

# Rock Creek Fellowship

## Worship

August 6, 2017  
9:00 AM

### Prelude Song

#### Revelation Song

1. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Holy, holy is He

Sing a new song to Him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat (Repeat)

**Chorus:** Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings  
You are my everything and I will adore You

2. Clothed in rainbows of living color

Flashes of lighting rolls of thunder

Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be

To You the only one who's King

#### Chorus

3. Filled with wonder awestruck wonder

At the mention of Your name

Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water

Such a marvelous mystery

Oh, You're worthy, mystery

You are worthy

#### Chorus

### Call to Worship

*Henry Henegar*

Let us worship God.

**“He is our refuge and our fortress,  
our God, in whom we trust.”**

Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,”  
and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

**“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,  
confessing him with our mouths, worshipping him in spirit and in truth.

—based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

### Worship in Song

#### On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Black Songbook pg. 20

### Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 37 and 38

Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

**A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness,  
and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united  
to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.**

Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

**A. At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be  
openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made  
perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God, to all eternity.**

### Worship with Tithes and Offering

#### 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)**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Joel Bostrom*

Join in Prayer for Michael and Carli Snyder, serving in Santiago, Spain.

### Welcoming One Another

### Announcements

### Scripture Reading

*Jackson Slagle*

#### Ecclesiastes 1:1-9

1 The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

<sup>2</sup> “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

<sup>3</sup> What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun?

<sup>4</sup> Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever.

<sup>5</sup> The sun rises and the sun sets, and hurries back to where it rises.

<sup>6</sup> The wind blows to the south and turns to the north;

round and round it goes, ever returning on its course.

<sup>7</sup> All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full.

To the place the streams come from, there they return again.

<sup>8</sup> All things are wearisome, more than one can say.

The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing.

<sup>9</sup> What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again;

there is nothing new under the sun.

#### Isaiah 65:17-19

<sup>17</sup> “See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create,

for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people;

the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,

**All: but the Word of our God stands forever.**

#### Romans 8:18-27

<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

<sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Sermon

*Pastor Corby*

*Our God Reigns: "Groaning in Pain, Groaning in Preparation"*

### Prayer of Confession

Why, Lord, must any child of yours be hurt?

Do all our pain and sorrow somehow please you?

You are a God so jealous for our praises—

hear this lament as prayer that fills the earth.

**We plead: Repair the brokenness we share.**

**Chastise no more, lest it destroy your creatures.**

**Hear this lament as intercessory prayer,**

**and speak your powerful Word to make us hopeful. Amen.**

Assurance of Hope:

What then are we to say about these things?

If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold his own Son,

but gave him up for all of us,

will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes,

who was raised, who is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine,

or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors  
through him who loved us.**

**For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,**

**nor angels, nor rulers,**

**nor things present, nor things to come,**

**nor powers, nor height, nor depth,**

**nor anything else in all creation,**

**will be able to separate us**

**from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

—Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

### 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.*

#### Guide Me O, Thou Great, Jehovah

Hymnal #682

#### Speak, O Lord

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You

To receive the food of Your Holy Word

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;

Shape and fashion us in Your likeness

That the light of Christ might be seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
 All Your purposes for Your glory.  
**2.** Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
 Holy reverence, true humility;  
 Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
 In the radiance of Your purity.  
 Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
 Your majestic love and authority.  
 Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
 Let their truth prevail over unbelief.  
**3.** Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
 Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
 Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
 That will echo down through eternity.  
 And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
 And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
 Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
 And the earth is filled with Your glory.

**Come Thou Fount**

Hymnal #11

**Closing Hymn**

**What Wondrous Love is This**

Hymnal #314

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**RCF YOUTH**

**Save the date!**

Students, save the date for our annual Fall Retreat! We will go to Camp Vesper Point with area churches on September 15-17. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!

**White Water Rafting**

Save the date for our annual White Water Rafting Trip. Plan on leaving right after church on Sunday, August 20th and returning around 6 pm that evening.

More details to come as it gets closer.

**PRAY FOR ME 2017-2018**

**Let us know if you want to be a Prayer Champion!**

We are excited as we again begin the process as a church family to effectively pass along our faith and support our young people--the Pray for Me Campaign. Here's the deal: every teenager involved will have a team of three Prayer Champions who are committed to praying for them each school year using the Pray for Me Prayer Guide. This will allow older and younger generations to connect in a powerful way through the avenue of prayer.

Here's how you can be involved: Let Courtney McWhorter know if you would like to sign up to be a prayer Champion! College Students, you are an integral part of this so please sign up. We will have more information and announcements coming in the next few weeks as we get ready to launch in September. **PLEASE contact us if you are wanting to sign up to be a Prayer Champion again. Simply call/text/email Courtney saying "I'm in for Pray for Me." (770-540-8659)**

**FALL KICK-OFF**

Save the date for our Fall Kick-Off on Sunday, September 10! Stay tuned for more details in the weeks to come.

**THURSDAY MORNING COMMUNITY PRAYER**

Join us at Ann Stewart's home on Thursday mornings for a time of community prayer. We meet at 10 a.m. at 658 Mount Olive Road, Lookout Mountain.

**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 for children grades K-5 currently meets during the service. Community Groups meet in various homes throughout the week. Check our website, [www.rockcreekfellowship.org](http://www.rockcreekfellowship.org), for more info about both.

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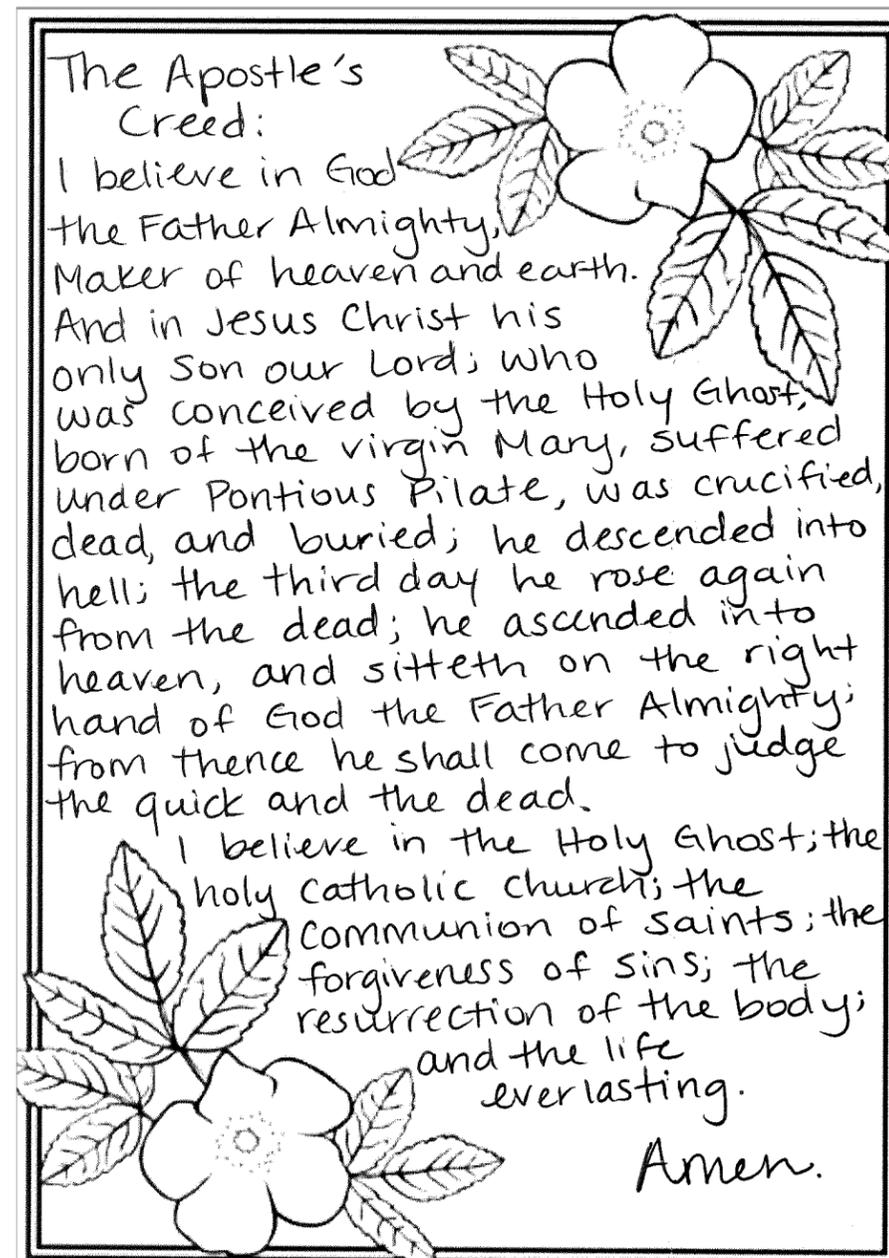
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The Apostle's Creed:  
 I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontious Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose 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 the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.