



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.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ~Ephesians 6.10-12

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. ~Romans 8.35-39

...but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. ~Ephesians 5.18b-21

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Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #22

Question: Why must the Redeemer be truly human?

Answer: That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin; and also that he might sympathize with our weaknesses.

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 8.28-39*

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” ²⁹ For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³² Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

³⁴ When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶ And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Understanding God’s Word and Our Lives

Sermon: *Jesus: Ruler of the Spiritual World*

Outline:

1. Even An Army of Demons Must Obey Jesus’ Command, v. 30-31
 - a. Truth: the spiritual realm is real
 - b. Truth: you do not need to live in fear of it
2. Spiritual Possession Leads to Transformation, v. 34-36
 - a. Demonic Possession: disregard for personal dignity, isolation, demonic speech, strength
 - b. The Presence of the Holy Spirit: the Fruit of the Spirit, submission to God (Gal. 5.22-26, Eph. 5.18b-21)
3. The Revealing of Jesus’ Power Leads to a Response
 - a. Will we beg him to leave us or beg to go with him?

The Vision of Grace Hill Is to Love God and Love Our Neighbor and Love God and ...

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

Heavenly Father, we confess that we often neglect to treat spiritual realities wisely. Either we ignore their existence and live as practical atheists or we live in fear of the Enemy's power, not trusting that even a legion of demons is forced to obey Your every word. The first keeps us from acknowledging the spiritual forces that are working against Your kingdom and therefore keep us from prayer. The second leaves You asking, "Where is your faith?" Forgive us.

Lord, we know that Your word tells us of the spiritual warfare that is happening today, but it promises that there is nothing that can stand against us. We trust that Your sons' offering satisfied Your just wrath, therefore we don't have to live in fear. We believe that Your Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead, and now empowers us against all spiritual powers of the Enemy. You will answer the prayers of Your children. May we call on You for enemies great and small. May our faith grow in Your power and in Your goodness.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us... ~Ephesians 3:20

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)

Announcements:

- **CORE Zoom Pin: 989209**
- **Renewed Covid Policy II. Starts 5/17/21. Goal: robust, Christ-centered, gathered worship**
 1. Based on new medical recommendations, for those who have received their final vaccine, and waited roughly two weeks for full efficacy, masks are not required for indoor attendance. For those who have not been fully vaccinated, masks are required indoor for their own safety.
 2. Our live stream will continue, so please make your personal decisions about attending. We understand that some families with children will prefer to continue with the live stream.
 3. We affirm personal decision to continue to wear masks. If you are sick, please recover at home. Let's give thanks to God for continued progress against the pandemic and let's be thoughtful and considerate of our body, since every member is essential!
- **Volunteers Needed:** Grace Hill is in need of volunteers to run sound on Sundays. Please prayerfully consider if this is an area you can serve in. (We will train you!) For more information, contact Daniel Havener: daniel@gracehillnc.org
- **Women's Ministry:** Mark your calendars. On June 26th from 11:00-1:00, (location tbd) the Women's ministry of Grace Hill will have a "vision brunch" for what the future of women's ministry will look like. If you have a burden, vision, interest related to any form of spiritual gospel flourishing for women, please join us for a time of brainstorming, prayer, fellowship and brunch. More details to follow. cathyoodurham@me.com or kaylynfernandez15@gmail.com for interest and questions.
- **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.



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