



Corporate Worship Gathering

Sunday November 9, 2025

## **A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

*Martin Luther*

A mighty fortress is our God  
A bulwark never failing  
Our helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and power are great  
And armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide  
Our striving would be losing  
Were not the right Man on our side  
The Man of God's own choosing  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he  
Lord Sabaoth, His name  
From age to age the same  
And He must win the battle

And though this world, with devils filled  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us  
The Prince of Darkness grim  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure  
For lo, his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly powers  
No thanks to them abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go  
This mortal life also  
The body they may kill  
God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is for ever

## Call to Worship

*Adapted from Psalm 150:3-6, Isaiah 2:3-5.*

*Please participate by reading the underlined portions.*

Praise the Lord! Praise him with trumpet sound! Praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance! Praise him with strings and pipe!

**Praise the Lord with sounding cymbals! Praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

Come! Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord!

**Let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways, and that we may walk in his paths! Let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

## **Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me**

*Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, all is mine  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, I am free  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

## **Congregational Prayer**

*Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer (1662).*

Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us!

Please spare us, as we confess our faults. Please restore us, as we repent of our sin, according to the promises that you have made to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Help us to live godly, righteous, sober lives, to the glory of your name.

Amen.

## **Glorious Day**

*John Wilbur Chapman, Mark Hall, Michael Bleecker*

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as black as could be  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men, my example is He  
Word became flesh and the light shined among us  
His glory revealed

*Living, He loved me  
Dying, He saved me  
Buried, He carried my sins far away  
Rising, He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day*

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He  
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose, over death He had conquered  
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore  
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him  
From rising again

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming  
One day the skies with His glories will shine  
Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing  
My Savior, Jesus, is mine

## **Statement of Faith**

### *Judgment*

We believe that those who persist in their rebellion and rejection, and do not repent and believe the gospel, will experience eternal conscious punishment under the wrath of God in Hell.

## **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.

## **Behold Our God**

*Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, Stephen Altrogge*

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign

*You will reign forever  
(Let Your glory fill the earth)*

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



**Sermon**

Isaiah 56-66

## **It Is Well with My Soul**

*Horatio G. Spafford, Philip P. Bliss*

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well with my soul

*It is well with my soul*

*It is well with my soul*

*It is well, it is well with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate  
And has shed His own blood for my soul

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin, not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend  
Even so, it is well with my soul

## **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!

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

## Announcements

- Youth Group CAPS Donation Drive
  - October 26 - November 9
- 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

