



James River
Community Church

Corporate Worship Gathering

Sunday October 27, 2024

Behold Our God

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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)*

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 44.

Please participate by reading the underlined portions.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us, what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old!

With your own hand, you drove out the nations! You set your people free, and planted them in the promised land!

They did not win the land by their own sword! They were not saved by their own strength! It was your right hand, and the light of your face, for you delighted in your people.

You are our King, O God! We do not trust in ourselves. We trust in you, for only you can save us!

Everything Is Different

Shane Barnard

Who am I to know Your glory
Who am I to recognize Your voice
Calling out
How could I be in Your story
God who was and is and is to come
Who has won

*I was dead in my sin
You came in, yeah*

*You made a way when there was no way
You covered heaviness with garments of praise
You wrote a song and You're singing it over me
I feel a dead heart beating now
This revelation makes me want to shout
That Jesus has been sent
And everything is different*

You turn ashes into beauty
You are for me, not against me now
You found me somehow
You turn mourning into dancing
You turn weeping into a joyful noise
Oh rejoice

What manner of love
That You would call us
Sons and daughters?
We cry "Abba! Father!"

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
I will never be the same

Pastoral Prayer

Please take whatever posture makes you comfortable. (Stand, sit, kneel, etc.)

From Everlasting (Psalm 90)

Lisa Clow, Lacy Hudson

O God, before the mountains were brought forth
Or days of spring and summer filled the earth
From everlasting, You are God

We dwell beneath the stars in ancient skies
A thousand years are nothing in Your sight
From everlasting, You are God

*And all our days are held within Your hands
Your perfect love and favor have no end
We rest within the wisdom of Your plan
Everlasting God*

O God, when joy and tragedy collide
And loss reminds us life is but a sigh
From everlasting, You are God

O God of light our ways are known to You
But by Your grace You're making all things new
So satisfy us in our numbered days
Establish every effort while we wait
From everlasting, You are God

Statement of Faith

Triune God

We believe in one true and living God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three persons are completely equal in attributes, each with the same divine nature, yet they are each distinct persons. The Triune God is wise, loving, merciful, faithful, patient, abundant in goodness and truth. He is infinite in being and perfection, self-existent and self-sufficient. He is the sovereign Creator of all things, and he upholds and governs all things. He is holy, and utterly opposed to sin; yet he graciously forgives the sin of his people.

Member Covenant

We will strive, as the family of God, to teach and disciple the children under our care with diligence, raising them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

God is For Us

Michael Farren, James Ferguson, Tiarne Tranter, Jesse Reeves, Jonny Robinson, James Tealy, Rich Thompson

We won't fear the battle
We won't fear the night
We will walk the valley
With you by our side
You will go before us
You will lead the way
We have found a refuge
Only you can save

*Sing with joy now
Our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now
No love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us*

Even when I stumble
Even when I fall
Even when I turn back
Still your love is sure
You will not abandon
You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward
With never ending grace

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave his son to free us
Holds me in his love

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

John 8:31-59

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸ I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

³⁹ They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, ⁴⁰ but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. ⁴¹ You are doing the works your father did.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶ Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?

⁴⁷ Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵² The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Notes

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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Announcements

- Member Meeting
 - Sunday, November 3
 - Shortly after Corporate Worship
- Ladies Retreat
 - November 8-9
- Christmas Eve Service
 - Tuesday, December 24
 - 6pm

