



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Welcome & Preparation: Bob Cuthel

Song of Worship: **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the happy chorus, Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Draws us through the Son of Man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us onward, In the triumph song of life.

Prayer of Adoration:

Silent Praise & Thanksgiving:

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 16:13-20

Paula Krzyzewski

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Call to Worship:

Psalm 103:1-8

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Leader: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

All: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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.

Your Great Name We Praise

Immortal, invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most holy, most glorious the ancient of days
Almighty, victorious Your great name we praise

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light
Not wanting or wasting You rule us in might
Your justice like mountains high soaring above
Your clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love

Most Holy, Most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious
Your great name we praise

All life comes from You Lord to both great and small
In all life you live Lord, the true life of all
We blossom and flourish, but quickly grow frail
We wither and perish, but You never fail.

Most Holy, Most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious
Your great name we praise

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light
Your angels adore you all veiling their sight
All praise we will render oh Father of grace
Till one day in splendor we see face to face.

Most Holy, Most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious
Your great name we praise (*Repeat*)

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever
Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all (*Repeat*)

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

Hear your people sing Holy
To the king of kings Holy
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Children's Dismissal & Announcements: Fill out our [Connection Card](http://www.gracehamptons.org/connect). www.gracehamptons.org/connect

- **Operation Christmas Child Friends & Family Packing Party.** TODAY, after the worship service. Join us for an exciting time of filling shoeboxes with wonderful gifts for children in need around the world! Visit gracehamptons.org/OCC or contact Cathy Distefano (516-383-5069) for more information.
- **GraceYouth Senior High Gatherings.** The 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, 7PM. High school students are invited to the Middlekauff home for some great times and Bible discussion. For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesley@gracehamptons.org).
- **Ladies Bible Study.** Tuesdays, 9AM. Dive into God's Word and enjoy weekly fellowship! For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesley@gracehamptons.org).
- **GraceYouth Group Gathering.** 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 (lesley@gracehamptons.org).

- **Guys' Night Out: Bowling!** Friday, November 15th, 6:45PM at The All Star. Head down to Riverhead for a fun night of bowling! \$30/person. The All Star is located at 96 Main Rd. Riverhead, NY. For more information, contact Nate (nathanielburns@gmail.com or 631-875-1865).
- **Congregational Meeting.** Sunday, November 17th, after the worship service.
- **Ladies' Night Out: Service Project.** Monday, November 18th, 6PM. The ladies are cooking for Heart of the Hamptons at Grace Church. This is a great way to help restock their food pantry for the holidays! Ingredients will be supplied. Bring snacks and/or drinks to share so we can eat while we cook. For more information, contact Adriana Pariz (adriana@gracehamptons.org).
- **Operation Christmas Child Collection Week.** November 18th-25th at Grace Presbyterian Church. Contact Cathy Distefano (516-383-5069) for more information or to join the OCC team!
- **Little Free Pantry.** Our LFP gets regular and consistent use and so our supplies are once again severely depleted. Please consider donating items to help us regularly re-stock the pantry. Visit gracehamptons.org/LFP to find our [Amazon link](#) to order supplies and have them shipped straight to Grace Church!

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:

Leader: Almighty and Merciful Father, you have called us to be your people and have made us one body. Yet we have not lived like we are one body.

All: We have not loved one another as we ought. Selfish ambition has gripped us, and we have failed to look out for others' interests above our own. Conceit has gripped us, and we have failed to associate with and care for those who are different from ourselves. We have not treated one another as those in whom Christ dwells.

Forgive us for our offenses against you, and go on to subdue everything in us that is contrary to your purposes. By the power of your Spirit make us a community that shows forth your acceptance, kindness and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession:

Words of Encouragement: 1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Prayer of the People: Grayson Jordan

Sermon Series: *1 Corinthians: Christ's Church Alive in the Gospel*

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 4:14-21

¹⁴ I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. ¹⁵ For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ¹⁶ I urge you, then, be imitators of me. ¹⁷ That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and

faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. ¹⁸ Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. ¹⁹ But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. ²⁰ For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. ²¹ What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

Sermon: *Embracing Authority*

Rev. Mark Middlekauff

The Lord's Supper:

Hymn of Response: Greatest End

May I fear you greater than I fear man, I fear man.
May my love for you be measured by obedience, by repentance.
And in that moment humbly bow, teach my heart, show me how
To fear you more my Lord, my God! Faithful Friend, Greatest End

May I want you greater than Earthly things, worldly things.
May I find my greatest treasure Hid in You, bound in You.
And in that moment sell my all, gladly trade all I own
All to gain the priceless pearl! Truest Friend, Greatest End

May I love you greater than my own will, my own will.
May I seek my greatest pleasure from your hand, from your hand.
And in that moment lift my eyes to the cross, up to Christ
Die to self and gain your life! Savior, Friend, Greatest End
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Greatest End

Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Dismissal:

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

All: Hallelujah, Amen!