



# Grace Hill Church

*The Mission of Grace Hill Is to Gather People to the Table of Christ, Who Is the Bread of Life, to Be Transformed by His Grace, Renewed in His Truth, and Sent on His Mission.*

"In one hour's time I will be out there again. I will raise my eyes and look down that corridor; 4 feet wide, with 10 lonely seconds to justify my whole existence. But will I?" ~Harold Abrahams (talking about the race he's about to run), *Chariots of Fire*

"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.<sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.<sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation." ~Genesis 1.31–2.3

And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." Gen 11.4

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." ~Ex. 20.8–11

"Thus says the LORD: 'Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.'

Blessed is the [one] who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil." ~Is. 56.1–2

"If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ~Is. 58.13–14

"So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience." ~Heb 4.9–11

"Jesus is less concerned with abrogating Sabbath law, and more concerned with bringing the grace of God to concrete expression in his own ministry, not least on the Sabbath; what is more, according to Luke, as lord of the Sabbath he has the authority to do just that!" ~Joel Green, *Luke*, p. 252–3.

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## Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

### Declaring What We Believe: Heidelberg Catechism, Question #45

**Question:** What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?

**Answer:** I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself, a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

## Welcoming Each Other

## Giving Worship to God: Offering

### Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 6.1–11*

On a Sabbath, while he was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked and ate some heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands.<sup>2</sup> But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?"<sup>3</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him:<sup>4</sup> how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?"<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

<sup>6</sup> On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered.<sup>7</sup> And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him.<sup>8</sup> But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come and stand here." And he rose and stood there.<sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?"<sup>10</sup> And after looking around at them all he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored.<sup>11</sup> But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

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## **Understanding God's Word and Our Lives**

**Sermon: Sabbath: "Have You Not Read?"**

**Series: Luke's Historic Account of Jesus: An Invitation to Faith and Following**

Outline:

1. We Have Lots of Questions about the Sabbath, but Jesus Says "Have You Not Read?" v. 3, 9
2. Sabbath is a Call to Worship and Rest that is Spiritual and Physical
  - a. In Creation: Gen 1.31 – 2.3
  - b. In the Fall: Gen 11.3 – 4
  - c. In Redemption: Isaiah 56.1 – 2, 58.13 – 14
  - d. In Fullness: Heb 4.9 – 11
3. Jesus Is Calling Us to Experience God's Grace and Restoring Purpose in the Sabbath.

## **Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin**

### **Public Prayer**

God, we question Your call for rest, but we are so tired. We are weary about Your call to worship, but we are suffering from the temptations to bow down to created things. Sometimes we act as if we are self-created, able to set or deny our own limitations. In all this we often miss Your purpose and ignore Your instructions for Sabbath. Forgive us.

Father, You made us to find an all-encompassing inner delight and abundance in You. Your call to the worship and rest of Sabbath is for that goal. In "Have you not read?" Jesus calls us to receive Your good goals and instructions on worship and rest from the Old Testament. Let the healing and restoration of Jesus' death for us go further within us, and enable us to be agents of His healing for others.

### **Private Reflection**

#### **The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ**

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### **Responding to the Lord with Worship**

#### **Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction ("the good word")**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Heb. 13.20–21)

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#### **Announcements:**

- **CORE Zoom Pin: 989209**
- **Last Outdoor Communion Service:** Tuesday, October 27th, 6:30pm (note earlier time)—This is the last Communion service before Daylight Savings Time, so please try to join if you can.
- **GH Ladies: Bridal Shower for Timber!** November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:30pm at Grace Hill Church. An Evite and email went out this week to invite all GH ladies to a celebration for Timber Beeninga and her upcoming marriage to Ben Ashby. The celebration will take place OUTSIDE, weather permitting. Please see the original invite for more details and to RSVP or reach out to Mary Erickson with questions.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays starting at 9:30 am on Zoom. We'll begin with fellowship and prayer at 9:30 am, and the study will begin at 10 am. Contact Cathy Durham at [cathywoodurham@gmail.com](mailto:cathywoodurham@gmail.com) for the Zoom code. It is the same one as spring semester for those of you who previously attended.
- **In-Person Worship:** If you'd like to attend worship in-person, please email Andrea ([andrea@gracehillnc.org](mailto:andrea@gracehillnc.org)) about your desire to worship in person at GH for upcoming Sundays. Please email or call Ross with any questions.
- **Worship in Offering:** Three ways to worship the Lord with your tithes and offerings
  - Use your bank's BillPay system to give to Grace Hill
  - Send a physical check
  - Use our mobile giving option (either as a guest or by setting up an account):
    - <https://faithlife.com/grace-hill-church/give>, or
    - <https://tinyurl.com/ul68txo>, or
    - Simply text the word Give with the amount (e.g. Give 100) to 919 296 1330.
- **Small Groups:** We have four small groups meetings during the week (Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays evenings)! Some in person, one online, and one hybrid. Contact Ross to join the right one for you!

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Grace Hill seeks to live by and testify to the grace and truth of Jesus Christ (John 1.14–18). We are affiliated with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, a Presbyterian denomination with a rich history of living in Christ's grace and truth. Our pastor is Ross Durham. He can be reached at [ross@gracehillinc.org](mailto:ross@gracehillinc.org) or by cell phone at 919.593.2169. Our Youth Director is Daniel Havener, [daniel@gracehillinc.org](mailto:daniel@gracehillinc.org). Our Worship Music Director is Kayli Havener, [kayli@gracehillinc.org](mailto:kayli@gracehillinc.org). Our Communications Coordinator is Andrea Sterling, [andrea@gracehillinc.org](mailto:andrea@gracehillinc.org). Address: 515 Meadowlands Drive, Suite 500, Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278 [www.gracehillinc.org](http://www.gracehillinc.org); Facebook: Grace Hill Church; Twitter: @gracehillchurch; Instagram: gracehillinc