



James River Community Church

Corporate Worship Gathering

Sunday May 18, 2025

I Am Not My Own

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Skye Peterson

The One who made the heavens made my heart and soul
Before I drew a breath, I was loved and known
I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece
And all that He designs will be done in me

My body is a temple of the Living God
I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought
As I bear His image, oh may I not profane
The holiness I hold in this earthly frame

*I belong to the Lord, oh I am not my own
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own*

And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own
The measure of my worth is His love alone
He declares my standing, and He declares my state
So I will know myself by the name He gave

I am not my own and now my heart is free
O Maker come and make what You will of me
There is nothing broken that You cannot repair
So Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 97.

Please participate by reading the underlined portions.

The Lord reigns! Let the earth be glad! Let the distant shores rejoice!

Clouds and thick darkness are all around him! Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne! Fire goes before him, and burns up his adversaries all around!

His lightning lights up the world! The earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness! His people see his glory, and rejoice! They are glad, because of the Lord's righteous judgments!

You, O Lord, are the Most High over all the earth. You are exalted far above all gods. You guard the lives of your faithful ones, and deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Light shines on the righteous, and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name!

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

Congregational Prayer

Adapted from a Puritan prayer entitled "Meeting God".

Great God,

We long to be people who are faithful in prayer. Both in public, and in private.

We enter into your presence, invited by your promises, and called by your Spirit, to stand in awe of you, and to worship you.

We acknowledge that we have nothing to bring. Nothing to contribute to our salvation, except our own guilt. So we plead the righteousness of Jesus to atone for our sin. We rejoice that he satisfies the demands of divine justice for us.

Our sin deserves infinite punishment, because it was committed against an infinite God. And yet, your grace is free, and deep, and greater than our sin.

Please reveal more of your saving grace to us. Strengthen us, to cling to the cross, and to submit to Christ's authority in word, thought, and deed.

In Jesus's name.

Amen.

God Of Wonders

Marc Byrd, Steve Hindalong

Lord of all creation
Of water, earth, and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy*

Lord of Heaven and Earth

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
And when I stumble into darkness
I will call Your name by night

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth

*God of wonders, beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me
Father hold me, hold me
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy*

Lord of Heaven and Earth

Nicene Creed

(381 AD)

We believe in one God,
the Father, Ruler of all,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all time,
Light, from Light,
true God from true God;
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father,
through Whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made a man.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate,
and suffered and was buried,
and rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven,
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
He shall come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead;
His kingdom shall have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who is worshiped and glorified together with the Father and Son,
and Who spoke through the Prophets.

We believe in the one holy, universal and apostolic church.
We confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
and we look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Is He Worthy?

Andrew Peterson, Ben Shive

Do you feel the world is broken? *We do*
Do you feel the shadows deepen? *We do*
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting
through? *We do*
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? *We do*

Is all creation groaning? *It is*
Is a new creation coming? *It is*
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? *It is*
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? *It is*

Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah
Who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb
Who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy?
Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this?
He is

Does the Father truly love us? *He does*
Does the Spirit move among us? *He does*
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? *He does*
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? *He does*

Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah
Who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb
Who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe
Every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
To reign with the Son
Is He worthy?
Is He worthy?

*Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy?
Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?*

He is

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Of all blessing an honor and glory
He is worthy of this*

He is

Worship through Giving

If you are not a Christian, we are not asking for your money. Instead - we invite you to receive the free gift of salvation that God offers us through Christ.

If you are a Christian, giving is an act of worship, and an opportunity to support the ministry of the church, the needs of our neighbors, and the proclamation of the gospel around the world. We would encourage you to give cheerfully, regularly, generously, and in proportion to what God has given to you. If you'd like to contribute, you can place your gift in the offering box in the back, or online (www.jrccsuffolk.org/give).

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

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

Nothing But the Blood

Robert Lowry

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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.

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

- Student Ministry
 - Sunday, May 18
 - 6pm-7:30pm
- Memorial Day Outreach
 - Virginia Beach Boardwalk
 - May 23-25

