



Red Clay Creek

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY / SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 / 10 AM



Site of the Court of the Gentiles : Haram. Mount Zion in the distance.

J.-J. T.

James Tissot's painting 'Place of the Gentiles' Court Haram' (1899) is a two-color relief line-block print depicting a scene from the Temple in Jerusalem, showcasing his attention to historical and biblical accuracy. Tissot's work captures the cultural and religious atmosphere of the time, portraying the setting of the ancient city.

Brooklyn Museum, Accession Number 00.159.450

Rooted in Love, Lighting the Way
Welcome to worship, welcome to Red Clay, welcome home!

We're glad you're here. If needed, a family area with CCTV is in the narthex near the front doors, and our nursery is open for young children. Restrooms are available by exiting out the side door near the pulpit and turning left. After worship, join us for Coffee Hour in Founders Hall by the main parking lot. Please silence your cell phone as we enter into worship.

GATHER

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

(a silent prayer)

Help me, dear Lord, to see my brother with the eyes of Christ, to hear my sister with the ears of Christ, to taste my neighbor's hunger with the mouth of Christ, to smell creation's beauty with the nose of Christ, to touch the world's pain with the hands of Christ, and to love life, each life, every life, with the heart of Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**



Sign-Up!

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Chad Robinson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the shadow of the cross, not to turn away, but to look with love.

Many: **We come to see what Jesus saw.**

One: From the cross, Jesus saw the city and the Temple, friends and strangers, faithful love and fierce opposition.

Many: **We come to see what Jesus saw.**

One: He saw us—and did not look away.

Many: **Come, let us see with him. Come, let us worship.**

*HYMN

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus:

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name*

Verse 1:

*The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes (chorus)*

Verse 2:

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (chorus)*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: From the cross, Jesus sees us as we are—not as we pretend to be, not as we wish to be, but as we truly are. Trusting in his mercy, and knowing we are already seen and loved, let us confess our sin together.

Many: **Jesus, from the cross you saw us clearly. You saw our fear and our pride, our compassion and our cruelty, our longing for life and our resistance to change. You saw how often we turn away—from suffering that unsettles us, from truth that calls us to repent, from love that demands something of us. We confess that we do not always want to see what you see. We protect ourselves instead of loving our neighbors. Forgive us, Lord. Give us eyes to see, hearts to love, and lives shaped by your mercy.**

(silence is kept)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news. From the cross, Jesus did not look away. He saw the world clearly—and loved it still.

Many: **What he saw, he loved. What he loved, he served. What he served, he redeemed.**

One: In Jesus Christ, we are seen, forgiven, and made new.

Many: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*SUNG RESPONSE

Come, Jesus, Come

***Come, Jesus, come
We've been waiting so long for the ways You return
To heal every hurt and right every wrong
We need You right now, come and turn this around
Deep down I know this world needs some hope
Come, Jesus, come***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please greet those around you, wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT & THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the conclusion, we look forward to welcoming all children through 8th grade to the nursery or their Sunday school classes, as the congregation prepares to hear the sermon.

SUNG RESPONSE

Come, Jesus, Come

(see previous lyrics)

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 5:1–10

SERMON

What He Saw: Evelyn Dow

Rev. Dr. Phillips

HYMN 223

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

CALL TO THE OFFERING

We invite you to make an online donation or by placing a check or cash in the collection plate. Envelopes are available in the pews for specified giving. The gray envelopes are for our Roots & Rays Fund, which goes to creative outreach projects in the community.



*SUNG RESPONSE

In Christ Alone

***What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SEND

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

GRACIOUS INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All are welcome to the table! This morning the congregation is served in procession. Those seated in the pews at the front of the sanctuary begin the procession when directed by ushers.

For those unable to process forward, stay seated and a server will bring the sacrament to you.

All bread is gluten-free; please take a piece from the offered tray. Empty glasses are placed in the bowls provided near the communion servers.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: God who sees us, we thank you for meeting us at this table.

Many: You have fed us with grace, held us with mercy, and sent us back into the world with opened eyes and steadied hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Thanks to today's worship participants:

The Red Clay Collective, *Music Ministry*
Lois Galinat, *Usher Captain*
Shirley Tielleman, *Greeter*



Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packing: TODAY after WORSHIP!

Our annual Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event is today and will kick off our Roots & Rays Service Challenge! Together, we'll pack more than 12,000 meals to be shipped to food-insecure communities around the world.

Join us for fellowship in Founders Hall following the postlude.

The flowers today are given in memory of Fu-Yun Tseng, loving father and grandfather, from Li-Hwa, Pei-Yi, Emily and Albert.



Through a series of in-person messages, devotionals, and worship opportunities, we hope to keep you connected to—and nurtured by—the Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church community. Make sure you're signed up for our Thursday eNews, Facebook, and Instagram accounts. Visit www.rccpc.org.



WELCOME TO RED CLAY

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins, please ask an Usher.
Restrooms are available. Just ask!

Welcome to worship, welcome to Red Clay, welcome home! Rooted in God's abiding love for all, our church is lighting the way for friendship, compassion, and service. All are welcome, for Jesus gathers us together even as we divide ourselves by politics, denomination, or whatever labels the world puts on us. Please join us for coffee hour in Founder's Hall after service, and stop by the welcome cart in the hallway to learn more about our community. We hope you will worship with us again soon! If you are interested in deepening your participation, or if you just love Red Clay, it's time to think about membership! Contact Elder Karen Vordemberge at kvordemberge@gmail.com.

Here at Red Clay, we have numerous groups that are open and that welcome newcomers, including, e.g., Quilters, Crafters, "Friends and Fellowship" free luncheon for seniors, Bible study, ROMEOS ("Retired Old Men Eating Out"), Centering Prayer and "The Arcaders" social group for GenX and Millennials. Details can be found at www.rccpc.org!

Children: Nursery care is available from 9:45AM through the conclusion of worship in Room 305 (just down the hallway from the sanctuary). After the Children's Moment, Pre-K - Kindergarteners will adjourn to Room 303, Grades 1-3 will adjourn to Room 206, and Grades 4-8 will adjourn to Room 202/204.

UPCOMING EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Lenten Food Drive: Today through March 22nd

Our annual Lenten Food Drive to benefit the Food Bank of Delaware will run through Sunday, March 22! Bring in your donations to Founders Hall and help us fill our barrels.

For more Roots & Rays Service Challenge activities during this Lenten season, go to:

<https://www.rccpc.org/serve/>

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* For a complete list of all Session Ruling Elders and Board of Deacons members, please refer to <https://www.rccpc.org>.*

A NOTE ON THE LOGO

Our church has "roots" in the community that date back to 1722. We have been a good neighbor when we were surrounded by farmland up until now when we are surrounded by the suburbs. Our history helps us remember a time when people helped one another out because that was the right thing to do. We hope to be a sign that this kind of community can still exist. We also believe that, in order for that community to exist, we need to stay "rooted" in the Good News that God has chosen to love us - not because of who we are, but because of who God is. We call that grace.

That is where the "rays" come in. We hope to extend our love, and the love we know from the graciousness of God, in many ways today. This means engaging in friendships with those that Jesus would have made friends with - those that feel isolated for any number of reasons. We know we will never be perfect at that, but we will try! We are especially aware that churches have long held back from friendship with others based on age, economics, sexuality, race, disability, and the list goes on. We seek to be something different than that. There are so many stories about how Jesus entered into life-affirming friendships with those that others wouldn't. We seek to be like Jesus.

Right there, in the center of it all, is the **cross**. For us, the cross is a "Tree of Life." It represents how God broke into this world to establish a new way of being alive. It symbolizes how God calls us to love with freedom, with recklessness even, if it means connecting the world to the wonder of God's transformative presence.

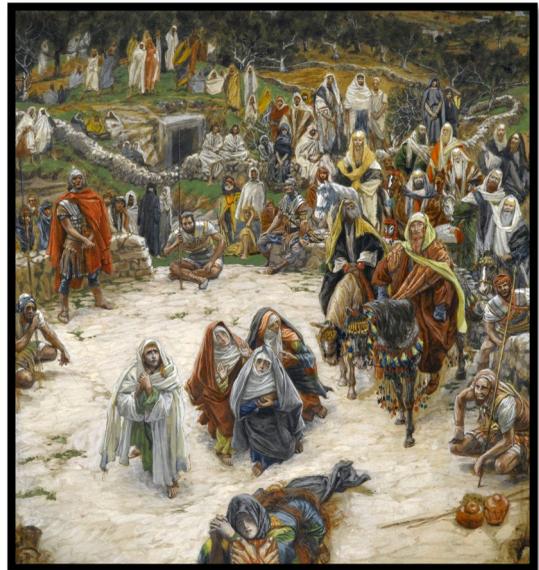


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- ◆ Easter Sunday — April 5th | 10AM Worship

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Join us in the back meadow for worship and our annual picnic.

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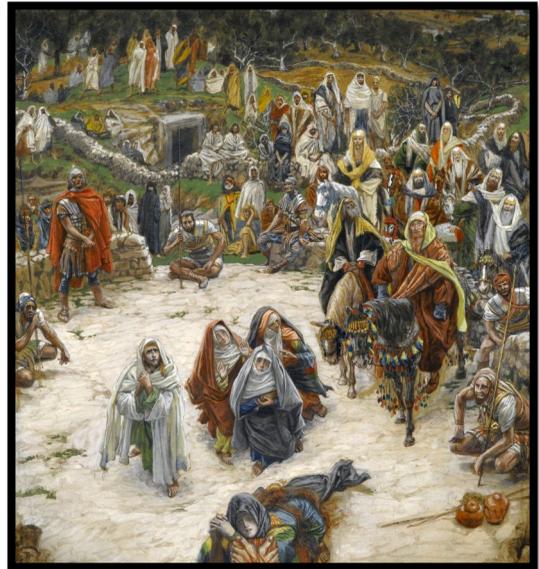
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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

The first system of music features a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics printed below the staff. The bass line consists of chords and single notes in the lower register.

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. The music maintains the same 4/4 time signature and key signature.

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

The third system concludes the piece. The melody ends with a double bar line and a final chord. The bass line also concludes with a double bar line and a final chord. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

KOREAN

- 1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어
성령과 피로써 거듭나니
이세상에서 내 영혼이
하늘의 영광 누리도다
- 후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요
이것이 나의 찬송일세
나사는 동안 끊임없이
예수 내 구주 찬송하리
- 2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내 영
온전한 기쁨을 누리면서
자비와 사랑 속삭이는
하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴
- 3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼
주안에 복되고 평안하니
세상도 없고 나도 없고
사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴