



GRACE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Sunday, March 15, 2026

**Welcome & Preparation:** Tom Ayres

**Song of Worship:** **I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

I sing the mighty power of God, That made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command, And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food,  
He formed the creatures with His word, And then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye,  
I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, But makes Thy glories known,  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, By order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from thee Is ever in Thy care;  
And everywhere that man can be, thou, God, art present there.

**Call to Worship:** Isaiah 35

**Leader:** Be strong, and do not fear! Your God will come to save you.

**All:** **Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf be unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.**

**Leader:** Then will the wilderness rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice and shout for joy.

**All:** **And we, the ransomed of the Lord, will enter with singing. Everlasting joy will crown our heads.**

**Prayer of Adoration:**

**Silent Praise & Thanksgiving:**

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 42:5-9

Eva Golinski-Klein

Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it

and spirit to those who walk in it:  
"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.  
Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them."

### **Songs of Worship:**

### **Arise, My Soul, Arise**

Arise, my soul, arise,  
shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice,  
on my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise. (*Repeat*)

### **Come, Ye Sinners**

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity, joined with power.  
He is able, He is able;  
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome;  
God's free bounty glorify:  
True belief and true repentance,  
every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better,  
You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous;  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requires  
Is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you,  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;  
Pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.  
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## Upon a Life I Did Not Live

Upon a life I have not lived, Upon a death I did not die,  
Another's life; Another's death, I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed, Not on the sorrows I have known,  
Another's tears; Another's griefs, On these I rest, on these alone.

O Jesus, Son of God, I build on  
What Thy cross has done for me;  
There both my life and death I read,  
My guilt and pardon  
There I see, there I see

Lord, I believe; O deal with me, As one who has Thy Word believed!  
I take the gift, oh look on me, As one who has the gift received.

O Jesus, Son of God, I build on  
What Thy cross has done for me;  
There both my life and death I read,  
My guilt and pardon  
There I see, there I see

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

- **GraceCamp Brainstorm Meeting.** TODAY after the worship service.
- **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)).

- **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. 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:** Our gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life. Yet foolishly, however, we have chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words and deeds we have rebelled against you and your intentions for us. In so doing, we have broken our fellowship with you whose love is better than life and whom to know is life itself. In so doing, we have hurt others, sometimes unintentionally and sometimes deliberately, and have diminished their lives. In so doing, we have damaged ourselves who had been created to reflect your beauty.  
 Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake. And grant that your resurrection power might course through our entire being so that we walk in the ways of love and justice to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**Private Confession:**

**Words of Encouragement:** Isaiah 55:6-7

"Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
 call upon him while he is near;  
 let the wicked forsake his way,  
 and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
 let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

**Prayer of the People:** Grayson Jordan

**Sermon Series:** *The Glory of Jesus in the Gospel of John*

**Sermon Text:** John 9:1-41

<sup>1</sup> As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is

day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup> and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup> So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup> He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup> They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup> But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”)

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup> He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup> They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup> He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup> And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” <sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

**Sermon:**

***Seeing the Light of the World***

Rev. Mark Middlekauff

**The Lord's Supper:**

**Hymn of Response:****Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine

**Benediction:**

Jude 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!**