

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Across the Lands

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

We have sinned against you

And against our fellow men,

In thought and word and deed,

In the evil we have done

And in the good we have not done,

Through ignorance, through weakness,

Through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

Who died for us,

Forgive us all that is past;

And grant that we may serve you

In newness of life

To the glory of your name. Amen.

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BAPTISM

NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

SONG: We Have a Lamb

SONG: O For a Thousand Tongues

READING: Luke 14:15-24 (pg. 785)

READING: Acts 13:42-14:7 (pg. 922)

SERMON

PRAYERS

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen

SONG: May the Peoples Praise You

BLESSING

NOTICES

Connect with us

If you're new at Grace Church, we'd love to connect. Sign up to our Newsletter or WhatsApp Group by scanning the QR code or emailing

info@greenwich.church



Grace Groups – all are welcome as we meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship:

Tuesdays, 7.45pm: Canada Water Library and The Chantry, Mottingham

Wednesdays, 7.45pm: Stephen Lawrence Building, Greenwich

Other times also available.

Vision Evening

Wednesday 28th February, 7:45pm,

Stephen Lawrence Building, Greenwich.

Weekend Away

We'd love you to join us from

26th-28th April at Ashburnham

Place in Sussex. Scan the QR code

to sign up.



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Next Sunday, 3rd March, Acts 14:8-20

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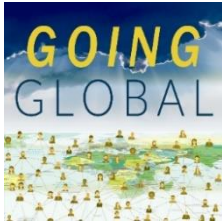
Welcome!

Sunday 25th February 2024

*“It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”*

Isaiah 49:6 (NIV)

Acts 13:42-14:7



⁴² As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. ⁴³ And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴ The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. ⁴⁶ And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

"I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

⁴⁸ And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. ⁵⁰ But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. ⁵¹ But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. ⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

14 Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed. ² But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. ³ So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. ⁴ But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles. ⁵ When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, ⁶ they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country, ⁷ and there they continued to preach the gospel.

How can we keep speaking about our faith even when it's opposed?

1. Jesus' salvation going to the ends of the earth has always been God's plan
2. God uses even opposition to advance His unstoppable mission

Rejoice

Be encouraged

Be courageous

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

What difference does it make to our confidence in God's mission to see how the Old Testament and Jesus and the apostles are all part of one unified plan?

What difference does it make knowing that God uses even opposition to advance His plans?