²For
example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but
if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. ³So then, if she
has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an
adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an
adulteress if she marries another man. ⁴So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to
the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was
raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. ⁵For when we were in
the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so
that we bore fruit for death. ⁶But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been
released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old
way of the written code.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Newness of Life: “Belonging to Another”

Pastor Eric

Closing Song

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

1. I know that my redeemer lives,
Glory hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives,
Glory hallelujah!
Chorus: *Shout on, pray on,
we're gaining ground, Glory hallelujah!*
Glory hallelujah!
*The dead's alive and the lost is found,
Glory hallelujah!*
2. He lives, he lives, who once was dead,
Glory hallelujah!
He lives, my everlasting Head,
Glory hallelujah! **Chorus**

3. He lives to bless me with his love,
Glory hallelujah!
He lives to plead for me above,
Glory hallelujah! **Chorus**
4. He lives, all glory to his name,
He lives my Jesus, still the same,
Glory hallelujah! **Chorus**

Benediction

Announcements

NEW HERE?

We welcome you to Rock Creek! If you would like more information about Rock Creek, please fill out the "Welcome Cards" located in the foyer and place in the wooden box also located in the foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen in the office: Kristen@rockcreekfellowship.org

HEALING PRAYER

It's the 3rd Sunday of the month. If you are in need of prayer, elders will be available after our service in the children's wing to anoint you with oil and pray over you.

IF GATHERING

All women are invited to the **If: Gathering Friday, April 26 from 5:30-10PM at The Haven (3221 Brainerd Rd., Chattanooga, TN)**. We will enjoy live worship from Jenn Daniels-Neal, small group time, fellowship over dinner, and times of teaching. Cost is \$20. To sign up and for more information, please go to our calendar of events on our website. **RSVP by Monday, April 21.**

GATHER AND SHARE

Dear Rock Creek Women,

It's spring time, and even with all its beauty, I am typically at my most worn out--every single spring. The antidote? Jesus first, of course! But trees will be my topic on Sunday night. I'll be looking at Psalm 1 and one of my favorite passages from Jeremiah and a poem by George Herbert. *If you want to 'prepare,' I'd love for you to think about a tree that you have enjoyed at some point—or throughout your life.*

Love,

Kathaleen (Hughes),

April's GNS speaker.

Come and enjoy tree time with Kathaleen tonight

6:30-8 pm at Eve's house

4060 Highway 157, Rising Fawn, GA 30738.

All RCF women are welcome and wanted!

YOUTH GROUP

All 6th -12th graders are invited to Youth Group tonight from 6-8PM at Durham Rd.

Dinner provided.

NEW HERE? We welcome you to Rock Creek! Nursery is available for ages 0-5 during the worship service in the children's wing behind the Sanctuary. If you prefer to be with your nursing and/or crying child, please use the cry room located in front of the Sanctuary. You are also more than welcome to keep your children in the service with you.

GIVE TO RCF

There are several ways that you can contribute financially to Rock Creek Fellowship: 1. Drop a check in the offering basket, 2. Mail a check to the church, or 3. Make a payment electronically using the paypal QR code below.



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