



# GRACE

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# CHURCH

Sunday, August 17, 2025

**Welcome & Preparation:**

Mark Dodd

**Song of Worship:**

**O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumph of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,  
He sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
The humble poor believe.

**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.**

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

**Songs of Worship:****Rock of Ages**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure; Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress; Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee!

**It is Finished**

You looked into the endless void The wonder yet to be  
And in the dark Your ageless voice Spread out the galaxies  
A sea of stars before Your eyes Your glory filled the newborn skies  
And You said, "It is good" And the earth bears witness  
It is finished.

You looked into the crucible That burned with agony  
You humbly chose the Father's will And climbed to Calvary  
Your blood for all my sin, poured out Your final breath that shook the ground  
And You said, "It is done" And Your scars bear witness  
It is finished

I look into the holy place And through the open veil  
I see my risen King of Grace Who pleads my pardon still  
My healing in Your sacrifice My name within Your wounds inscribed  
And You say, "You are mine" And Your love bears witness  
It is finished

I'll look into eternity When sorrow's seas have dried  
I'll see the Lamb who died for me In beauty glorified  
With open arms You'll bring me home To bow in worship at Your throne  
And You'll say, "Come and rest" As my heart bears witness  
It is finished

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### **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

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

- **GraceYouth: Scott's Pointe Adventure Park.** Wednesday, August 20th, 2-8PM. Grab some friends and join us for a trip to Scott's Pointe in Calverton! Bring \$65 for an all access pass to indoor and outdoor activities such as aqua park, bumper boats, laser tag, ninja warrior course, virtual reality, and more. As well as a meal voucher for dinner. SPACE IS LIMITED so reserve a spot ASAP! For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff ([lesleym@gracehamptons.org](mailto:lesleym@gracehamptons.org))

- **Ladies Night Out: Paddle!** Thursday, September 4th, 6PM. Head over to Towd Point for our annual evening of kayak/paddle adventure. This will be one of your favorite nights of the summer! For more information, contact Adriana Pariz ([adriana@gracehamptons.org](mailto:adriana@gracehamptons.org)).
- **Fall Family Fun Day!** Sunday, September 7th, 11:30AM. We will have great food and fun for everyone including a petting zoo, along with games for kids ages 3-93. Feel free to invite your neighbors and friends for the fun as we enjoy gathering together after the craze of summer.
- **Guys Night Out: Monday Night Football!** Monday, September 8th, 7:30PM. Guys, invite your friends and join us for Monday Night Football at MJ Dowlings (3360 Noyack Rd, Sag Harbor). The Minnesota Vikings take the Chicago Bears! For more information, contact Nate Burns ([nathanielburns@gmail.com](mailto:nathanielburns@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](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.*

**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:** Silvia Mendez

<sup>14</sup> And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup> And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. <sup>16</sup> And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup> And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup> And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." <sup>19</sup> And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup> And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup> And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup> And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." <sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." <sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" <sup>25</sup> And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." <sup>26</sup> And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup> And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

Sermon:

*The Struggle to Believe*

Rev. Graham Girard

The Lord's Supper:

Hymn of Response:

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hand  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of His words  
Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!

Men: You will reign forever!

Women: Let Your glory fill the earth

*(Repeat)*

Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him! *(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!**

Rev. Graham Girard serves as the campus minister for RUF International at New York University walking with students as they explore who Jesus is. He was formerly the community group manager at Redeemer Lincoln Square in Manhattan. He is a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary as well as the Redeemer City Ministry Program. A massive fan of soccer and tennis, Graham lives in Brooklyn, NY with his wife Karen and his two children, Piper and Rhys.