

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: The Lion and the Lamb

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our neighbour,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through negligence, 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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NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

INTERVIEW

SONG: By Faith

SONG: Every Promise

READING 1: Ezra 1:1-11 (p. 389)

READING 2: Ezra 2:1-35 (p. 389)

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: Christ our Hope in Life and Death

BLESSING

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Connect with us

If you're new at Grace Church or have been coming for a while, we'd love to connect. Sign up to our Newsletter or WhatsApp Group by scanning the QR code or emailing info@greenwich.church.



Welcome Course

For anyone who hasn't done the Welcome Course before! Join us for lunch after the service where we'll hear from our pastors about our core convictions at Grace Church.



The course runs for 3 weeks, starting on Sunday 7th June after the morning service. Scan the QR code to sign up.

Giving

Grace Church is fully funded by the donations of its members. See www.greenwich.church/give or set up a bank transfer (40-52-40/00027789) or to give tax efficiently contact treasurer@greenwich.church.



Welcome!

Sunday 7th June 2026

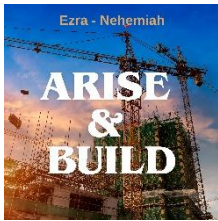
*“All the promises of God
find their Yes in [Jesus Christ].”*

2 Corinthians 1:20 (ESV)

Next Sunday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11



Ezra 1:1-11



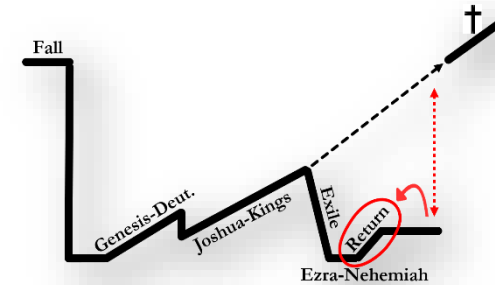
¹In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:

²“Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. ³Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem. ⁴And let each survivor, in whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and gold, with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.”

⁵Then rose up the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up to rebuild the house of the Lord that is in Jerusalem. ⁶And all who were about them aided them with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, with beasts, and with costly wares, besides all that was freely offered. ⁷Cyrus the king also brought out the vessels of the house of the Lord that Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods. ⁸Cyrus king of Persia brought these out in the charge of Mithredath the treasurer, who counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah. ⁹And this was the number of them: 30 basins of gold, 1,000 basins of silver, 29 censers, ¹⁰30 bowls of gold, 410 bowls of silver, and 1,000 other vessels; ¹¹all the vessels of gold and of silver were 5,400. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up, when the exiles were brought up from Babylonia to Jerusalem.

The big message of Ezra-Nehemiah Arise & Build!

*“Then **rose** up the heads of the fathers' houses... , everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up to **rebuild** the house of the LORD that is in Jerusalem.”*
(Ezra 1:5; also 3:2, Neh 2:18, 20, 3:1)



But why should I take risks to arise and build when the task seems too big?

1. God can stir the heart of an unlikely king (1:1-4)

Structure of Ezra-Nehemiah

- Ez 3-6: 1st Return – building the temple
- Ez 7-10: 2nd Return – building the people
- Nh 1-6: 3rd Return – building the walls

2. God can stir the hearts of ordinary people (1:5-2:70)

So take bold steps and... arise and build!

Discussion Starter:

1. What are things holding you back from doing big things for Jesus?
2. How has today's passage encouraged you?