



Corporate Worship Gathering

Sunday October 5, 2025

Across The Lands

Stuart Townend, Keith Getty

You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began
Every star and every planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice

*You're the Author of creation
You're the Lord of every man
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands*

Yet You left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer You fed the hungry
With a word You calmed the sea
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free

With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your way
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 61.

Please participate by reading the underlined portions.

Hear our cry, O God! Listen to our prayer! From the ends of the earth we call to you, even as our hearts grow faint. Lead us to the rock that is higher than we are.

You have been our refuge, a strong tower against our enemies! We long to dwell in your presence forever, and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

For you, God, have heard our vows. You have given us the heritage of those who fear your name.

We will ever sing in praise to your name, and fulfill our vows day after day.

Because He Lives

William Gaither, Gloria Gaither

God sent His son, they called him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living, just because He lives*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives

And then one day, I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then, as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives

Congregational Prayer

Adapted from a Puritan prayer entitled "Conflict".

Lord God,

You are our protector, our fortress, our refuge, our shield.

When you fight for us, our enemies flee. When you uphold us, we never fall. When you strengthen us, we stand unmoved.

Help us to hate our sin with a righteous hatred, and to look to Christ. There is no pardon except through his death, no cleansing except in his blood, no atonement except through him.

Keep us mindful of the awful miseries, and lostness, and eternal destruction from which we've been saved.

Help us to cling closely to you, with a faith that is firm. Help us to hate sin as much as you love us.

In Jesus's name.

Amen.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley

Come Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee
Dayspring from on high, appear
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse
For thy birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing
New glad tidings of a birth
Go to him, your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come to earth to taste our sadness
He whose glories knew no end
By his life he brings us gladness
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend
Leaving riches without number
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder
Christ was born the Lord of all

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Statement of Faith

Holy Spirit

We believe in the Person of the Holy Spirit. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for the salvation of lost and sinful man. We believe the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, eternally existent with the Father and the Son; who draws God's people to himself; indwells them and regenerates their hearts so that they can trust in Christ; fills and empowers them, producing fruit in their lives, so that they can grow to be more like Jesus; and seals them for the day of redemption, ensuring that they will persevere to the end.

Member Covenant

We will rejoice with those who rejoice, celebrating the grace of God in their lives. We will mourn with those who mourn and suffer, bearing their burdens and sorrows with compassion.

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Brenton Brown, Paul Baloche

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

*When we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your presence, all our fears are washed away
Washed away*

*Hosanna! Hosanna!
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises*

*Hosanna! Hosanna!
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom, broken lives are made new
You make us new

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).

Sermon

Isaiah 28-35

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

If you are a member of James River Community Church (or if you are a baptized member in good standing at a church that preaches the same gospel that you've heard here), we invite you to celebrate the Lord's Supper with us.

When you are ready, please come forward to receive the elements. (Elements are gluten-free and alcohol-free.) Take a moment to pray, and remember the person and work of Christ. Confess your sin, and receive God's grace. Reflect on the gospel, and celebrate it as you eat and drink.

If you are not a Christian, instead of taking communion, we invite you to take Christ. To turn from your sin, and trust in him, and receive the grace that he freely offers.

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
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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

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

- Member Meeting, Potluck Lunch
 - After Corporate Worship
- Neighborhood Farm Pumpkin Festival
 - Saturday, October 11
 - 10am-3pm
- Men's Ministry Conference
 - November 7-8
- Fundamentally Us Marriage Seminar
 - Saturday, January 31

