

Harbor Church, Block Island



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A VIRTUAL GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude Music

Opening Reflection

“There is a lie that acts like a virus within the mind of humanity. And that lie is, There’s not enough good to go around. The truth is that there’s more than enough good to go around. There is more than enough creative ideas. There is more than enough power. There is more than enough love. There’s more than enough joy. There is enough for everyone. That’s the truth.” – Michael Bernard Beckwith

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship [Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21]

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Leader: The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

People: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

Leader: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

People: The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

People: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

Leader: The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

People: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Song **Your Grace Is Enough**

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob

You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Chorus 2

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

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GOD DRAWS US NEAR

Prayer (with One Voice)

Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit. From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right. If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness, Amen.

Disciple's Moment "Staying Cool When it's Not"

1st Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Prevailing through Challenges

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Song "More Than Enough"

Child of promise sent from heaven
Light from light shine down on us
Oh to fill a hungry people
Child of promise, child of God

You are faithful, You are savior
You are more than enough
You are healer, You are holy
You are more than enough

Man of sorrows, heart of mercy
Love raised high upon a cross
Dead to lead us to redemption
Man of sorrows, Son of God

You are faithful, You are savior
You are more than enough
You are healer, You are holy
You are more than enough

You are more than enough
Jesus You are more than enough

Lord of life in glory risen
Love has conquered both sin and grave
Heaven's gates are truly open
Lord of life, King of Kings

You are faithful, You are savior
You are more than enough
You are healer, You are holy
You are more than enough

I'm alive in the arms of love
I lift my hands to the God above
I'm alive in the arms of love
Your more than enough [x2]

I'm alive in the arms of love
I lift my hands to the God above
I'm alive in the arms of love

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2nd Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

Compassion for the Crowds

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Message: "More Than Enough"

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

Musical Meditation

What resources has God provided for me to respond to my current challenges?
How can I share these resources with others?

The Offering

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

For Praise

The privilege of gathering for worship once more!
The Opening of Businesses for the summer season
God continues to protect our community

For Passings

Hank Lemoine
Doris Boas – Debbie Howarth's mother
Neil Lang
Marc Scortino has lost both parents to the Virus

For People we Know

Marcia Merrick is ill
Don Frageau is ill
Peter (Sr.) & Marianne Preiser, Health Concerns
Tom Wiles, Healing, and a season of joyful retirement
Joan Theve lost her house to fire
Rochelle Marte, Paul & Sally's daughter-in-law- recovery from cancer
Phyllis Lacoste – multiple medical issues
Cindy Pappas's sister, Lynda – needs liver transplant

Will Young's friend, Mary Lynn – cancer returned

For our Nation and the World

For those in the path of hurricane

Grace toward strangers

Social Equality for All

Reduction in violence in our country

Cure and vaccine for Covid-19

Those out of work or in economic crisis

For strength and wisdom for our town, regional, and national leaders

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (“...forgive us our sins)

Song “Shine Jesus Shine”

Chorus

Shine Jesus shine

Fill this land

With the Father's glory

Blaze Spirit blaze

Set our hearts on fire

Flow river flow

Flood the nations

With grace and mercy

Send forth Your word Lord

And let there be light

Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining

In the midst of the darkness shining

Jesus Light of the world shine upon us

Set us free by the truth You now bring us

Shine on me shine on me

Verse 2

Lord I come to Your awesome presence

From the shadows into Your radiance

By the blood I may enter Your brightness

Search me try me consume all my darkness

Shine on me shine on me

Verse 3

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness

So our faces display Your likeness

Ever changing from glory to glory

Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story

Shine on me shine on me

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Passing of the Peace & Benediction

Now may the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, personally restore, establish, strengthen, and support you in the days ahead. Glory belongs to God forever, Amen. [1Peter 5: 10]

– *Go in Peace!*

A Special Thank you to Today's Musicians:

Connections

Outdoor Worship Services: Weather permitting, we will hold Outdoor Worship at Harbor Church Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. on the lawn around the pergola. Services will continue to be streamed live online as well. In the event of bad weather, the worship team will live-stream the service from inside the church, but there will be **NO gathering indoors.**

For cancellation due to inclement weather, check the church website and group emails!

Virtual Worship Experience: Sunday Mornings at 10 a.m. via live stream from our Facebook page: Harbor Church – Block Island, RI. (Also recorded for later viewing.)

Note: We are no longer simulcasting our worship services on Zoom.
We apologize for any inconvenience.

For Group Emails: Just send a request to be added to our group email list at harborchurch1765@gmail.com.

For Devotional Videos: Tune in on the YouTube channel “Pastor Peter Preiser”.

For Moments of Inspiration: Enjoy Photos & Phrases with us on Instagram @harborchurchbi.

For Families with Children at Home:

Printable faith-based resources as well as online activities are available at:

<https://www.coloringpages.net/bible.html>

Virtual Sunday School: To receive our Weekly Adventure Hour Curriculum for children, email Pastor Peter at petrospaulos@hotmail.com

Music Time with Miss Carrie on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. via a live stream from the Island Free Library Facebook page. Families with preschoolers can enjoy this together.

For more resources:

- Go to our website www.harborchurchblockisland.org
- Email Pastor Peter directly at petrospaulos@hotmail.com
- Or call Harbor Church by phone at (401) 466-5940

Remember this great promise: “Cast all your cares upon God, because God cares for you.”
[1 Peter 5:7]

Information

Electronic Giving Options are now available if you wish to make a donation to Harbor Church. In this time of economic uncertainty, Harbor Church is not asking anyone undergoing financial hardship to give to our church. We merely wish to facilitate donations at this time of social distancing; Accordingly, Harbor is now offering the following options for those who wish to support the ongoing ministries of our church:

- Online through our Website www.harborchurchblockisland.org
- Through mobile apps “GivePlus” at Google Playstore and Apple Store

All Charitable contributions to Harbor Church are tax deductible. Year-end statements are sent to all donors.

All transactions are securely protected and encrypted to ensure the safe handling of debit and credit card data with Vanco’s PCI-DSS Compliance Management Service. For more info visit:

<https://www.vancopayments.com/>.

“Senior Saints” offering by the American Baptist Churches of RI Join a Weekly Elder Care Ministries Zoom Meeting each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. For more info on how to connect, contact Kathryn Palen at kpalen@abcori.org or 401-522-9731.

Offshore Twelve Step Group Meetings—All meet at Harbor Church

Sundays NA 4:30 p.m.

Mondays AA 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays AA 8:30 a.m.

Wednesdays AA Noon

Thursdays AA 8:30 a.m.

Fridays AA 7:30 a.m.

Saturdays AA 7:00 a.m.

Saturdays AA 5:30 p.m.