

EAGER AVENUE GRACE CHURCH

That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:21

Worship Services

Sunday, April 14, 2024

10 am: "Christ, the Sovereign Savior" | Matthew 14
Matthew Series | Lesson 54
Bill Parker

11 am: "Just and True Are God's Ways" | Revelation 15
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Eternal Suretyship of Christ

From old eternity the Lord Jesus Christ assumed full responsibility for the salvation of those given to Him in divine election. He was ***“made a Surety of a better covenant” (Heb. 7:22)***. That covenant of grace was a contract entered into by the persons of the Godhead before the world was made. As the legally appointed Representative of all those given and entrusted to Him for safe-keeping by the Father, the Son of God became obligated for the salvation of His elect. The Father laid on Him, and He willingly took upon Himself, accountability to divine justice to put away their sins and bring in absolute righteousness for them by His obedience unto death, that is, His substitutionary sacrifice on the cross. We read that His blood was ***“the blood of the everlasting covenant” (Heb. 13:20)***. God the Father has always looked to His Son for satisfaction for the indebtedness of those sinners chosen unto salvation; consequently, at no time has the justice of God sought restitution from His children. That which Christ accomplished at the cross, the reconciliation, justification and redemption of His people, was because of that glorious covenant entered into by the Father, Christ our Surety, and the Holy Spirit. Like David, each believer finds great comfort in this covenant which is ***“ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire” (2 Sam. 23:5)***.
—Pastor Jim Byrd

“Why Me, Lord?”

Have you ever asked yourself this question in times of trouble and trial? I have. And we know from God’s Word that trouble is the consequence of sin with which we, even as believers, are plagued in this life. Thank God, because of our standing in the Lord Jesus Christ, our sins cannot condemn us or separate us from God as they cannot be imputed to us as they were imputed to and paid for by Christ for us (**Rom. 8:1,31-39**). But we can sometimes suffer consequences here on earth because of our sins, and this should cause us to turn to Christ more and more as well as cause us to repent and try to do better. Thank God that our chastisements and trials are sent from our heavenly Father for our learning and growth in grace in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (**Heb. 12:5-13**). But here is something every true believer should consider – Knowing that God has **“blessed us with ALL spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Eph. 1:3)**, and many times seeing manifestations of these blessings in our lives here on earth, here is what we should ask, “Why me, Lord? Why have You been so good to me when I do not deserve and have not earned the least of Your blessings, especially the salvation of my soul?” And the answer is found in our Lord’s words – **“Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in Thy sight” (Matt. 11:26)**. The Lord God said, **“I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy” (Rom. 9:15-16)**. It is for HIS glory and for Christ’s sake that God has been so good to His people.

—Pastor Bill Parker

The Person of Christ is antecedent to all the other blessings of the Gospel. He is before all; He is the substance and the fulness of all. All pardons, justification, sanctification, they all follow His Person. He is first, He is prominent, He is the chiefest among ten thousand, and the altogether lovely One. He is to be lifted up as to His precious, infinite merit; His infinite merit is to be preached.

—J. K. Popham

In the great affair of our salvation, our God stands single and alone. In this most glorious work, there is such a display of justice, mercy, wisdom, and power, as never entered into the heart of man to conceive, and consequently, can have no parallel in the actions of mortals. **“Who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside Me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside Me” (Isaiah 45:21)**.

—William Rushton

Our dear friend and brother in Christ, Richard O’Connor, who lived in Springfield, MO, passed away on March 28. Richard worshipped with us by live-stream each Sunday morning, and he was an avid supporter of the Gospel of God’s grace in Christ as sent forth from this church. We will miss him, but we have the comfort of knowing he is now in the arms of His Lord and Savior. Our prayers and condolences go out to his wife, Sandy, and his whole family. May the Lord use the legacy and memory of Brother Richard to cause them all to look to and rest in Christ for all salvation.

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Akemi Okada, Sue Parker, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Birthdays

Kandice Drake - Apr. 14th

Hymns

April 14th services

-My Faith Looks Up to Thee - 359

-Hallelujah, What a Savior - 127

Call to Worship

(Tune – I Love Thy Kingdom – p. 188)
(Words written by Pastor Gary Shepard)

O Christ be all our hope,
The good hope of God's grace.
The hope of mercy now our own,
The gift we now embrace.

O Christ be all our hope.
The hope of righteousness.
The hope of life eternal now,
The hope by faith possessed.

O Christ be all our hope.
The hope the Gospel shows,
The hope of glory soon revealed,
That bless'ed hope exposed.

O Christ be all our hope,
His blood for us to plead,
The word of truth, the Gospel hope,
Is all the hope we need.