



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 (congregation response in bold)

There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. **All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.**

Singing Together **Beautiful**

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I see Your face in every sunrise
The colors of the morning are inside Your eyes
The world awakens in the light of the day
I look up to the sky and say
You're beautiful

I see Your power in the moonlit night
Where planets are in motion and galaxies are bright
We are amazed in the light of the stars
It's all proclaiming who You are
You're beautiful

I see You there hanging on a tree
You bled and then You died
And then You rose again for me
Now You are sitting on Your heavenly throne
Soon we will be coming home
You're beautiful

When we arrive at eternity's shore
Where death is just a memory and tears are no more
We'll enter in as the wedding bells ring
Your bride will come together and we'll sing
You're beautiful

You Alone Can Rescue

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Who O Lord could save themselves
Their own soul could heal
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your grace is deeper still (2x)

Chorus *And You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

You O Lord have made a way
The great divide You healed
For when our hearts were far away
Your love went further still
Yes Your love goes further still (Chorus 2x)

Bridge We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes
You're the giver of life
We lift up our eyes lift up our eyes
You're the giver of life (2x) (Chorus)

Confessing Together

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. **Amen.**

Singing Together *It Is Well With My Soul*

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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

*Chorus 1 It is well it is well
 Through the storm I am held
 It is well it is well with my soul*

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 oh my soul

*Chorus 2 It is well it is well through the storm I am held
 It is well it is well with my soul
 It is well it is well God has won Christ prevailed
 It is well it is well with my soul*

And Lord haste the day when my 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 (Chorus 2)

The Collection**Praying Together****Hearing God's Word Proclaimed**

Psalm 16

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. We are a people who partake of this meal, recognizing the ordinary elements of bread and wine, but who also believe they signify our salvation, Christ's broken body and shed blood. So all who are truly sorry 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.

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.

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.**

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we thank you for the love that brings us food from heaven, gives us the life of your dear Son, and assures us that we belong to the company of all his faithful people in heaven and on earth. Grant that, strengthened by this fellowship and by the power of his Holy Spirit, we may continue his work in the world, until we come to the glory of your eternal kingdom, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son 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

O Great God

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O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme conquer every rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n glorify Your Name through me

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Blessed For Mission Together

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

Nurturing Joy and Delight
Psalm 16

Introduction: How does David pray to experience the 'fullness of joy'?

1. Identify

2. Speak

3. Walk

Application

Youth Group is ON
this week
May 2 at the
church bldg
6:30 for dinner

Christianity Explored
Course to begin this
Wed May 1
7pm for dinner at
the church bldg

Undie Sunday
collection next
Sunday, May 5,
for Bridgeport
Rescue Mission

Ladies Mercy
Ministry

Sat, May 11
11:30 to serve lunch
at the Bridgeport
Rescue Mission