

Rock Creek Fellowship
Worship
May 5, 2024
10:45 AM

Prelude Song

“Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)”

Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul,
Oh my soul, worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I’ll worship Your Holy name

1. The sun comes up
It’s a new day dawning
It’s time to sing Your song again

(CHORUS)

Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing

When the evening comes **(CHORUS)**

2. You’re rich in love
And You’re slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons

For my heart to find **(CHORUS)**

Call to Worship

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God’s house
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

Worship in Song

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

1. Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior’s name
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God

2. Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
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 conqu’ror’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

Pastor Brian

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.

Worship with Tithes and Offering

“Jesus Cast a Look On Me”

1. Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know
2. All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet
3. Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood
5. In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ralph Kelley

Welcoming One Another

“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

Announcements

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Tabitha Croucher

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord,

“when I will make a new covenant

with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant

I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”

declares the Lord.

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the Lord.

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the Lord.

“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,

All: but the Word of our God stands forever.

Romans 8:1-17

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

¹²Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Newness of Life: “Being Fully Who We Are”

Pastor Eric

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.

(Communion Songs on Insert)

Closing Song

"Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)"

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee?
O who shall stand before Thee?
2. To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy
And live alone by mercy
3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit;

His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience
I wait for it with patience
4. What though I wait the live-long night
And til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait 'til God appeareth
And wait 'til God appeareth
5. Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow
From all their sin and sorrow

Benediction

Announcements

CHURCH LUNCHEON

Join us after the service today for a church-wide luncheon as we welcome Brian, Jessica, Noah and Evelyn Thomas to our church family.

LULA LAKE HIKE/PICNIC

On Sunday, May 19 after the service at Durham Rd. we will have a church hike/BYO picnic at the Lula Lake Land Trust. The gates will open at 12:30 and close at 5PM. Look for more details soon.

CINCO DE MAYO YOUTH PARTY

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us this Sunday from 6-8PM at Durham Rd. for a Cinco de Mayo youth party. If you have any questions, please reach out to Avenly.

NEW HERE? We welcome you to Rock Creek! Nursery is available for ages 0-5 during the worship service in the children's wing. 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.

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.



Elders (* indicates elder attends Lula Lake)

Dave Boozer	423-598-2144
Don Dutton*	423-488-7130
Kelly Gilbert*	423-605-7215
Henry Henegar*	423-364-2388
Matt Jelley	423-503-8505
Ron Jones*	575-618-1051
Scott Jones	423-903-5279
Sandy Shaw	631-942-6337
Dave Worland*	423-322-5369
Thomas Hayes	423-802-7107
John Conrad	423-605-3444
Matthew Bryant*	423-432-7236
Matt Brown	423-503-5202

Deacons (* indicates deacon attends Lula Lake)

James Bevill*	423-618-8669
Joel Bostrom	423-503-5635
Nathan Brauer	706-996-4011
Stephen Bontekoe	423-421-2543
Buford Craig*	423.421.7564
Adam Keith	423-242-8025
Mark Richmond	423-834-6975
Golden Goss	478-636-3190
Matt Luther	803-546-3304
Joe Lloyd	678-978-4060

Rock Creek Fellowship
2008 Durham Rd.
Rising Fawn, GA 30738

Pastor:

Eric Youngblood 423.304.0096

eric@rockcreekfellowship.org

Assistant Pastor:

Brian Thomas 256-762-8118

brian@rockcreekfellowship.org

Assistant Pastor of Preaching:

Andy Jones

andy@rockcreekfellowship.org

Youth Director:

Avenly Jones 828-808-5571

avenly@rockcreekfellowship.org

Music at Durham:

Matt Brown 423.503.5202

matthewlanebrown@gmail.com

Music at Lula Lake:

Jeff and Jennifer Neal 423-313-2488

jennifer.daniels.neal@gmail.com

Lula Lake Coordinator:

Anna Goss 423-619-3913

annajoujan@hotmail.com

Office Administrator:

Kristen Jelley 706.398.7141

kristen@rockcreekfellowship.org

Children's Ministry at Durham Road:

Kendra Tingle 423.902.7841

kendra@rockcreekfellowship.org

Women's Ministry Coordinator:

Lisa Brown 229-413-2656

lisacoward@gmail.com

Men's Ministry Coordinator:

John Sadler 865-809-5289

sadlerjohn8@gmail.com

Caretaker:

Caleb and Honey McNaughton

(205) 639-9489

Finances:

*All songs are printed under CCLI #191404

rockcreek.finances@gmail.com

Rock Creek Fellowship

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 life 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