



Corporate Worship Gathering

Sunday November 23, 2025

Song of the Saints

Phil Wickham, Steven Furtick

This we believe, that we have a Father
Creator who was and who is and will be
Who sent us His Son and poured out His Spirit
With power to heal, resurrect, and redeem
The song of the saints forever will be

*Glory to God the Father
Glory to Christ the Risen One
All hail the King
With Heaven sing hallelujah*

This we believe, that we have a Savior
Jesus the Christ, for our sin crucified
Yes, we believe that on the third morning
Gone was the stone, for He rose back to life
Forever He reigns, let His praise fill the skies

We believe in the saving gospel
We believe in the living word
We believe in the Holy Spirit
Moving in His holy church
We believe in the King of Heaven
We believe that Jesus is coming again
Hallelujah
Amen

We believe in the blood that washes
We believe in the cross that saves
We believe that the curse is broken
Buried in that borrowed grave
We believe in the resurrection
We believe that Jesus is coming again
Hallelujah
Amen

This we believe, our King is returning
And He will wipe every tear from our eyes
Our crowns at His feet, His throne at the center
The song of the saints forever will rise
Amen

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 142.

Please participate by reading the underlined portions.

We cry aloud to the Lord! We lift up our voices to the Lord for mercy!
We pour out our prayers before him, and we tell him our troubles.

When our spirits grow faint within us, it is the Lord who watches over our ways. He is our refuge, and our portion in the land.

Listen to our cries, O Lord, for we are in desperate need! Rescue us from those who pursue us, for they are too strong for us!

Set us free from our prison, that we may praise your name! Then the righteous will worship you, because of your goodness!

Sooner Count the Stars

Doug Plank, Steve Cook, Vikki Cook

I could sooner count the stars
Than number all Your ways
Though I only know in part
That part exceeds all praise
As sunlight fills the skies
Your goodness fills my life
For all Your precious gifts
Receive my gratefulness

I could sooner drink the seas
Than fathom all Your love
Like a never ceasing stream
Are mercies through Your Son
The death of Christ alone
Deserves eternal song
For such a love as His
Receive my gratefulness

*No praise is high enough
No thanks is deep enough
No life is long enough
To tell of all You've done
No shout is loud enough
No words are strong enough
No song is sweet enough
To sing Your love*

I could sooner turn back time
Than turn Your heart away
Though the years go fleeting by
Your mercies never change
Before You made the sun
Your love was set on us
For all Your faithfulness
Receive my gratefulness

Congregational Prayer

Adapted from a Puritan prayer entitled "Consecration and Worship".

Sovereign God,

We long to glorify you. To be holy, like you are holy. To be pure, like Christ is pure. To be perfect, like the Holy Spirit is perfect.

Even though we sin continually, and grieve our good and gracious God, you continue to show kindness to us.

We long to serve you. To devote ourselves to your will and your affections, rather than our own.

If we were to worship you for all of eternity, we still would not offer even a fraction of the glory that you deserve.

Help us to trust in you, and live for you, and glorify you, in all that we do.

In Jesus's name.

Amen.

Overcome

Jon Egan

Seated above, enthroned in the Father's love
Destined to die, poured out for all mankind
God's only son, perfect and spotless one
He never sinned, but suffered as if He did

All authority, every victory is Yours

*Savior, worthy of honor and glory
Worthy of all our praise, you overcame
Jesus, awesome in power forever
Awesome and great is Your name, you overcame*

Power in hand, speaking the Father's plan
You're sending us out, light in this broken land

We will overcome by the blood of the Lamb
And the word of our testimony, everyone overcome

Statement of Faith

Christian Life

We believe that the Christian should strive, enabled by the Holy Spirit, to live a godly, holy life in this present evil world. God accords to each the responsibility and privilege of discernment and the liberty of conscience which should be stewarded and exercised.

Member Covenant

We will be devoted to one another in love, labor together for unity in the gospel, and forgive one another as we have been forgiven in Christ.

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

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

Psalms 63

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

- 1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
- 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
- 4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
- 5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
- 6 when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
- 7 for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
- 8 My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.
- 9 But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;
- 10 they shall be given over to the power of the sword;
they shall be a portion for jackals.
- 11 But the king shall rejoice in God;
all who swear by him shall exult,
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard

On a hill far away stood an old rugged Cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old Cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

*So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged Cross
And exchange it some day for a crown*

Oh that old rugged Cross so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His Glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary

In the old rugged Cross stained with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me

To the old rugged Cross, I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share

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

- Christmas Pageant
 - Sunday, December 7
 - 6pm
- Marriage Seminar
 - Saturday, January 31

