



*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

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. **Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.** Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his; **We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.** Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Singing Together *How Great Thou Art*

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O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Chorus Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

And when I think that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin (Chorus)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art (Chorus)

Hearing God's Word

Jeremiah 37:1 – 38:6

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

Confessing Together

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths through the mercy of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says, 'Your sins are forgiven.' He also says, 'Follow me.' Now to the one who rules all worlds, immortal, invisible, the only God be honor and glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

Singing Together

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

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Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

*Bridge Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore (3x)*

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Praying Together

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed

2 Corinthians 11:16-33

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Communing Together

LAMENT (Psalm 46:1-3)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

PRAISE (Psalm 46:10-11)

Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth. **The LORD of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully paid for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil, and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; moreover, that all things must work together for my salvation, and by His Holy Spirit, Christ also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live for Him.

(Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1)

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.** Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed. **Therefore, let us remember the feast.**

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

I Will Boast In Christ

All I have because of Jesus
All this promise won for me
When He paid the highest ransom
Once for always for my freedom

*Chorus I will boast in Christ alone
His righteousness and not my own
I will cling to Christ my hope
His mercy reigns now and forever*

Love will never lose its power
All my failures could not erase
Now I walk within Your favor
Grace unending my salvation (Chorus)

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

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*Bridge What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus (2x)
(Chorus 2x)*

*Bridge 2 O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

Benediction for Mission

Stamford Midtown
(Gullete's)
Life Group meeting
next Sunday

Reasonable Faith
Seminars
Reliability of the
Bible
Sun, Mar 21
7pm by Zoom

Reasonable Faith
Seminars
Evidence for the
Resurrection
Sun, Mar 28
7pm by Zoom

God willing, we call
Grace Church
Stamford back to
full open worship
with two services
at Easter, April 4

Weak Made Strong: Sermons in 2 Corinthians

Boasting in Christ
2 Corinthians 11:16-33

Introduction

1. Boasting with the super-apostles

a. The culture

b. The problems

2. Boasting with Paul

a. The comparison

b. The purpose

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.