



GRACE

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Welcome & Preparation:

Mark Dodd

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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praising my Savior all the day long.

Prayer of Adoration:

Silent Praise & Thanksgiving:

Call to Worship:

Psalm 19:1-4

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

All: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they acknowledge His glory.

Leader: There is no land or nation where their voice is not heard.

All: Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me.

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.

By Grace Alone

Out of the depths I cry to You, Lord, hear my voice of pleading;
Bend down Your gracious ear, I pray, Your humble servant heeding.
If You remember each misdeed, And of each thought and word take heed,
Who can remain before You? Only by grace, by grace alone.

Your pardon is a gift of love, Your grace alone must save us,
Our works will not remove our guilt, The strictest life would fail us.
Let none in deeds or merits boast, But let us own the Holy Ghost
for He alone can change us: Only by grace, by grace alone.

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, Our utmost need it soundeth.
Our kind and faithful Shepherd He, Who will set all His people free
From all their sin and sorrow: Only by grace, by grace alone.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong

Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh?
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him

There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death (*Repeat*)

Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

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

- **GraceCamp Brainstorm Meeting.** Sunday, March 16th, after the worship service. Be a part of the planning the most amazing week of fun for this year's GraceCamp! For more information, contact Mollie Duggal (mollieduggal@yahoo.com).
- **Ladies Bible Study.** Tuesdays, 9AM. Dive into God's Word and enjoy weekly fellowship! For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesleym@gracehamptons.org).
- **GraceYouth Group** Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM. This week, we're playing THE GROG! We will gather at the church for some fun times and good Bible conversations. For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesleym@gracehamptons.org).
- **Sign Up for GraceDinners!** Friday, March 28th, 6:30PM. All attenders of Grace Church are invited to be a part of building community by connecting our church family around dinner tables! For more information, contact Ann Bennett (ann.david.bennett@gmail.com).
- **Children's Ministry Meeting.** Sunday, March 30th, after the worship service. For more information, contact Lisa Shaw (lshaw1285@gmail.com).
- **Little Free Pantry.** Our LFP has become essential to our community and gets regular, 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!
- **Welcome back, Adriana and Lesley!** They are officially back in the office tomorrow, March 17th.

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 and most merciful father,
we are thankful that your mercy is
higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings,
deeper than all our sin.
Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life,
our callousness toward suffering,
our envy of those who have more than we have,
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,
our neglect of your wise and gracious law.
Help us to change our way of life
so that we may desire what is good,
love what you love,
and do what you command,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Private Confession:

Words of Encouragement: Job 19:25, 27

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth...I myself will see him with my own eyes.

Prayer of the People: Grayson Jordan

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

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

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¹⁷ But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, ¹⁹ for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. ²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. ²¹ For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

³³ So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another— ³⁴ if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

Sermon: *How to Look at the Lord's Supper*

Rev. Mark Middlekauff

The Lord's Supper:

Hymn 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!