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CHURCH

Sunday, March 8, 2026

**Welcome & Preparation:** Tom Ayres

**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:** 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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**Prayer of Adoration:**

**Silent Praise & Thanksgiving:**

**Scripture Reading:**

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Dianne Henderson

“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

**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!”

## 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.

## In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My comforter my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ  
No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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

- **Ladies Bible Study.** Tuesdays, 9-11AM. Our women's Bible studies are a warm and welcoming place to dig into God's Word together, whether we're studying a book of the Bible or exploring how it speaks into everyday life. Come build meaningful friendships, pray together, and grow in faith alongside other women in our church community. For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff ([lesleym@gracehamptons.org](mailto:lesleym@gracehamptons.org)).
- **GraceYouth Group Gathering.** Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM. Middle and high school years matter—and so do the students living them. At GPC Youth, 6th–12th graders are invited to head to the church for fun times, meaningful Bible conversations, strong friendships, and a deeper connection to the hope we have in Christ. For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff ([lesleym@gracehamptons.org](mailto:lesleym@gracehamptons.org)).
- **SecondSaturdaysOut!** Saturday, March 14th, 5:30PM-9:15PM. To register your child(ren), visit [gracehamptons.org/secondsaturdaysout](http://gracehamptons.org/secondsaturdaysout) or on the Grace Church app. To volunteer, email Eva Golinski-Klein ([eva.golinski.klein@gmail.com](mailto:eva.golinski.klein@gmail.com)) or sign up on the Grace Church app.
- **Soundview Baby Bottle Drive.** Sunday, February 22nd to Sunday, March 8th. We are excited to partner with Soundview Pregnancy Services through their beloved Baby Bottle Drive! Pick up a bottle, fill it with loose change, cash, or a check over two weeks, and help support women and families with life-affirming care right here in our community. Be part of this simple, meaningful act of generosity. For more information, contact Eva Golinski-Klein ([eva.golinski.klein@gmail.com](mailto:eva.golinski.klein@gmail.com)).
- **GraceDinners.** Friday, March 27th, 6:30PM. Be a part of a wonderful night of getting to know some of the family at Grace Church! RSVP by Sunday, March 22nd to Ann Bennett ([ann.david.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:ann.david.bennett@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!
- **Prayer Requests!** To submit a praise or prayer request or to join the Grace Presbyterian Church Prayer Chain Email, go to the Grace Church app or email [prayer@gracehamptons.org](mailto:prayer@gracehamptons.org).
- **BUILD Team Care.** If a need for care arises within our church body, email [BUILDTeam@gracehamptons.org](mailto:BUILDTeam@gracehamptons.org).

**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.

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

**Prayer of the People:** David Klein

**Sermon Text:** Luke 19:1-10

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<sup>1</sup> He entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. <sup>7</sup> And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup> And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

**Sermon:** *Joyful Justice*

Rev. Jeffrey Jou

**The Lord's Supper:**

**Hymn of Response:** **Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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**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!**

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