



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Welcome & Preparation: Tom Ayres

Song of Worship: **How Firm A Foundation**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design,
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Je- sus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no, never forsake!”

Prayer of Adoration: (Concluded by all saying the Lord’s Prayer)

Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Silent Praise & Thanksgiving:

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:13-18 Tom Hashagen

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Call to Worship:

From Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, praise his holy name.

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits;

Leader: Who forgives all your sins, and heals all your diseases;

All: Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.

All: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Songs of Worship:

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be

O light that follows all my way
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be

O joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

O cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

How Sad Our State

How sad our state by nature is! Our sin, how deep it stains!
And Satan binds our captive minds Fast in his slavish chains.
But there's a voice of sovereign grace Sounds from the sacred Word;
Ho, ye despairing sinners, come, And trust upon the Lord!

My soul obeys the Almighty's call, And runs to this relief;
I would believe Thy promise, Lord; O help my unbelief!
To the dear fountain of Thy blood, Incarnate God, I fly;
Here let me wash my spotted soul From crimes of deepest dye.

Stretch out Thine arm, victorious King, My reigning sins subdued,
Drive the old Dragon from his seat, With all his hellish crew.
A guilty, weak, and helpless worm, On Thy kind arms I fall;
Be Thou my strength and righteousness, My Jesus and my all.

Communicant Members Reception: Simon Burns, Simone Friedman, Katharine Moore, Margaret Moore,
Dean Serrell, Marley Serrell

Children's Dismissal:

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

- **Bike Blessing.** TODAY after the worship service. Witness Pastor Mark bless about 300 bikers as they ride down Montauk Highway!
- **Congregational Prayer Gathering.** TODAY after the worship service
- **Building Renovation Feasibility Committee Meeting.** TODAY after the worship service.
- **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: O gracious and gentle and condescending God, God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: we confess before you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you, O long-suffering Father, forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession:

Words of Encouragement: Ephesians 3:16-18

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with the saints, to grasp how long and wide and high and deep is the love of Christ.

Prayer of the People: Lisa Serrell

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

Sermon Text: Isaiah 58:1-59:13

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^{58:1} "Cry aloud; do not hold back;
lift up your voice like a trumpet;
declare to my people their transgression,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
² Yet they seek me daily
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that did righteousness
and did not forsake the judgment of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they delight to draw near to God.
³ 'Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?'
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.
⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.
Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.
⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?"

- 6 “Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
- 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
- 8 Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
- 9 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’
If you take away the yoke from your midst,
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,
- 10 if you pour yourself out for the hungry
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
then shall your light rise in the darkness
and your gloom be as the noonday.
- 11 And the LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your desire in scorched places
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters do not fail.
- 12 And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to dwell in.
- 13 “If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath,
from doing your pleasure on my holy day,
and call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly;
- 14 then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”
- 59:1 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save,
or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;
- 2 but your iniquities have made a separation
between you and your God,

- and your sins have hidden his face from you
so that he does not hear.
- ³ For your hands are defiled with blood
and your fingers with iniquity;
your lips have spoken lies;
your tongue mutters wickedness.
- ⁴ No one enters suit justly;
no one goes to law honestly;
they rely on empty pleas, they speak lies,
they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity.
- ⁵ They hatch adders' eggs;
they weave the spider's web;
he who eats their eggs dies,
and from one that is crushed a viper is hatched.
- ⁶ Their webs will not serve as clothing;
men will not cover themselves with what they make.
Their works are works of iniquity,
and deeds of violence are in their hands.
- ⁷ Their feet run to evil,
and they are swift to shed innocent blood;
their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity;
desolation and destruction are in their highways.
- ⁸ The way of peace they do not know,
and there is no justice in their paths;
they have made their roads crooked;
no one who treads on them knows peace.
- ⁹ Therefore justice is far from us,
and righteousness does not overtake us;
we hope for light, and behold, darkness,
and for brightness, but we walk in gloom.
- ¹⁰ We grope for the wall like the blind;
we grope like those who have no eyes;
we stumble at noon as in the twilight,
among those in full vigor we are like dead men.
- ¹¹ We all growl like bears;
we moan and moan like doves;
we hope for justice, but there is none;
for salvation, but it is far from us.
- ¹² For our transgressions are multiplied before you,
and our sins testify against us;
for our transgressions are with us,
and we know our iniquities:
- ¹³ transgressing, and denying the LORD,
and turning back from following our God,
speaking oppression and revolt,
conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.

Sermon:

Our Role in God's Revival

Rev. Mark Middlekauff

The Lord's Supper:

Hymns of Response:

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more (*Repeat*)

Benediction:

Jude 1:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Dismissal:

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

All: Hallelujah, Amen!