

# Rock Creek Fellowship

Worship  
March 11, 2018  
10:30 AM

## Prelude Song

### 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

Praise the Lord.

**How good it is to sing praises to our God,  
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.

**He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

**Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.**

The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

**His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,**

**nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;**

the Lord delights in those who fear him,

who put their hope in his unfailing love.

**Lord renew us with your delight today even as we put our hope in your unfailing love!**

*Sandy Shaw*

## Worship in Song

### 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

Forever Author of salvation

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)**

Shine your light and

let the whole world see

We're singing

for the glory of the risen King...

Jesus

## Affirmation of Faith

### Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

Born of the virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

The holy catholic church; The communion of saints;

The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of body;

And the life everlasting. Amen.

## Give Me Jesus

1. In the morning, when I rise

In the morning, when I rise

In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus

**Chorus:** Give me Jesus,

Give me Jesus,

You can have all this world,

But give me Jesus

2. When I am alone

When I am alone

When I am alone, give me Jesus **Chorus**

3. When I come to die

When I come to die

When I come to die, give me Jesus **Chorus**

## Worship with Tithes and Offering

### I Sought the Lord (Thou Lovest Me)

1. I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew

He moved my soul to seek Him,

seeking me.

It was not I that found

O Savior true;

No, I was found of Thee.

**Chorus:** I find, I walk, I love,

but oh, the whole

Of love is but my answer,

Lord, to Thee!

For Thou wert long beforehand

with my soul

Always Thou lovest me.

2. Thou didst reach forth Thy hand

and mine enfold;

I walked and sank not on

the storm vexed sea

'Twas not so much that I on

Thee took hold,

As Thou, dear Lord, on me.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Meredith Richmond*

Join in Prayer for Ross and Aislinn Meyer, serving in London

## Corporate Prayer

*Confession of Sin:*

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon:*

Christ was pierced for your transgressions. Christ was crushed for your iniquities. He alone is your foundation. He alone is your refuge. He alone is your living hope. You have confessed your sins. You have acknowledged your iniquity. Therefore, by the authority of Jesus Christ, and as a minister of his gospel, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## Welcoming One Another

## Announcements

## Scripture Reading

*Michael Briggs*

### Deuteronomy 5:12-15

<sup>12</sup>“Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>14</sup>but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall

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

### John 5:1-15

5 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. <sup>2</sup>Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. <sup>3</sup>Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. <sup>4</sup><sup>5</sup>One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

<sup>7</sup>“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

<sup>8</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” <sup>9</sup>At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, <sup>10</sup>and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

<sup>11</sup>But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

<sup>12</sup>So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

<sup>13</sup>The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

<sup>14</sup>Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” <sup>15</sup>The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord

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

## Sermon

*Pastor Corby*

“Where Else Would We Go”: The Trouble with Wholeness

## Closing Song

### Wonderful Merciful Savior

1. Wonderful, merciful Savior  
Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb  
Could rescue the souls of men  
Oh you rescue the souls of men  
2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper  
Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost the way  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way

3. You are the One that we praise  
You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for  
4. Almighty, infinite Father  
Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

## Benediction

**Announcements**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO CALL CORBY SHIELDS AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

The Session of Rock Creek Fellowship has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 18 immediately following the service at each site for the happy purpose of calling Corby Shields as our associate pastor.

We look forward to an opportunity as a congregation to honor and endorse Corby's pastoral leadership, investment, teaching, and nurture in our midst these past four years by having the congregation extend a call to him to serve as their associate pastor. This represents a switch from his current position as assistant pastor.

Please contact [Pastor Eric](#) if you have any questions about this process. There will be more information to come.

**EASTER AT ROCK CREEK**

On Easter morning, April 1, we will have a potluck brunch at 9:30, before the 10:30 am worship service. We will not have Sunday School on Easter morning. Sign up for brunch on the sign up sheet in the foyer today.

Please also bring flowers to help flower the cross as we celebrate Christ's resurrection!

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

Join us for our Good Friday service on Friday, March 30. We will meet at 6 pm at the Lula Lake Land Trust, 5000 Lula Lake Rd, Lookout Mountain, GA 30750. We will celebrate communion at this service.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the release form in the foyer.

**ROCK CREEK MISSION TRIP TO PERU**

*\*Join us for our first team meeting on Sunday, March 11! This meeting will be the last chance to sign up for the trip and space is limited! We will meet after the service in the cupola room at Durham Road.*

**COMMUNION CLASS FOR CHILDREN**

If your elementary age children are showing interest in the Lord's Supper and you are wanting to know more about how they may be admitted to the Lord's table, please contact the church office as we are trying to assess interest for a spring Communicants class to ready our believing children to communion with Christ at his table.

**RCF YOUTH GROUP**

We will meet together this Sunday, March 11 from 5-7 at Durham Road. We'll start with games and enjoy dinner together, then continue our teaching series "Who is Jesus?" We hope to see you there!

**DURHAM ROAD NURSERY SCHEDULE**

**This Week**

**0 - 1**

Alice Lancaster & Brittany Lloyd

**2-3**

Gale O'Neil & Eliot Jones

**4 - 5 Years**

Phyllis Egan & Nancy Fecht

**Next Week**

John & Marion Campbell

Rachael Luther & Asa Porter

Katie Tingle

**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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Here I raise my Ebenezer\*  
 Hither, by thy help, I'm come  
 And I hope by thy good pleasure  
 Safely to arrive at home



\* Ebenezer: rock of remembrance