



Corporate Worship Gathering

Sunday August 17, 2025

O Church Arise

Stuart Townend, Keith Getty

O church, arise, and put your armor on
Hear the call of Christ our captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold, whose battle cry is love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

*Arise, shine for your light has come
Arise, shine for the Risen Son
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride
Arise, o church arise*

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old, still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in Glory

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 35.

Please participate by reading the underlined portions.

Our souls will rejoice in the Lord! We will exult in His salvation!

Who is like the Lord? Delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him! Delivering the poor and needy from him who robs him!

Enemies rise up. They repay evil for good. Our souls are bereft. Our lives are marked by grief, and lament, and mourning.

How long, will you look on, O Lord? Rescue us from destruction! Rescue our lives from the lions!

Do not be silent, O Lord! Do not be far from us! Awake, and rise to our defense! Vindicate us in your righteousness!

Great is the Lord, who delights in the welfare of his servants! My tongue shall tell of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long!

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Congregational Prayer

Adapted from a prayer of John Knox.

Almighty God,

Whose image we bear, whose laws and commands we know, and
whose power we proclaim in the world,

Please look on us in mercy and compassion.

We have chased after the selfish idols of wealth, status, and pleasure.
We have neglected your word, and despised your correction. We have
rebelled against you, while you call us into favor and fellowship.

Please hear our prayers, and forgive our sins. Not because our merits
deserve it, but because Jesus Christ has hidden our life within his own,
and now lives to intercede for us.

It's in his name that we pray.

Amen.

Christ the True and Better

Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, Matt Papa

Christ the true and better Adam
Son of God and Son of man
Who, when tempted in the garden
Never yielded, never sinned
He who makes the many righteous
Brings us back to life again
Dying, He reversed the curse, then
Rising, crushed the serpent's head

Christ the true and better Isaac
Humble son of sacrifice
Who would climb the fearful mountain
There to offer up his life
Laid with faith upon the altar
Father's joy and only son
There salvation was provided
Oh what full and boundless love

Amen! Amen!
From beginning to end
Christ the story
His the glory
Alleluia! Amen!

Christ the true and better Moses
Called to lead a people home
Standing bold to earthly powers
God's great glory to be known
With his arms stretched wide to heaven
See the waters part in two
See the veil is torn forever
Cleansed with blood we pass now through

Christ the true and better David
Lowly shepherd, mighty King
He the champion in the battle
Where, o death, is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered
Crown Him Lord of majesty
His shall be the throne forever
We shall e'er His people be

Statement of Faith

Church

We believe in the Church, the body of believers that God has saved, and has called out of the world to live with him under His rule. All believers are members of the universal, invisible church – the bride for whom Christ died. The local church is an earthly, visible expression of the universal, invisible Church. It is to be comprised of regenerate members, led by a plurality of elders, and served by deacons.

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.

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

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.*

Psalm 123

Our Eyes Look to the Lord Our God

A Song of Ascents

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
- 2 Behold, as the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maidservant
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
till he has mercy upon us.
- 3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- 4 Our soul has had more than enough
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Isaac Watts, Chris Tomlin, J. D. Walt, Jesse Reeves, Lowell Mason

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

*O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die
And find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here
By grace draw near and bless Your name*

See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all

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!

- Church Office - office@jrccsuffolk.org
- Pastor - Ben LoPresti - ben.lopresti@jrccsuffolk.org

Announcements

- Men's Ministry Gathering
 - Thursday, August 28
 - 6:30pm
- Member Meeting, Potluck Lunch
 - Sunday, September 7
 - After Corporate Worship
- Sunday School
 - Fall semester begins Sunday, September 14.

