



Corporate Worship Gathering

Sunday August 24, 2025

Praise His Name (Psalm 148)

Marc Willerton, Nathan Stiff

Reaches of heaven, starry heights
Lights of the evening dancing in silent skies
Brilliance of morning, breaking day
O let them praise Him, praise His name

O praise His name
O praise His name
Let all His wondrous works declare His praise

Mightiest mountains, peaceful plains
Snowfall and fire, thundering ocean waves
Kings and their kingdoms, age to age
O let them praise Him, praise His name

King enthroned in majesty
All things made by His decree
Hear creation's melody
Praise Him, Praise Him
Everything with life and breath
Everywhere from east to west
Every heart raised from the dead
Praise Him, Praise Him
Angels echo the refrain
Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain
Name above all other names
Praise Him

Call to Worship

Adapted from 2 Samuel 22.

Please participate by reading the underlined portions.

The Lord is our rock! He is our fortress and our deliverer! Our rock, in whom we take refuge! Our shield, and the horn of our salvation!

The Lord is our stronghold! Our refuge and our Savior!

The Lord lives! Praise be to the Rock! May God our Savior be exalted!

We will praise you, Lord, among the nations! We will sing the praises of your name!

His Glory and My Good

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Ben Fielding

I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good

There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

*To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know
His glory is my good*

See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good

Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good

Congregational Prayer

Adapted from Psalm 25.

Heavenly Father,

Help us to know your ways, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation. We will wait for you all the day long.

Please remember your mercy, and your steadfast love, O Lord, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of our youth, or our transgressions. Instead, remember us according to your steadfast love, for the sake of your goodness.

Please pardon our guilt, for your name's sake.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Power of the Cross

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood

*This, the power of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Every bitter thought
Every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Now the daylight flees
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two
Dead are raised to life
"Finished!" the victory cry

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds
For through Your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death
Life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

Statement of Faith

Sacraments

We believe in Baptism and the Lord's Supper - the two sacraments ordained by Jesus to be practiced in the church. God's people are to be baptized by true believers in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And they are to enjoy the Lord's Supper together regularly, as an ongoing act of remembering the death of Jesus Christ – his broken body and shed blood.

Member Covenant

If we leave this congregation, we will continue to follow Jesus, and join another church as soon as possible that preaches the same gospel, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word. By his grace, we will follow Christ, in the fellowship of his church, until he returns.

Ancient of Days

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves

Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King
Reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

*None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Savior King
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

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.*

Psalms 120

- 1 In my distress I called to the Lord,
and he answered me.
- 2 Deliver me, O Lord,
from lying lips,
from a deceitful tongue.
- 3 What shall be given to you,
and what more shall be done to you,
you deceitful tongue?
- 4 A warrior's sharp arrows,
with glowing coals of the broom tree!
- 5 Woe to me, that I sojourn in Meshech,
that I dwell among the tents of Kedar!
- 6 Too long have I had my dwelling
among those who hate peace.
- 7 I am for peace,
but when I speak, they are for war!

Notes

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

William Cowper

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
'Til all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing thy power to save

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

