



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Welcome & Preparation: Bob Cuthel

Song of Worship: **Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
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Prayer of Adoration:

Silent Praise & Thanksgiving:

Scripture Reading:

John 3:1-8

Paula Krzyzewski

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he

cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Call to Worship: Psalm 95

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song.

Leader: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hands are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

All: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Songs of Worship: Come And Welcome

From the cross uplifted high
Where the Savior deigns to die
What melodious sounds I hear
Bursting on my ravished ear
Love's redeeming work is done
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Sprinkled now with blood the throne
Why beneath thy burdens groan
On my pierced body laid
Justice owns the ransom paid
Bow the knee and kiss the Son
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Spread for Thee the festal board (*echo*)
See with richest dainties stored (*echo*)
To thy Father's bosom pressed (*echo*)
Yet again a child confessed (*echo*)
Never from His house to roam
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Soon the days of life shall end
Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend
Safe your spirit to convey
To the realms of endless day
Up to my eternal home.
Come and welcome, sinner, come.
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Jesus is Alive

There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days
For the One that once was buried lives again
Now the tomb is bare and empty, and the stone is rolled away
Praise the Risen One who overcame the grave

All you broken hearted, all you worn and weak
Come find living water, everlasting streams
To the wandering spirit, lost and searching
Wanting something more
Find the Risen King who overcomes the world

Let there be dancing in the darkness
And let our song break through the night
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King
For Jesus is Alive

No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear
For our sin and shame, they have no power here
In His resurrection, perfect love has set the captives free
Praise the Risen King who stands in victory

Let there be dancing in the darkness
And let our song break through the night
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King
For Jesus is Alive (*Repeat*)

Hallelujah, death is undone
Hallelujah, Jesus has won
Hallelujah, we overcome
Oh in Jesus, oh in Jesus (*Repeat*)

Let there be dancing in the darkness
And let our song break through the night
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King
For Jesus is Alive (*Repeat*)

Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King
For Jesus is Alive

I Boast No More

No more, my God, I boast no more Of all the duties I have done;
I quit the hopes I held before, To trust the merits of Thy Son

No more my God, No more my God,
No more my God, I boast no more.

Now, for the loss I bear His name, What was my gain I count my loss;
My former pride I call my shame, And nail my glory to His cross.

No more my God, No more my God,
No more my God, I boast no more.

Yes, and I must and will esteem All things but loss for Jesus' sake;
O may my soul be found in Him, And of His righteousness partake!
Amen!

The best obedience of my hands Dares not appear before Thy throne;
But faith can answer Thy demands, By pleading what my Lord has done.

No more my God, No more my God,
No more my God, I boast no more. *(Repeat)*

Children's Dismissal:

Announcements: Fill out our [Connection Card](http://www.gracehamptons.org/connect). www.gracehamptons.org/connect

- **Christianity Explored, Ladies Bible Study, GraceYouth Group, and GraceGroups resume this week.**
- **Ladies Bible Study.** Tuesdays, 9AM-11AM. For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesleym@gracehamptons.org).
- **GraceYouth Group.** Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM. We will gather at the church for some fun times and good Bible conversations. Invite your friends for a great time! For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesleym@gracehamptons.org).
- **Congregational Prayer Gathering.** Next week, Sunday, May 5th, after the worship service.
- **SecondSaturdaysOut!** Saturday, May 11th, 5:30PM-9:15PM. To register your child(ren), visit gracehamptons.org/secondsaturdaysout or on the Grace Church app. To volunteer, email Sally Spanbush (sally@gracehamptons.org) or sign up on the Grace Church app.
- **Ladies Night Out: Clothing Swap!** Monday, May 13th, 7PM. Join us for our Annual Clothing Swap at Lesley Middlekauff's (14 Ocean View Parkway Southampton). Perform a bit of spring cleaning in your closet and then bring any unwanted clothing and accessories to the swap. We will shop through each other's stuff and then donate whatever is left to local charities. Email Adriana Pariz (adriana@gracehamptons.org) with any questions.
- **Guys Night Out: Golf Range!** Thursday, May 23rd, 7PM. Join us for a fun night at the Southampton Golf Range (668 County Road 39, Southampton). Bring some cash and invite your friends! Contact Nate Burns (nathanielburns@gmail.com) with any questions.
- **Interested in Becoming a Member?** Contact Mark Middlekauff (markm@gracehamptons.org) for more information!
- **Save the Date: GraceCamp 2024.** July 22-26, 6PM-8:30PM for children K-6th grade, \$100/child. For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesleym@gracehamptons.org).
- **Save the Date: GraceYouth - Urban Ministry Service Trip.** August 3-10, Atlantic City, NJ. For students entering grades 9-12. GraceYouth will be joining with youth from four other churches from New York and New Jersey to serve in an impoverished area of Atlantic City. Please contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesleym@gracehamptons.org) for information and registration details. Space is limited.

Offertory: *To give via text, text the word "GIVE" to [833-892-6212](tel:833-892-6212). First time givers will have to fill out a short form with billing information. After the initial setup, giving is as easy as sending a text message.*

Prayer of Confession:

All: Almighty God, to know you is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most ardent desires. Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere. We have put the seeking of idols, which are bound to leave us feeling empty, above seeking you. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that from now on we might serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Private Confession:

Words of Encouragement: Psalm 32:1, 5

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Prayer of the People: Maxine Friedman

Sermon Series: *Isaiah: Salvation is of the LORD*

Sermon Text: Isaiah 56:1-57:21

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^{56:1} Thus says the LORD:

"Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.

² Blessed is the man who does this,
and the son of man who holds it fast,
who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,
and keeps his hand from doing any evil."

³ Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say,
"The LORD will surely separate me from his people";
and let not the eunuch say,
"Behold, I am a dry tree."

⁴ For thus says the LORD:

"To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
who choose the things that please me
and hold fast my covenant,

⁵ I will give in my house and within my walls
a monument and a name
better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name
that shall not be cut off.

⁶ “And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

⁸ The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

⁹ All you beasts of the field, come to devour—
all you beasts in the forest.

¹⁰ His watchmen are blind;
they are all without knowledge;
they are all silent dogs;
they cannot bark,
dreaming, lying down,
loving to slumber.

¹¹ The dogs have a mighty appetite;
they never have enough.
But they are shepherds who have no understanding;
they have all turned to their own way,
each to his own gain, one and all.

¹² “Come,” they say, “let me get wine;
let us fill ourselves with strong drink;
and tomorrow will be like this day,
great beyond measure.”

^{57:1} The righteous man perishes,
and no one lays it to heart;
devout men are taken away,
while no one understands.

For the righteous man is taken away from calamity;
² he enters into peace;
they rest in their beds
who walk in their uprightness.

³ But you, draw near,
sons of the sorceress,
offspring of the adulterer and the loose woman.

⁴ Whom are you mocking?
Against whom do you open your mouth wide
and stick out your tongue?

Are you not children of transgression,
the offspring of deceit,
5 you who burn with lust among the oaks,
under every green tree,
who slaughter your children in the valleys,
under the clefts of the rocks?
6 Among the smooth stones of the valley is your portion;
they, they, are your lot;
to them you have poured out a drink offering,
you have brought a grain offering.
Shall I relent for these things?
7 On a high and lofty mountain
you have set your bed,
and there you went up to offer sacrifice.
8 Behind the door and the doorpost
you have set up your memorial;
for, deserting me, you have uncovered your bed,
you have gone up to it,
you have made it wide;
and you have made a covenant for yourself with them,
you have loved their bed,
you have looked on nakedness.
9 You journeyed to the king with oil
and multiplied your perfumes;
you sent your envoys far off,
and sent down even to Sheol.
10 You were wearied with the length of your way,
but you did not say, "It is hopeless";
you found new life for your strength,
and so you were not faint.
11 Whom did you dread and fear,
so that you lied,
and did not remember me,
did not lay it to heart?
Have I not held my peace, even for a long time,
and you do not fear me?
12 I will declare your righteousness and your deeds,
but they will not profit you.
13 When you cry out, let your collection of idols deliver you!
The wind will carry them all off,
a breath will take them away.
But he who takes refuge in me shall possess the land
and shall inherit my holy mountain.
14 And it shall be said,
"Build up, build up, prepare the way,
remove every obstruction from my people's way."

- ¹⁵ For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
“I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly,
and to revive the heart of the contrite.
- ¹⁶ For I will not contend forever,
nor will I always be angry;
for the spirit would grow faint before me,
and the breath of life that I made.
- ¹⁷ Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry,
I struck him; I hid my face and was angry,
but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart.
- ¹⁸ I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;
I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners,
¹⁹ creating the fruit of the lips.
Peace, peace, to the far and to the near,” says the LORD,
“and I will heal him.
- ²⁰ But the wicked are like the tossing sea;
for it cannot be quiet,
and its waters toss up mire and dirt.
- ²¹ There is no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked.”

Sermon:

The Heart for Revival

Rev. Mark Middlekauff

The Lord’s Supper:

Hymns of Response:

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy I’ve found.

Hallelujah! (*Interlude*)

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine!
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine---
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine!

Hallelujah!

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Dismissal:

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Hallelujah, Amen!