



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

**March 28, 2021 AD**

### **Call To Worship**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. **Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.** Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, **who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!** You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; **none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.** (Psalm 40:3-5)

### **Singing Together      *Oh Our Lord***

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We behold the rising sun  
The earth awakes Your hope has come  
We look to You we long for You oh Lord

We behold the breaking dawn  
The light that shines over everyone  
We look to You we long for You oh Lord

*Chorus      Oh our Lord  
                 Oh our Lord  
                 How majestic is Your name in all the earth!*

We behold the falling rain  
Like waters rise come flood this place  
We reach for You we cling to You oh Lord (Chorus 2x)

*Bridge      Oh Your Name is a light in the darkness  
                 Oh Your Name is the word of truth  
                 Oh Your Name, oh Your Name  
                 Oh Your Name is a light in the darkness  
                 Oh Your Name is the word of truth  
                 Oh Your Name, oh Your Name (Chorus 2x) (Bridge)*

### **Hearing God's Word**

Psalm 118:1-29

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

### **Confessing Together**

**Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible, how often we forget to pray, the times we come unwillingly to worship, and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him (John 3:16-17). **Thanks be to God.**

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity  
In our longing in our darkness now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living in His suff'ring Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption see the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him praise the Lord He is alive  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance how unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes

### ***Grace Alone***

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I was an orphan lost at the fall running away when I'd hear you call  
But Father you worked your will  
I had no righteousness of my own, I had no right to draw near your throne  
But Father you loved me still

And in love before you laid the world's foundation  
You predestined to adopt me as your own  
You have raised me up so high above my station  
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone

You left your home to seek out the lost, You knew the great and terrible cost  
But Jesus your face was set  
I worked my fingers down to the bone, but nothing I did could ever atone  
But Jesus you paid my debt

By Your blood I have redemption and salvation  
Lord you died that I might reap what you have sown  
And you rose that I might be a new creation  
I am born again by grace and grace alone

I was in darkness all of my life, I never knew the day from the night  
But Spirit you made me see  
I swore I knew the way on my own head full of rocks a heart made of stone  
But Spirit you moved in me

And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened  
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone  
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken  
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone  
So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone  
I will run the race by grace and grace alone  
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone  
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone

## Praying Together

### Hearing God's Word Proclaimed

2 Corinthians 12:11-21

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

### 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.**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

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

#### *O Church Arise (Arise Shine)*

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O Church arise and put your armor on  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of Truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations

*Chorus*     *Arise shine for your Light has come*  
*Arise shine for the risen Son*  
*Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride*  
*Arise O Church arise*

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from his grave  
This victory march continues 'til the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in Glory (Chorus)

### Benediction for Mission

Youth Group is ON  
tonight  
6-8pm

Reasonable Faith  
Series  
Evidence for the  
Resurrection  
Tonight 7pm by  
Zoom

Calling the church  
for worship at Easter  
9 or 11:15am  
Communion will be  
observed  
Kids Program at  
10:25

Check the church  
email for our  
Passion Week  
events!!

## Truth and Love

## 2 Corinthians 12: 11-21

## Introduction – Have you experienced grace and power this past week?

## Grace and power enables Paul...

1. To show supernatural love
2. To experience covenant commitment
3. To uphold the truth

\* **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.