



GRACE

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Welcome & Preparation:

Tom Ayres

Song of Worship:

This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres. (*Repeat*)

This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad! (*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:

A Psalm of David.

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.
He will receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory! *Selah*

Call to Worship:

1 Chronicles 29

Leader: Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor.

Leader: For everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

All: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

Leader: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

All: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

Songs of Worship:**Here I Am To Worship**

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the Earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross. (*Repeat*)

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me. (*Repeat*)

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see

Christ Our Wisdom

Christ our wisdom, we are humbled
When You hide Your ways from us
You have purposes unnumbered
Each one good and glorious
Help us trust when we grow weary
Free us from our anxious thoughts
Give us grace to see more clearly
You are God and we are not

Christ our wisdom, be our gladness
When we fail to understand
You ordain all joy and sadness
To fulfill Your perfect plan
Help us know You rule with power
Over every raging flood
In our most uncertain hour
You are God and we are loved

Christ our wisdom, we will follow
Though the way ahead is veiled

As we journey through the shadows
Grant us faith where sight has failed
Help us cling to Your commandments
Strengthened by Your faithful word
We will never be abandoned
You are God and we are Yours

Christ our wisdom, we adore You
For the beauty of the cross
Once in foolishness we scorned You
But Your blood has ransomed us
Help us sing the endless mercies
Of Your humble heart to save
Christ our wisdom, Christ our glory
You are God forever praised

Be Thou my Vision

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my Light

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great father and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art

High King of Heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

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

- **Congregational Prayer Gathering.** TODAY after the worship service.
- **New Members Class** begins TODAY, after the worship service. For more information, contact Rev. Mark Middlekauff (markm@gracehamptons.org).
- **Guys Day Out: Shotgun Fun!** TODAY, 3PM at West Landing Beach in Hampton Bays. Turn off the TV, turn up the testosterone, and bring your legal shotgun to shoot some clay pigeons. Don't have a shotgun? We'll provide one for you. Guys 18 and over. For more information, contact Nate Burns (nathanielburns@gmail.com)

- **Ladies Night Out: Bike Rides & Bites. Monday, October 5th, 5PM.** Join us at Sharon Kerr's house (59 Leo's Lane Southampton) for an evening bike ride on Meadow Lane. Afterwards we will relax with some snacks and drinks at her home. Feel free to bring a beverage or snack to share. Contact Adriana Pariz with questions (adriana@gracehamptons.org).
- **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).
- **GraceYouth Group Gatherings.** Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM. Middle and high school years matter and so do the students living them. 6th–12th graders are invited to head to the church for fun times, meaningful Bible conversations, and a deeper connection to the hope we have in Christ. For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesleym@gracehamptons.org).
- **SecondSaturdaysOut!** Saturday, October 10th, 5:30PM-9:15PM. To register your child(ren), visit gracehamptons.org/secondsaturdaysout or on the Grace Church app. To volunteer, email Eva Golinski-Klein (eva.golinski.klein@gmail.com) or sign up on the Grace Church app.
- **We Need a Nursery Worker!** We are looking for a warm and responsible nursery worker who genuinely loves working with children! For more information, contact kids@gracehamptons.org
- **Help Our Kids Grow in Faith!** Our Sunday School needs more teachers and helpers to make Sunday mornings meaningful and fun for our children. Members are invited to teach, and everyone is welcome to serve as a helper! If you're interested, please 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!
- **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.
- **BUILD Team Care.** If a need for care arises within our church body, email 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: Lord Jesus Christ, though being in very nature God, when you came to redeem us you humbled yourself and made yourself nothing. Though you were rich, for our sakes you became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich.

We confess how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition from others, and we sulk and become bitter if we do not get it. We attend to our own needs and concerns, yet fail to care for others except when it serves our purposes.

Forgive us our sin and renew our hearts. Grant us to realize that we only achieve greatness and gain our lives by giving them away. Work in us by the power of your Spirit so that we become more like you and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

Private Confession:

Words of Encouragement: Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Prayer of the People: David Klein

Sermon Series: *1 Timothy: The Church of the Living God*

Sermon Text: 1 Timothy 2:8-15

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⁸ I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;
⁹ likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰ but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹ Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴ and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵ Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

Sermon: *Worship by God's Design*

Rev. Mark Middlekauff

The Lord's Supper:

Hymn of Response: **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me. (*Repeat*)

Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Dismissal:

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

All: Hallelujah, amen!