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

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Called Together

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.**
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.**

Singing Together ***O Worship The King*** Chris Tomlin, Johann Michael Haydn, Robert Grant| ©2004 Sixsteps Music | CCLI # 11280377

O worship the King all glorious above
O gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of His might O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

Chorus *You alone are the matchless King*
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders what tongue can recite
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light

O measureless might ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend (Chorus 2x, Verse 1)

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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)

Hearing God's Word **Philippians 2:1-11** This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Confessing Together

Almighty God, forgive my sins. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times I've been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the lies I've told to others, and the truths I've avoided, for the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. God, have mercy on me, and make me whole. 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. **Thanks be to God.**

Singing Together ***O God Of Mercy Hear Our Plea*** Brittany Kauflin, Michael Bleeker| © 2017 Sov Grace Music.| CCLI # 11280377

O God we've seen Your faithfulness
You brought us from the wilderness
But now our faith is frail and weak
O God of mercy hear our plea

When will You comfort our distress
How long until the promised rest
We cry to You from deepest need
O God of mercy hear our plea

Chorus *Abba Father our Redeemer*
In this barren land be our hope and strength
Until glory we will trust and sing
Abba Father hear our plea

We join creation's longing groan
To take Your ransomed children home
For then the eyes of all will see
The God of mercy hears our plea (Chorus)

For then the eyes of all will see
The God of mercy hears our plea (2x) (Chorus 2x)

The Collection

Praying Together

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed **Philippians 2:12-30** 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 his 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.**

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.**

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.

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

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace, that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works, a continual thank-offering to you, 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 ***Glorious Day*** Jason Ingram | Jonathan Smith | Kristian Stanfill | Sean Curran|Sixsteps 2017| CCLI # 11280377

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb 'til I met You

I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Chorus *You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave*
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new Jesus when I met You (Chorus)

Bridge *I needed rescue my sin was heavy*
But chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven
When I was broken You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future my eyes are open when You called my name (Chorus)

Blessed For Mission Together

Steps Towards The Excellent Life
Philippians 2:12-30

Introduction: Intimidated about learning something new?

1. It's got to start

2. It's going to start modestly

3. It's working out in others

Application: