



*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

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that I will seek after; **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life**, and to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. **For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble**; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. **And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

Singing Together *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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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 hast been, Thou forever wilt be

*Refrain Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see!
All I have needed Thy hand has 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! (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside! (Refrain 2x)

Because the Lord our God is good
His mercy is forever sure
His faithfulness at all times stood
And shall from age to age endure! (Chorus)

*Bridge Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
(Chorus 2x)*

Hearing God's Word

1 Peter 2:1-12

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

Confessing Together

Our Father in heaven, we thank you that you have led us into the light. We thank you for sending the Savior to call us from death to life. We confess that we were dead in sin before we heard his call, but when we heard him, like Lazarus, we arose. But O Father, the grave clothes bind us still. Old habits that we cannot throw off, old customs that are so much a part of our lives that we are helpless to live the new life that Christ calls us to live. Give us strength, O Father, to break the bonds; give us courage to live a new life in you; give us faith to believe that with your help we cannot fail. All this we ask in the name of the Savior who has taught us to come to you. Amen.

If you confess your sin with a repentant heart and depend on God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in the work of Christ and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. **Amen.**

Singing Together

It Is Well

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When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot You have taught me to say
It is well it is well with my soul

*Refrain It is well (it is well)
 With my soul (with my soul)
 It is well, it is well with my soul!*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul! (Refrain)

My sin, oh the bliss, of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

And Lord, haste the day
When the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so, it is well with my soul! (Refrain)

Your Kindness Knows No End

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We did not deserve this, we can't pay it back
We've no explanation for Your grace
Still You keep on giving, filling what we lack
Proving you are good in all Your ways
Relentless love, come crashing in

*Chorus Oh God You've overtaken us,
 You never stop, You won't give up
 Stronger than our sin,
 Your kindness knows no end!*

You have proven faithful, steady all the way
On Your solid rock we stand secure
We know we can trust You, in our darkest days
Even when we can't see where You are
Relentless love, come crashing in

*Chorus 2 Oh God You've overtaken us,
 You never stop, You won't give up,
 Stronger than our sin!
 We know Your love is real and true
 It comes to heal us through and through
 Time and time again
 Your kindness knows no end!*

*Bridge Who is this God who keeps on
 Chasing after us
 Even in our sin?
 What is this kindness You have shown us?
 Waves and waves of love
 Come crashing in!
 (Chorus 2)*

Communicants Presentation

Praying Together

The Collection

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed

Nehemiah 3

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 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.**

Let us pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray: **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 but 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

We thank you, O God, that through Word and sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus 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

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 for Mission

How God Gets Things Done
Nehemiah 3

1. God sets apart his city
2. God gifts his people for service
3. God calls his servants by name

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