



Corporate Worship Gathering

Sunday October 12, 2025

## **His Mercy Is More**

*Matt Papa*

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea, without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

What patience would wait, as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us  
His blood was the payment his life was the cost  
We stood neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, his mercy more

## **Call to Worship**

*Adapted from Psalm 91.*

*Please participate by reading the underlined portions.*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty!

**The Lord is our refuge and our fortress! He is our God, and we trust in him!**

The Lord will deliver us from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence!

**The Lord will protect us, and we will find refuge under the shelter of his wings! His faithfulness will be our shield!**

The Lord will deliver us and protect us, because we love him, and we trust in him!

**The Lord will answer us when we call to him! He will be with us in times of trouble! We will rescue us, and honor us, and satisfy us with his salvation!**

## **Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus**

*Louisa M. R. Stead, William James Kirkpatrick*

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to take Him at His word  
Just to rest upon His promise  
Just to know Thus saith the Lord

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus  
O for grace to trust Him more*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to trust His cleansing blood  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
Neath the healing cleansing flood

Yes tis sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest and joy and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee  
Precious Jesus, Savior, friend  
And I know that Thou art with me  
Will be with me to the end

## **Congregational Prayer**

*Adapted from a prayer of Richard Baxter.*

Most great, just, and gracious God,

You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. You condemn the ungodly, unrepentant, and unbelievers, but you have promised mercy, pardon, and salvation through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him.

Therefore, we confess our sin to you. We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have not been content with our daily bread.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. We confess that you are our only hope.

Make us your children, and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior.

Amen.

## **O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer**

*Nathan Stiff*

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God, like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts  
My song when enemies surround me  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Gracious Savior of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

## **Statement of Faith**

*Mankind*

We believe that God created humanity, male and female, in His image, for his glory. Divinely ordained differences between male and female reflect God's original creation design and are meant for human good and human flourishing. Humanity was created to know God, and to experience His fellowship, and to glorify him.

## **Member Covenant**

We will faithfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus, welcoming strangers with grace and hospitality, and actively seeking opportunities to share Christ with our family, friends, and neighbors.

## **Be Thou My Vision**

*Mary E. Byrne, Eleanor H. Hull*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou my inheritance, now and always  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
High King of glory, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

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



**Sermon**

Isaiah 36-39

## **Jesus Is Better**

*Aaron Ivey, Brett Land*

There is no other so sure and steady  
My hope is held in Your hand  
When castles crumble and breath is fleeting  
Upon this rock I will stand  
Upon this rock I will stand

*Glory, glory  
We have no other King  
But Jesus, Lord of all  
We raise the anthem  
Our loudest praises ring  
We crown Him Lord of all*

Your kindly rule has shattered and broken  
The curse of sin's tyranny  
My life is hidden beneath Heaven's shadow  
Your crimson flood covers me  
Your crimson flood covers me

In all my sorrows, Jesus is better  
Make my heart believe  
In every victory, Jesus is better  
Make my heart believe  
Than any comfort, Jesus is better  
Make my heart believe  
More than all riches, Jesus is better  
Make my heart believe  
And our souls declaring, Jesus is better  
Make my heart believe  
And our song eternal, Jesus is better  
Make my heart believe

## **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!

- Church Office - [office@jrccsuffolk.org](mailto:office@jrccsuffolk.org)
- Pastor - Ben LoPresti - [ben.lopresti@jrccsuffolk.org](mailto:ben.lopresti@jrccsuffolk.org)

## Announcements

- JRCC Men's Ministry
  - Thursday, October 23, 6:30pm
- Men's Ministry Conference
  - November 7-8
- Service Opportunity (Cleaning Dorothy Evans' property)
  - Saturday, November 15, 9am
- Christmas Pageant
  - Sunday, December 7
- Marriage Seminar
  - Saturday, January 31
- Small Groups
  - Mary Sue Rawls (women) - Tuesday mornings
  - Jason Sleichter - Wednesday evenings
  - Paul Munden - Wednesday evenings
  - Eric Schuster - Thursday evenings

