



James River
Community Church

Corporate Worship Gathering

Sunday February 2, 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 Revelation 15:3-4.

Please participate by reading the underlined portions.

Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God Almighty! Just and true
are your ways, O King of the nations!

We will fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name!

For you alone are holy!

**All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous
acts have been revealed!**

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Brenton Brown, Paul Baloche

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

*When we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your presence, all our fears are washed away
Washed away*

*Hosanna! Hosanna!
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom, broken lives are made new
You make us new

Congregational Prayer

Adapted from a Puritan prayer entitled "Kept By God".

Lord God,

We cannot escape from your presence, or from your will. Nor do we desire to do so. It is a privilege to be under the agency of your omnipotence, righteousness, wisdom, patience, mercy, and grace.

When we consider our guilt, and how we have defied you, and trampled on your love, we tremble to come before you. We are deserving of eternal death.

Our salvation cannot spring from anything in us. We need your mercy - the exceeding riches of your kindness through Jesus.

Keep us from following after the patterns of the world. Help us to be conformed to the image of our savior Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

So I Will Trust You

Stephen Altrogge

Almighty Maker, Universe shaper
You put the stars into space
Yet You descended, You have befriended
Those who had hated Your name, just like me

*King of Glory, I know You love me
So I will trust You, yes I will trust You
God Almighty, You have saved me
So I will trust You, yes I will trust in You*

Lord over nations, King of Creation
Heaven and earth bow to You
I am Your child, I've been reconciled
With tender affection You drew me to You

How could I not trust my King
The One who has formed me and shaped me
I will rejoice and will sing
For the One who has made me has saved me

Statement of Faith

Bible

We believe that all of the Bible, consisting of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is the inspired and sovereignly preserved Word of God. It is without error, sufficient, and serves as the final authority for our faith and practice.

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.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Samuel Stennett

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

I am bound

I am bound

I am bound for the promised land

I am bound

I am bound

I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest?

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

¹ Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷ For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. ⁸ Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

⁹ Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, ¹⁰ for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, ¹¹ and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, ¹² so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

If you are a member of James River Community Church (or if you are a baptized member in good standing at a church that preaches the same gospel that you've heard here), we invite you to celebrate the Lord's Supper with us.

When you are ready, please come forward to receive the elements. (Elements are gluten-free and alcohol-free.) Take a moment to pray, and remember the person and work of Christ. Confess your sin, and receive God's grace. Reflect on the gospel, and celebrate it as you eat and drink.

If you are not a Christian, instead of taking communion, we invite you to take Christ. To turn from your sin, and trust in him, and receive the grace that he freely offers.

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

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, February 2
 - Immediately following Corporate Worship
- CAPS Church Night Shelter Program
 - January 29 - February 5
- Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser
 - January 19 - February 16

