



*Grace Church Stamford welcomes you
to our Sunday Service
where our aim is to meet Jesus Christ
through his Word and Spirit*

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Call To Worship

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD, **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; **let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.** For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. **In his hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.** The sea is his, for he made it, and the hands formed the dry land. **Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

Singing Together

Glorious And Mighty

Bob Kauflin, Todd Twining, Joel Szebel | 2008 Sovereign Grace Praise | CCLI # 11280377

Majesty Your glory is shining
Brighter than the moon and the stars
Marveling we honor and fear You
Above all gods

*Chorus Glorious and mighty
 You're awesome in beauty
 Joyful songs we raise!
 Glorious and mighty
 You're awesome in beauty
 Greatly to be praised!*

Majesty You fashioned the heavens
Your decrees can never be changed
Over all the plans of the nations
Your judgments reign! (Chorus)

Majesty we'll sing with creation
When You come again in the clouds
Every knee will bow down and worship
The one true God! (Chorus)

Hearing God's Word

Ephesians 2:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Confessing Together

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven. We have tried to heal ourselves. Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ, we have tried to work off our guilt. We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins. When this doesn't work, we quickly turn to denial and distraction. Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have tried to change through our own efforts. We have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower. This has left some of us arrogant. This has left most of us anxious and depressed. Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves. Forgive us for neglecting your grace. Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

God is slow to anger and full of compassion, forgiving all who humbly repent and turn to his Son as Savior and Lord. God therefore forgives you in Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation. **Amen.**

Singing Together *Come Ye Sinners Poor And Needy*

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Come ye sinners poor and needy
Weak and wounded sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity, love and power

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorified
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh

*Chorus I will arise and go to Jesus
 He will embrace me in His arms
 In the arms of my dear Savior
 O there are ten thousand charms*

Come ye weary, heavy laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all (Chorus 2x)

Look And See

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To Him be the glory for all He has done
Praise to the Father who gave us His Son
A ransom for many He bled and died
Then rose in victory enthroned on high

To Him be the glory in heaven and earth
All of creation is shouting His worth
The saints and the angels all live to proclaim
The wonderful story the glorious Name

*Chorus Oh look and see our God and celebrate
 The power of the cross and the empty grave
 And now we're free let the redeemed
 Lift up your heads, Oh look and see our God!*

To Him be the glory He's coming again
And all of the sadness will come to an end
Oh what a reunion the bride and her King
Forever we'll praise Him forever we'll sing
(Chorus)

*Bridge Glory, glory to our God
 Glory, glory to our God (2x)
 (Chorus 2x)*

The Baptism of Eleanor Marie Ferguson

Praying Together

The Collection

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed

Genesis 15:1-21

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Communing Together

Invitation

Hear the words of our Savior: 'Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'
We come not because we ought, but because we may; not because we are righteous, but because we are repentant; not because we are strong, but because we are weak; not because we are whole, but because we are broken. Come then, for all is ready. Christ was raised to life, death is swallowed up, victory is won. Alleluia!
Therefore, I shall receive the bread of heaven. I shall drink the cup of salvation.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us – even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Awaiting his coming in glory, let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of our Lord. So let a person examine themselves, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** Prayer for those searching for truth** Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. While I find that hard to believe, help me to believe your claims. Guide me, teach me, open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

*** Prayer of belief** Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn away from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Singing Together

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

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Jesus, I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute despised forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition.
God and heaven are still my own!

Haste then on from grace to glory
Armed by faith and winged by prayer
Heavens eternal day's before Thee
God's own hand shall guide me there
Soon shall close the earthly mission,
Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope soon change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight and prayer to praise!

Go, then earthly fame and treasure
Come disaster scorn and pain
In Thy service pain is pleasure
With Thy favor loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl and clouds may gather
All must work for good to me!

Benediction

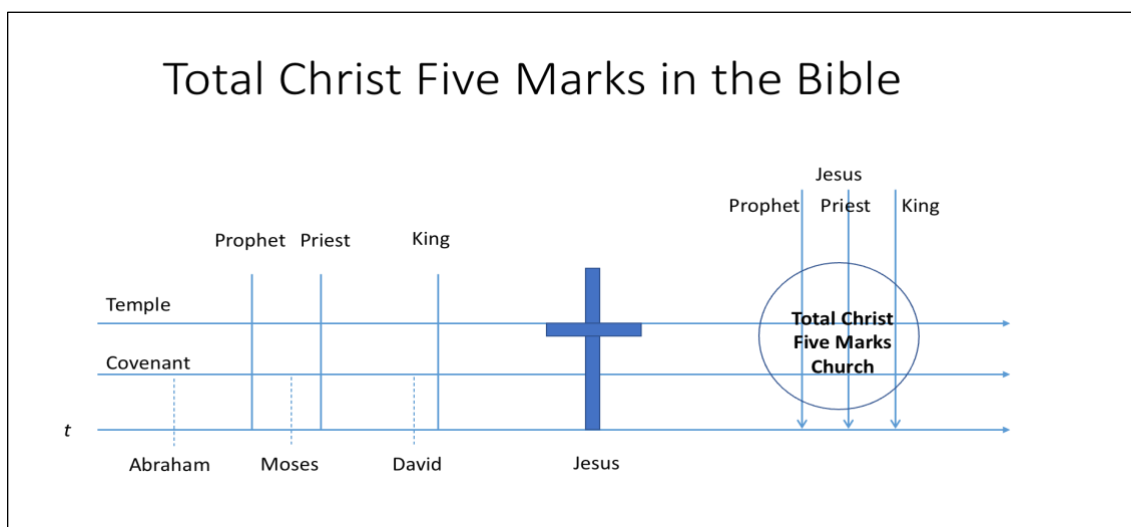
Sermon Series: What is the Church?

The People Of The Covenant

Genesis 15:1-21

How significant is it to know about the covenant?

1. The Covenant... more than a promise (What's the difference?)
2. The Implications of the Covenant... it's all about grace (Are God's promises unconditional or conditional?)
3. The Application of the Covenant... assurance and service



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