



GRACE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Sunday, November 17, 2024

**Welcome & Preparation:** Bob Cuthel

**Call to Worship:** From Psalm 98

Leader: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

**All: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Leader: Shout for joy before the LORD, the King!

**All: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.**

Leader: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

**All: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

**Song of Worship: The Solid Rock**

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand. (*Repeat*)

**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:**

2 Peter 3:8-13

Eva Golinski-Klein

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

**Songs of Worship:****Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder**

Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior's Name!  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by His grace, and taught us,  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with His blood (x3),  
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation  
Threaten hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong Salvation,  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown:  
He Who washed us with His blood (x3),  
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is,  
Justice smiles and asks no more:  
He Who washed us with His blood (x3)  
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted Him before us,  
Now their praises fill the sky:  
“You have washed us with Your blood (x3);  
You are worthy, Lamb of God!”

### **Ancient of Days**

Though the nations rage  
Kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King  
Reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains:  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night  
Overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me  
I am not alone  
O His love is sure and He knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see  
What the future brings  
I will watch and wait  
For the Saviour King  
Then my joy complete standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days  
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## Before The Throne

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands.  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless Righteousness.  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of Glory and of Grace,  
One with Himself, I cannot die.  
My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God!

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With Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God!

**Children's Dismissal & Announcements:** Fill out our [Connection Card](http://www.gracehamptons.org/connect). [www.gracehamptons.org/connect](http://www.gracehamptons.org/connect)

- **Congregational Meeting.** TODAY, after the worship service
- **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 ([lesleym@gracehamptons.org](mailto:lesleym@gracehamptons.org)).
- **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](mailto:adriana@gracehamptons.org)).
- **Ladies Bible Study.** Tuesdays, 9AM. Dive into God's Word and enjoy weekly fellowship! For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff ([lesleym@gracehamptons.org](mailto:lesleym@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 ([lesleym@gracehamptons.org](mailto:lesleym@gracehamptons.org)).
- **Save the Date: Christmas Carol Bingo.** Sunday, December 8th, 1:45-3PM. Come join us for a fun visit as we lead Christmas Carol Bingo for the Hamptons Center Nursing Home residents. For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff ([lesleym@gracehamptons.org](mailto:lesleym@gracehamptons.org)).
- **Christmas Party at the Middlekauffs'!** Sunday, December 15th, 5PM. You are invited to a Christmas Dinner Party at the Middlekauffs'! Come enjoy a wonderful meal, great company, and lots of Christmas cheer! You can come for the whole night or just stop in for a bit. Bring your spouse, friend and neighbor!
- **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](http://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.*

**Confession:** *The Apostles' Creed*

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:  
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He arose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

**Prayer of the People:** Dianne Henderson

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

\*The word catholic means universal or wide-ranging.

<sup>1</sup> It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. <sup>2</sup> And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

<sup>3</sup> For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. <sup>4</sup> When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, <sup>5</sup> you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? <sup>7</sup> Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

<sup>9</sup> I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— <sup>10</sup> not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. <sup>11</sup> But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. <sup>12</sup> For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? <sup>13</sup> God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

**Sermon:**

*The Grace of Discipleship*

Rev. Mark Middlekauff

**The Lord's Supper:**

**Hymn of Response:**

**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 subdue,  
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.

**Benediction:**

2 Thessalonians 2:16–17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

**Dismissal:**

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

**All: Hallelujah, Amen!**