



Grace Church Stamford welcomes you
to our Sunday gathering
where our aim is to meet Jesus Christ
by His Word and Spirit

September 3, 2018 AD

Called Together

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth. **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.** Highest of all creation, he lives among the least. **He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.** Come now, all who thirst, **and drink the water of life.** Come now, all who hunger, **and be filled with good things.** Come now, all who seek, **and be warmed by the fire of his love.**

Singing Together

Poured Out

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God poured out His love
And showered us with grace
When He sent His son
Jesus love's true face

Chorus *You poured out Your love on us
You poured out Your love
Our sins deep stain, was washed away
When You poured out Your love*

On the cross we find
Wondrous love divine
When Jesus shed His blood
That we might have true life (Chorus)

Bridge *We stand amazed giving You all praise!
How great a love You poured out on us! (Chorus 2x, Bridge)*

Who You Say I Am

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Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus *Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am!
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am!*

Free at last He has ransomed me His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Bridge *I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am (2x)*

Hearing God's Word

John 13:1-20

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.

Christ is our peace; those who are divided he has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and has built us up into one body, with God. To all who repent and believe, he has promised reconciliation. So live as people reconciled. **Amen.**

Singing Together *Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery* Matt Papa, Michael Bleeker, Matt Boswell© 2012 Bleeker Pub. | CCLI # 11280377

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

The Collection

Praying Together

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed

John 13:21-38

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.**

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are fully 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.

Communion

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread and after giving thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord until he comes.

Holy Communion

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Gracious Father we give You praise
And thanks for this holy communion
The body and blood of your beloved Son

Chorus *The body is broken God's love poured open
To make us new, Lord make us new (2x)*

Abba Father we bless your name
And take part in this holy communion
Make us all one to love like your Son

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We bless you, O God, for gifts of bread and cup, for sustaining us in hope, every day of our lives. We pray for your strength to prepare us now for your service, as we offer to you lives of witness and worship in the world you have made. 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 **Gracefully Broken** Bryan Torwalt, Jonas Myrin, Katie Torwalt, Matt Redman, Tasha Cobbs | 2017 Six steps | CCLI # 11280377

Take all I have in these hands
And multiply God all that I am
And find my heart on the altar again
Set me on fire, set me on fire (2x)

Chorus *Here I am God arms wide open
Pouring out my life gracefully broken*

My heart stands in awe of Your name
Your mighty love stands strong to the end
You will fulfill Your purpose for me
You won't forsake me, You will be with me (Chorus 2x)

Bridge All to Jesus now, all to Jesus now
Holding nothing back, holding nothing back
I surrender, I surrender
I surrender, I surrender (Chorus 2x)

Chorus *Your power at work in me
I'm broken gracefully
I'm strong when I am weak
I will be free (3x) (Chorus)*

Blessed For Mission Together

The vision of Grace Church Stamford is to grow and connect gospel-proclaiming communities

Sermon Series: Finding Happiness?

Finding Happiness in Community

John 18:1-18

Community?

1. We want it but we're afraid of it.
2. We need it but we've been burned by it.
3. We love it but we don't want it to be hard to get.

Application

Evangelism Days
Sat Sept 8, 15

Church work days
Sat Sept 8,15

Fall Family Fair
Sun, Sept 16
after 2nd service