



*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 sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! **Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.** Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.** For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Singing Together *How Great Is Our God*

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The splendor of the King clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice and trembles at His voice

*Chorus How great is our God
Sing with me how great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God*

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb (Chorus)

*Bridge Name above all names
You are worthy of all praise
My heart will sing how great is our God (2x)*

O Praise The Name

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I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*Chorus O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King (Chorus)

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face (Chorus 2x)

Hearing God's Word

Matthew 21:33-46

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

Confessing Together

Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous, our God is merciful. The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. (Psalm 116:5-7) **Thanks be to God.**

Singing Together

How Firm A Foundation

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How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word
What more can He say than to you He has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not I am with you oh be not dismayed
For I am Thy God and will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call you to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie
My grace, all sufficient shall be your supply
The flame shall not hurt you, I only design
Your dross to consume and the gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to His foes
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

Praying Together

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed

Zephaniah 3:1-20

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

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 his 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.**

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

Most gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and for what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Now we give ourselves to you; and we ask that our daily living may be part of your kingdom, and that our love may be your love reaching out to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Singing Together

All I Have Is Christ

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I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace

*Chorus Hallelujah all I have is Christ
 Hallelujah Jesus is my life (2x)*

Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You (Chorus 2x)

Benediction for Mission

The Gospel According to Zephaniah
Zephaniah 3

Introduction

Would there be any good from God's word of judgment?

1. Unteachable

2. (Un)speakable

3. Unimaginable

Application

*** 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.