



James River  
Community Church

Corporate Worship Gathering

Sunday February 5, 2023

## **God is For Us**

*Michael Farren, James Ferguson, Tiarne Tranter, Jesse Reeves, Jonny Robinson, James Tealy, Rich Thompson*

We won't fear the battle  
We won't fear the night  
We will walk the valley  
With you by our side  
You will go before us  
You will lead the way  
We have found a refuge  
Only you can save

*Sing with joy now  
Our God is for us  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now  
No love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us*

Even when I stumble  
Even when I fall  
Even when I turn back  
Still your love is sure  
You will not abandon  
You will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward  
With never ending grace

Neither height nor depth can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He who gave his son to free us  
Holds me in his love

## Call to Worship

*Adapted from 1 Chronicles 16:8-14.*

*Please participate by reading the underlined portions.*

Give thanks to the Lord! Call upon his name! Make his deeds known among the nations!

**Sing praises to him! And tell of all his wonderful works!**

Glory in his holy name! Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**Remember the wondrous works that he has done. He is the Lord our God. His judgments are in all the earth!**

## How Great Thou Art

*Carl Boberg, Stuart Hine*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

And when I think that God, His Son, not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

## **Congregational Prayer**

*Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer (1662).*

Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have sinned, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the desires of our own hearts, and offended against your 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. There is nothing good in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Grant that we may live a life of godliness and righteousness. To the glory of your great name.

Amen.

## **Before Jehovah's Awful Throne**

*Isaac Watts*

Before Jehovah's awful throne  
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy  
Know that the Lord is God alone  
He can create, and he destroy

His sovereign power, without our aid  
Made us of clay, and formed us men  
And when like wandering sheep we strayed  
He brought us to his fold again

We'll crowd his gates with thankful songs  
High as the heavens our voices raise  
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues  
Shall fill thy courts with sounding praise

Wide as the world is thy command  
Vast as eternity thy love  
Firm as a rock thy truth shall stand  
When rolling years shall cease to move

## **Statement of Faith**

### *Salvation*

We believe that salvation from the penalty of our sin can only be attained through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who forgives our sin and declares us righteous by his grace, and not by works, or effort, or merit.

Saving faith is always accompanied by true repentance. Because of God's sustaining power, every true believer will persevere to the end.

## **Member Covenant**

We will commit to the ministry of attendance, gathering regularly as a church to worship God, encourage one another, and observe the sacraments.

## **Amazing Grace**

*John Newton*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Twas grace that brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease  
I shall possess within the veil  
A life of joy and peace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun

*\* Children (up to 2nd grade) are dismissed to Children's Church.*

## Romans 7:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?

<sup>2</sup> For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.

<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

<sup>4</sup> Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup> For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup> But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

# Notes

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*Elements are gluten-free and alcohol-free.*

### **There is One Gospel**

*Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson*

There is one gospel on which I stand  
For all eternity  
It is my story, my Father's plan  
The Son has rescued me  
Oh what a gospel, Oh what a peace  
My highest joy and my deepest need  
Now and forever He is my light  
I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one gospel to which I cling  
All else I count as loss  
For there, where justice and mercy meet  
He saved me on the cross  
No more I boast in what I can bring  
No more I carry the weight of sin  
For He has brought me from death to life  
I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one gospel where hope is found  
The empty tomb still speaks  
For death could not keep my Savior down  
He lives and I am free  
Now on my Savior, I fix my eyes  
My life is His and His hope is mine!  
For He has promised I, too, will rise  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this gospel the church is one  
We do not walk alone  
We have His Spirit as we press on  
To lead us safely home  
And when in glory still I will sing  
Of this old story that rescued me  
Praise to my Savior, the King of life  
I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

*After the service, please stay a while and fellowship with us. We are so glad you're here!*

## Visiting JRCC

We are so glad that you are here! We hope that your visit is encouraging to your soul. Please fill out a Connect Card and drop it in the offering (or online), so that we can get to know you!



## Membership at JRCC

You are welcome to visit any time, but the best way to feel at home at JRCC is to become a member. If you are interested in membership, or have questions, please let us know!

## Children

- Nursery (infants, up to age 3) is available during the service.
- Children's Church (age 4 to 2nd grade) begins when the sermon begins.



## Giving

There are several ways to give to James River Community Church:

- In the offering box in the back of the sanctuary.
- Online or by mail, by visiting [www.jrccsuffolk.org/give](http://www.jrccsuffolk.org/give).

## Reflection Questions

Questions to help you reflect on the sermon, or discuss it in community with others.



## Contact

If you have any questions, or if there is anything that we can do to serve you, please let us know. We would love to hear from you!

- Church Office - [office@jrccsuffolk.org](mailto:office@jrccsuffolk.org)
- Pastor - Ben LoPresti - [ben.lopresti@jrccsuffolk.org](mailto:ben.lopresti@jrccsuffolk.org)

## Announcements

- Member Meeting
  - Sunday, February 5, 6pm
- Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser
  - Return bottles by Sunday, February 19
- Ladies Fellowship Dinner
  - Saturday, February 25, 5:30pm
- CAPS Night Stay
  - March 22-29