



# James River Community Church

Corporate Worship Gathering

## Sunday May 21, 2023

## **Come Praise and Glorify**

*Bob Kaufflin, Tim Chester*

Come praise and glorify our God  
The Father of our Lord  
In Christ He has in heavenly realms  
His blessings on us poured  
For pure and blameless in His sight  
He destined us to be  
And now we've been adopted through  
His Son eternally

*To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace  
To the praise of Your glory  
You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God  
Who gives His grace in Christ  
In Him our sins are washed away  
Redeemed through sacrifice  
In Him God has made known to us  
The mystery of His will  
That Christ should be the head of all  
His purpose to fulfill

Come praise and glorify our God  
For we've believed the Word  
And through our faith we have a seal  
The Spirit of the Lord  
The Spirit guarantees our hope  
Until redemption's done  
Until we join in endless praise  
To God, the Three in One

## Call to Worship

*Adapted from Psalm 139.*

*Please participate by reading the underlined portions.*

Where, O Lord, can we go from your Spirit? Where can we flee from your presence?

**If we go up to the heavens, you are there! If we make our bed in the depths, you are there!**

Even if we rise on the wings of the dawn. Even if we settle on the far side of the sea.

**Even there, your hand will guide us! Your right hand will hold me fast!**

## All Praise to Him

*Horatius Bonar, Matt Merker, Bob Kauflin*

All praise to Him, the God of light  
Who formed the mountains by His might  
All praise to Him Who names the stars  
That sing His fame in skies afar  
All praise to Him Who reigns in love  
Who guides the galaxies above  
Yet bends to hear our every prayer  
With sovereign power and tender care

All praise to Him whose love is seen  
In Christ the Son, the Servant King  
Who left behind His glorious throne  
To pay the ransom for His own  
All praise to Him Who humbly came  
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame  
Who lived to die, Who died to rise  
The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose power imparts  
The love of God within our hearts  
The Spirit of all truth and peace  
The fount of joy and holiness  
To Father, Son, and Spirit now  
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow  
To You, the Triune God, we raise  
With loving hearts our song of praise

## **Congregational Prayer**

*Adapted from a Puritan prayer entitled "Divine Promises".*

Heavenly Father,

You have spoken your promises to us in Christ Jesus.

Forgive us for our lack of faith, and for doubting you. Forgive us for the times when we place our hope in the things of this world.

Help us to look to Jesus, and his death and resurrection, as the grounds of our assurance, and the spring of our hope.

Help us to walk in your will, delight in your law, and trust that your purposes are for our good.

Help us to glorify you, even as we walk through trials and suffering.

Help us to overcome doubt and fear, and to experience eternal security in Christ.

Give us confidence, and faith, so that we can worship you and glorify you.

It's in Jesus's name that we pray.

Amen.

## **Christ Is Mine Forevermore**

*Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson*

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall, his love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for his name  
But mine is armor for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And he has said he will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul  
For his love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore

## **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 give cheerfully, regularly, and generously to support the ministry of the church, the needs of our neighbors, and the proclamation of the gospel around the world.

## **Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor**

*Matt Boswell, Matt Papa*

Christ the sure and steady anchor  
In the fury of the storm  
When the winds of doubt blow through me  
And my sails have all been torn  
In the suffering, in the sorrow  
When my sinking hopes are few  
I will hold fast to the anchor  
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor  
While the tempest rages on  
When temptation claims the battle  
And it seems the night has won  
Deeper still then goes the anchor  
Though I justly stand accused  
I will hold fast to the anchor  
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor  
Through the floods of unbelief  
Hopeless, somehow, o my soul now  
Lift your eyes to calvary  
This my ballast of assurance  
See His love forever proved  
I will hold fast to the anchor  
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor  
As we face the wave of death  
When these trials give way to glory  
As we draw our final breath  
We will cross that great horizon  
Clouds behind and life secure  
And the calm will be the better  
For the storms that we endure

Christ the sure of our salvation  
Ever faithful, ever true  
We will hold fast to the anchor  
It shall never be removed

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

## Daniel 6

<sup>1</sup> It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom; <sup>2</sup> and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss. <sup>3</sup> Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. <sup>4</sup> Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. <sup>5</sup> Then these men said, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God."

<sup>6</sup> Then these high officials and satraps came by agreement to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever! <sup>7</sup> All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. <sup>8</sup> Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked." <sup>9</sup> Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction.

<sup>10</sup> When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. <sup>11</sup> Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. <sup>12</sup> Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, "O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." <sup>13</sup> Then they answered and said before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."

<sup>14</sup> Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him. <sup>15</sup> Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians



that no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.”

<sup>16</sup> Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!” <sup>17</sup> And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. <sup>18</sup> Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

<sup>19</sup> Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. <sup>20</sup> As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” <sup>21</sup> Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.” <sup>23</sup> Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. <sup>24</sup> And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

<sup>25</sup> Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: “Peace be multiplied to you. <sup>26</sup> I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel,

for he is the living God,  
enduring forever;  
his kingdom shall never be destroyed,  
and his dominion shall be to the end.

<sup>27</sup> He delivers and rescues;  
he works signs and wonders  
in heaven and on earth,  
he who has saved Daniel  
from the power of the lions.”

<sup>28</sup> So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

**Notes**

## **It Is Well with My Soul**

*Horatio G. Spafford, Philip P. Bliss*

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well with my soul

*It is well with my soul*

*It is well with my soul*

*It is well, it is well with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate  
And has shed His own blood for my soul

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin, not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend  
Even so, it is well with my soul

## **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!

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## Announcements

- Missions Team Meeting (online)
  - Monday, May 22
  - 8pm
- Sunday school
  - Sunday mornings, 10am
  - Until May 28, then off for the summer
- Member Meeting
  - Sunday, June 4
  - 6pm

