

# Rock Creek Fellowship

Worship  
November 19, 2017  
10:30 AM

## Prelude Song

### Come, People of the Risen King

1. Come, people of the Risen King, Come, those who tell of battles won,  
Who delight to bring Him praise; And those struggling in the fight.  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing For His perfect love will never change,  
To the Morning Star of grace. And His mercies never cease,  
From the shifting shadows of the earth But follow us through all our days  
We will lift our eyes to Him, With the certain hope of peace.  
Where steady arms of mercy reach 3. Come, young and old from every land  
To gather children in. Men and women of the faith  
**REFRAIN:** Rejoice, Rejoice! Come, those with full or empty hands  
Let every tongue rejoice! Find the riches of His grace.  
One heart, one voice; Over all the world, His people sing  
O Church of Christ, rejoice! Shore to shore we hear them call  
2. Come, those whose joy The Truth that cries  
is morning sun, through every age  
And those weeping through the night; “Our God is all in all”!

## Call to Worship

In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.  
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to God’s holy name!  
**I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.  
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
God’s greatness is unsearchable.**

*Michael Briggs*

## Worship in Song

### O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile

1. O come and mourn with me awhile, And victory remains with love;  
O come ye to the Savior’s side Jesus our Lord is crucified!  
O come, together let us mourn, 3. O break, O break, hard heart of mine!  
Jesus our Lord is crucified. Thy weak self-love and guilty pride  
2. Seven times He spake seven words of love; His Pilate and His Judas were:  
And all three hours His silence cried Jesus our Lord is crucified.  
For mercy on the souls of men; 4. A broken heart, a fount of tears,  
Jesus our Lord is crucified. Ask, and they will not be denied;  
**Chorus:** O love of God! O sin of man! A broken heart love’s cradle is:  
In this dread act Your strength is tried; Jesus our Lord is crucified  
**(Repeat chorus)**

## Affirmation of Faith

*From the Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

**A. Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

Q. 2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

**A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.**

Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

**A. The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.**

### Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

1. Let us love and sing and wonder 2. Let us love the Lord Who bought us  
Let us praise the Savior’s name Pitied us when enemies  
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder Called us by His grace and taught us  
He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood He has washed us with His blood  
He has brought us nigh to God He presents our souls to God

3. Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqueror’s crown  
He, Who washed us with His blood,  
Soon will bring us home to God  
4. Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy’s store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is

Justice smiles and asks no more  
He Who washed us with His blood  
Has secured our way to God  
5. Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

## Worship with Tithes and Offering

### 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Meredith Richmond*

Join in Prayer for Third Millenium Ministries which distributes seminary materials around the world.

## Corporate Prayer

Confession of Sin:  
ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon:

From Romans 8:13-17, [13] For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. [14] For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. [15] For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” [16] The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17] and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. (ESV)

## Welcoming One Another

### Announcements

### Scripture Reading

#### Psalm 2

*Eve Roebuck*

<sup>1</sup> Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together  
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

<sup>3</sup> “Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.”

<sup>4</sup> The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

<sup>5</sup> He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

<sup>6</sup> “I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.”

<sup>7</sup> I will proclaim the LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father.

<sup>8</sup> Ask me,

and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

<sup>9</sup> You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.

<sup>12</sup> Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall

**All: But the word of our Lord stands forever**

#### John 13:1-17

<sup>13</sup> It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup> The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

<sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

<sup>8</sup> “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.”

Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”

<sup>9</sup> “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

<sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. <sup>13</sup> “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord

**All: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Sermon** *Divine Absurdities: “The Way Up is Down”*

*Pastor Corby*

## Closing Song

### Nothing But The Blood

1. What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
**Chorus:** Oh! Precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
2. For my pardon, this I see,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing, this my plea,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
**(Repeat chorus)**

3. Nothing can for sin atone,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
**(Repeat chorus)**  
4. This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
**(Repeat chorus)**

## Benediction

**Announcements**

**SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PRAISE**

On Sunday, November 26, we will have a special service to recognize the work of the Lord in our congregation. All are welcomed to offer testimonies of prayer, praise and gratitude during the services at both Lula Lake and Durham Road.

**SUNDAY LUNCH**

Join us on Sunday, December 3 immediately after the service for lunch. We would love for each family to bring an ornament to help us decorate our Christmas tree.

**We will provide items to make sandwiches, but need several volunteers to bring a crockpot of soup. Please let Clara know if you would like to bring soup at [clara@rockcreekfellowship.org](mailto:clara@rockcreekfellowship.org).**

**ROCK CREEK CHRISTMAS PROJECT**

This year, we are participating in two Christmas projects, about which you can find more info below. **Donated items for the Hope for the Inner City Christmas Store must be at RCF Lula Lake or Durham Road by Sunday, December 10.** We will continue collecting monetary donations for Food for the Hungry until December 17.

**Hope for the Inner City's** Christmas Store provides families an opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for their children at half the price. We are collecting both new or gently used items as well as monetary donations.

**Food for the Hungry (FH)** is a Christ centered international ministry focused on poverty alleviation. FH uses a holistic approach seeking the end to all forms of human poverty; physical, spiritual and relational.

Rock Creek has the opportunity to work with FH in the Bella Vista community of Lima, Peru. Bella Vista is a squatter's community overlooking the city of Lima. This Christmas, Rock Creek will be collecting donations to help with the construction of an outdoor play area for children and a toilet facility.

For more details, please pick up an info sheet in the foyer!

**RCF YOUTH GROUP**

All students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us on November 19th for our Thanksgiving Dinner. We will provide the main dish, please bring a traditional Thanksgiving side to share. RSVP to [Courtney](mailto:Courtney).

**HEALING PRAYER**

If you are sick, troubled, in distress, or need prayer for any other reason that you determine, we warmly invite you to join us on Sunday, November 19 so that we may pray for you.

The elders of Rock Creek Fellowship will be present after the service today in Eric's office to anoint with oil and lay hands on anyone who wishes for us to pray for them.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Area churches will join together for a Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 22 at 7 pm. The service which will be held at Church of the First Born, 3418 St. Elmo Ave, on Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. Hosted by Church of the First Born, pastors from LMPC, Church of the Good Shepherd, Lookout Mountain United Methodist Church, and Our Lady of the Mount Catholic Church will be participating.

**DURHAM ROAD NURSERY SCHEDULE**

This Week		
0 - 1	2-3	4 - 5 Years
John & Marion Campbell	Doug & Julie Simons	Kim & Myra Brock
Next Week		
Brad Assaraf & Fiona Hubbard	Jamie & Bethany Sexton	Jeff & Sandra Sandhoff

**Welcome Visitors:** We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us this Lord's Day.

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

In order to get to know folks in our RCF community, we encourage you to be a part of Sunday School and Community Groups.. Sunday School meets each week at 9:30 am. Community Groups meet throughout the week. Check out our website, [www.rockcreekfellowship.org](http://www.rockcreekfellowship.org), for more info about both.

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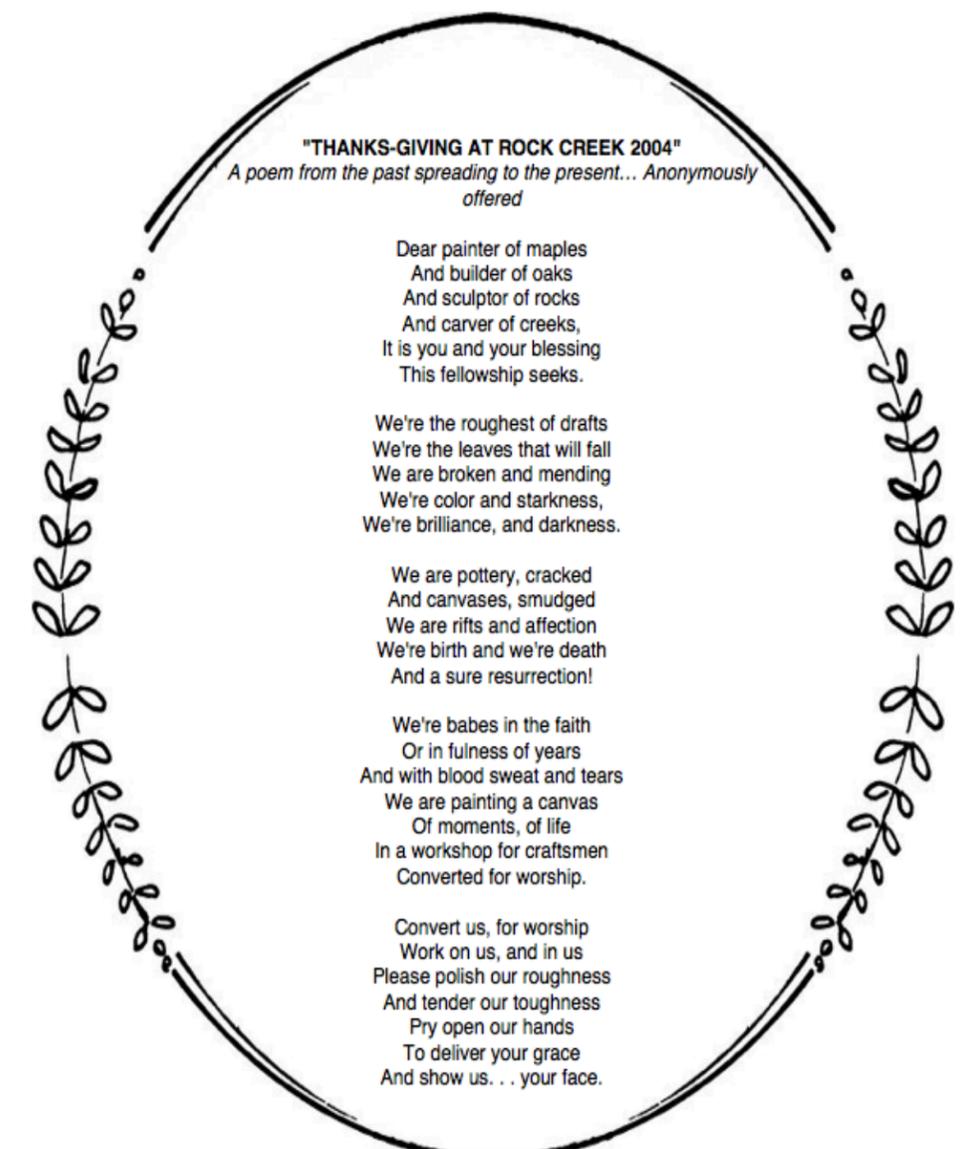
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**"THANKS-GIVING AT ROCK CREEK 2004"**  
*A poem from the past spreading to the present... Anonymously offered*

Dear painter of maples  
 And builder of oaks  
 And sculptor of rocks  
 And carver of creeks,  
 It is you and your blessing  
 This fellowship seeks.

We're the roughest of drafts  
 We're the leaves that will fall  
 We are broken and mending  
 We're color and starkness,  
 We're brilliance, and darkness.

We are pottery, cracked  
 And canvases, smudged  
 We are rifts and affection  
 We're birth and we're death  
 And a sure resurrection!

We're babes in the faith  
 Or in fulness of years  
 And with blood sweat and tears  
 We are painting a canvas  
 Of moments, of life  
 In a workshop for craftsmen  
 Converted for worship.

Convert us, for worship  
 Work on us, and in us  
 Please polish our roughness  
 And tender our toughness  
 Pry open our hands  
 To deliver your grace  
 And show us... your face.