



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

May 5, 2019 AD

Called Together (congregation response in bold)

Praise the Lord! **Praise God in his sanctuary;** praise him in his mighty firmament! **Praise him for his mighty deeds;** praise him according to his exceeding greatness! **Let everything that has breathe praise the Lord!**

Singing Together *Praise To The Lord*

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Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul praise Him for He is my health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Chorus *We give you praise our creator King
For You alone are God!
Be glorified Lord Jesus Christ
For You alone have saved us!*

Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly fore'er we adore Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly fore'er we adore Him (Chorus 2x)

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)*

Confessing Together

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

Hear the good news! God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved, and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus! **Thanks be to God.**

Singing Together *He Will Hold Me Fast*

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When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

*Chorus He will hold me fast
 He will hold me fast
 For my Savior loves me so
 He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast (Chorus)

For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last (Chorus)

The Collection

Praying Together

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed Ephesians 1:22 – 2:22 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 is 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.**

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.**

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

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

Won My Heart

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In the darkness there's a light before me
And it drives away my fear
In the silence there's a voice that calls me
And it tells me You are near

In the chaos there's a hand that holds me
And will never let me go
Yes I know that You are always for me
For Your word has told me so

Chorus *I will follow You, I will walk by faith
You have brought me near, by Your unrelenting grace
I will set my mind on the things above
You have won my heart with Your everlasting love*

I was lost but then You came and found me
And in love You brought me home
I was dead in sin but then You raised me
I am saved by grace alone (Chorus)

Bridge *For no height, no depth, no life, no death
No power on earth can take us from Your love
No height, no depth, no life, no death
No power on earth can take us from Your love (2x, Chorus)*

Blessed For Mission Together

There is NO Youth
Group this week

Christianity Explored

Course to continue
this Wed
7pm for dinner at
the church bldg

Annual Kids Camp
at Island Beach
Thurs-Fri June 20-21
Fri-Sat June 21-22

Women's Retreat
Save the date
Oct 18-19 Fri-Sat

Being the Total Christ
Ephesians 1: 22 - 2:22

- I. Gospel-centered church
 - a. Pictures
 - b. Action of God
 - i. self-sufficiency idol
 - ii. "I'm special" idol
 - iii. fairness idol

- II. Missional-presence church
 - a. Being the Body
 - b. Outworking of the Body in:
 - i. Prophet
 - ii. Priest
 - iii. King