



*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

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.** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. **For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are the LORD's ways higher than our ways and his thoughts than my thoughts.**

Singing Together

10,000 Reasons

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*Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
 Worship His holy name!
 Sing like never before, O my soul
 I'll worship Your holy name!*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes! (Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find! (Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore! (Chorus 2x)

Hearing God's Word

Deuteronomy 30: 1-20

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

Confessing Together

Your Word is a lamp to our feet, yet so often, we do not believe it. Forgive us for our unbelief. Grant us your grace and truth to shape our lives to be a new creation of blessing to others. Help us to love our neighbors through the power of the Holy Spirit. Please have the Word and Spirit transform our lives to conform to the light of Christ. In His great name we pray. Amen.

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. **Thanks be to God.**

Singing Together *I Have A Shelter*

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I have a shelter in the storm
When troubles pour upon me
Though fears are rising like a flood
My soul can rest securely
Oh Jesus I will hide in You
My place of peace and solace
No trial is deeper than Your love
That comforts all my sorrows

I have a shelter in the storm
When all my sins accuse me
Though justice charges me with guilt
Your grace will not refuse me
Oh Jesus I will hide in You
Who bore my condemnation
I find my refuge in Your wounds
For there I find salvation

My Heart Is Filled

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My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fear to fly
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace

I have a shelter in the storm
When constant winds would break me
For in my weakness I have learned
Your strength will not forsake me
Oh Jesus I will hide in You
The One Who bears my burdens
With faithful hands that cannot fail
You'll bring me home to Heaven
Oh Jesus I will hide in You
The One Who bears my burdens
With faithful hands that cannot fail
You'll bring me home to Heaven

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace
Whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King
So I will give my life my all
To love and follow Him

Praying Together

The Collection

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed 1 Thessalonians 2: 13-20 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Communing Together

Invitation

Congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who seek forgiveness for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him, are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

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.**

Loving God, you made this world marvelous for us to enjoy. You gave Jesus to be our Savior and friend and to bring us to you. You sent your Spirit to make us one family in Christ. For these gifts of your love we thank you, and we join with angels and saints in this joyful hymn of praise: **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.**

Joining with the saints throughout the ages, on heaven and earth, we profess our faith: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will 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 the life everlasting. 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

Glory to God the Father, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ and crowned him with glory and honor. Glory to God the Son, who lives to plead our cause at the right hand of God and who will come again to make all things new. Glory to God the Holy Spirit, who brings us the taste of the good Word of God and the power of the age to come. Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might be to our Lord forever. 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

Let Your Kingdom Come

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*Chorus Let Your kingdom come let Your will be done
So that everyone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come*

Your glorious cause O God engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves but for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray Your kingdom come (Chorus)

Give us Your strength O God and courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till our dying breath (Chorus)

Benediction

Grace Under Pressure: Sermons in 1 Thessalonians

God's Plan For A Glorious Church

1 Thessalonians 2: 13-20

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