



# 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.*

[Jesus'] graciousness toward these women is not repaid by their benefactions; rather, his graciousness is mirrored in theirs. Joel Green, *Luke*, 319.

Luke first refers to the women, naming three (Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna) at 8.2-3. He does not, like Matthew, Mark, and John name them when he refers to their presence at the cross (23.49). Instead, he reserves that information until the end of his story of the women's visit to the empty tomb... These two passages that name some of the women place them alongside the Twelve (8.1-3 and 24.10) and form a literary inclusio bracketing all but the earliest part of Jesus' ministry... These three Gospels [Mark, Luke, John] all use the literary device of the inclusio of eyewitness testimony in order to indicate the main eyewitness source of their story... The implication is surely that Luke owed some of his special traditions to one (most likely Joanna) or more than one of them. ~Bauckham, *Jesus and the Eyewitnesses*, p. 131

Following Mark, Luke has made sure that Simon Peter is both the first and the last disciple to be individually named in his Gospel (4.38, 23.34), thus acknowledging the incorporation of the Petrine witness of Mark's Gospel into his own work. But within the Petrine inclusio he has also placed another inclusio, that of the women. ~Bauckham, *Jesus and the Eyewitnesses*, p. 131

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## Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

### Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #18

**Question:** Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

**Answer:** No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.

## Welcoming Each Other

### Giving Worship to God: Offering

### Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 8.1-3, Luke 24.1-12*

#### *Luke 8.1-3*

Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup> and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, <sup>3</sup> and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

#### *Luke 24.1-12*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

## Understanding God's Word and Our Lives

**Sermon:** *Mary M., Joanna, and Suzanna Show Us Discipleship and Witness to Jesus*

Outline:

1. The Women Show Us That We Are All Called to Be *With* Jesus and *Serve* Him
  - a. All: Both Men and Women, the Afflicted and Powerful, the Poor and the Wealthy
  - b. With: With Jesus Is the Only Safe, Level Ground
  - c. Serve: We Are to Serve Jesus With All that We Have, Including Financial Resources
2. The Women Show Us That We Are All Called to Be Witnesses to Jesus (Some Got to Be Eyewitnesses)

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

### **Public Prayer**

God, we confess we often lose sight of how You are calling all peoples to come to Yourself. Sometimes we think Your Church is for people like us. We lack faith that You are calling men and women, afflicted and noble, poor and rich, every nation to come to You. Forgive us for when our doubts hinder our prayers.

Father, You are gathering a diverse people to be *with* You. Not merely being in the building or speaking Jesus' name, but following Jesus with our hand on His shoulder, sitting at His feet, feeling Him fill and sustain our hearts, being experientially convinced that nothing can separate us from the rich affections of Your love for us in Christ Jesus. Spirit, help us to fully know this and then bear witness to all of Your wonderful glory.

### **Private Reflection**

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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.

<sup>8</sup> And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities. ~Psalm 130.3-8

### **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**
- **Renewed Covid Policy. Goal: robust, Christ-centered, gathered worship**  
For the sake of our personal health and gospel community at Grace Hill, for all indoor Grace Hill activities, we require the following: (1) masks be worn at all times, (2) temperature checks when entering the building, (3) refraining from hugs or handshakes, and (4) six foot distancing (whenever possible). Maximum indoor numbers are now 35 people. This number is only possible if the four previous precautions are meticulously adhered to. For outdoor activities, we require refraining from hugs or handshakes, and practicing six-foot distancing where possible. Masks are highly recommended for outdoor seated events.
- **Next Outdoor Communion:** Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. RSVP to Kayli at [kayli@gracehillnc.org](mailto:kayli@gracehillnc.org) if you'd like to attend.
- **Testimony in Worship:** On Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will hear a testimony in worship from John Worsham, the Director at Triangle Fellows, a faith and work ministry in Durham. Join us!
- **Worship in Offering:** Three ways to worship the Lord with your tithes and offerings
  1. Use your bank's BillPay system to give to Grace Hill
  2. Send a physical check
  3. Use our mobile giving option (either as a guest or by setting up an account):
    - <https://faithlife.com/grace-hill-church/give> or text the word "Give" to 919 296 1330.



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@gracehillnc.org](mailto:ross@gracehillnc.org) or by cell phone at 919.593.2169. Our Youth Director is Daniel Havener, [daniel@gracehillnc.org](mailto:daniel@gracehillnc.org). Our Worship Music Director is Kayli Havener, [kayli@gracehillnc.org](mailto:kayli@gracehillnc.org). Our Communications Coordinator is Kayli Havener, [kayli@gracehillnc.org](mailto:kayli@gracehillnc.org). Address: 515 Meadowlands Drive, Suite 500, Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278 [www.gracehillnc.org](http://www.gracehillnc.org); Facebook: Grace Hill Church; Twitter: @gracehillchurch; Instagram: gracehillnc