



James River Community Church

Corporate Worship Gathering

Sunday October 26, 2025

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

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 79.

Please participate by reading the underlined portions.

O God, your enemies have conquered your land, and desecrated your holy temple. They have spilled the blood of your people, and left them as food for birds and wild animals. We are objects of contempt and scorn and derision.

How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever? Come to our rescue, and defend us!

Help us, God our Savior! For the glory of your name! Forgive our sin, and extend mercy and compassion to us, for we are in desperate need! Deliver us and forgive us, for your name's sake!

We are your people. We are the sheep of your pasture. We trust in you, and will give thanks to you forever. From generation to generation we will declare your praise!

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

John Newton, Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the laws loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation
Holds in view the conquerors crown
He who washed us with His blood
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
You have washed us with your blood
You are worthy Lamb of God

Congregational Prayer

Adapted from a Puritan prayer entitled "Spiritual Growth".

Lord Most High,

We desire to grow closer to you.

Our sins are great and numberless, but you are rich in mercy. The blood of your Son can cleanse us from our sin. The power of your Spirit can help us to overcome our sin.

Please give us a tender conscience, that is not at peace with sin. Help us to have integrity. To be the same in public and private, in prosperity and adversity.

Help us to be people of virtue, knowledge, temperance, godliness, kindness, and charity.

Help us to believe, and love, and cherish the gospel. And to obey it cheerfully. And to proclaim it faithfully.

In Jesus's name.

Amen.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the name, I'm fixed upon it
Name of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by thy great help I've come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Sorrowing I shall be in spirit
Till released from flesh and sin
Yet from what I do inherit
Here Thy praises I'll begin
How His kindness yet pursues me
Mortal tongue can never tell
Clothed in flesh, till death shall loose me
I cannot proclaim it well

Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Oh that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy power will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last

Statement of Faith

Salvation

We believe that salvation from the penalty of our sin can only be attained through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who forgives our sin and declares us righteous by his grace, and not by works, or effort, or merit.

Saving faith is always accompanied by true repentance. Because of God's sustaining power, every true believer will persevere to the end.

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.

Abide

Aaron Keyes, Aaron Williams, Jake Fauber

For my waking breath
For my daily bread
I depend on You
I depend on You

For the sun to rise
For my sleep at night
I depend on You
I depend on You

*You're the way, the truth, and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide*

Where the Spirit leads
As I'm following
I depend on You
I depend on You

For the victories
Still in front of me
I depend on You
I depend on You

*Be my strength, my song in the night
Be my all, my treasure, my prize
I am Yours forever, You're mine
Draw me close and teach me to abide*

When I pass through death
As I enter rest
I depend on You
I depend on You

For eternal life
To be raised with Christ
I depend on You
I depend on You

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

Sermon

Isaiah 49-55

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker, Matt Papa

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

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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- Pastor - Ben LoPresti - ben.lopresti@jrccsuffolk.org

Announcements

- Youth Group CAPS Donation Drive
 - October 26 - November 9
- Men's Ministry Conference
 - November 7-8
- Service Opportunity (Cleaning Dorothy Evans' property)
 - Saturday, November 15, 9am
- Chili Cook-Off and Bonfire
 - Saturday, November 15, 5:30pm
- Christmas Pageant
 - Sunday, December 7, 6pm
- 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

