

# 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 February 28, 2021

10 am: "God Puts Us in Our Place" | Christ in the Old Testament | Lesson 20  
Genesis 50:15-21  
Bill Parker

11 am: "Every Believer's Living Hope" | 1 Peter 1:1-5  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.  
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*“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18)*

Growth in grace and in knowledge of Christ does not make me any more righteous before God than I already am in the Lord Jesus Christ, but it does give me more knowledge, appreciation, and love for Christ Who is, now and forever, my righteousness before God. As sinners saved by grace, our growth is marked by seeing more of our sinfulness and our greater need of the blood of Christ to cleanse us from all sin. This causes us to look to Christ more, cling to Him alone, and desire to hear more of His glory both in His Person and in the power of His righteousness —Pastor Bill Parker

***"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."— 2 Cor. 3:17***

What liberty, my soul, are you brought into by your adoption into the family of God in Christ? Not from the assaults of sin; for you still carry about with you a body of sin, under which you groan. Not from the temptations of Satan; for he is still levelling at you many a fiery dart. Not from outward troubles; for the world you are still in, you find it a wilderness state. Not from inward fears; for your unbelief begets many. Not from the chastisement of your wise and kind Father; for then many a sweet visit of His love, under the rod, would be unknown. Not from death; for the stroke of it you must one day feel, though, blessed be Jesus, He has taken out the sting in His blood and righteousness. What liberty then is it, my soul, you enjoy? What has the Spirit of the Lord, as a spirit of revelation, discovering to you the glory of Jesus, and your interest in Him, brought you into?

Oh, who shall write down the vast, the extensive account of your freedom? Say, my soul, has not the sight of God's glory in Christ freed you from the curse of the law, from the guilt of the law, from the dominion of sin, from the power of Satan, from the evil of unbelief in your own heart, from the terrors of justice, from the alarms of conscience, from the second death? Say, my soul, does not the sight of Jesus dying for you, rising for you, pleading for you, enlarge your heart, loose your bonds, and shake off all your fetters and all your fears? Does not Jesus on the throne give you liberty to come to Him, to call upon Him, to unburden yourself unto Him, to tell Him all your wants, all your necessities, and to lean upon His kind arm in every hour of need? Shout, my soul, and echo to the apostle's words, ***"Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty."*** This is liberty to approach, liberty to plead, liberty to pray, liberty to praise and to adore the whole persons of the Godhead, for having opened the prison-doors and given you freedom in Christ Jesus!

—Robert Hawker (1753-1827)

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## Getting Older

***"The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness" (Proverbs 16:31).*** Let us correct our attitude toward getting older. Believers must not allow the carnal thinking of this world to form our opinions and attitudes. The reason so much emphasis is placed on youth, physical strength and beauty, riches, and possessions, is because this is all that the worldling has, and when these are gone, all is gone! Actually, age, while it mars outward beauty, should bring us real lasting beauty, which is inward grace, mercy and peace! Age will decrease our physical strength but should increase our spiritual strength. We grow in faith, love, and patience. Age may make our arms weaken and tremble, but it should establish us more firmly in the everlasting arms of Christ. Age may make the present less sure, but it gives us assurance of the certainty of the future. The consequences of sin may devastate my physical body, but my sins cannot be charged to my account and destroy me spiritually because Christ took them to the cross and paid my debt in full to God's justice. I will always be young and beautiful in Christ because of His righteousness that justifies me and His Spirit Who indwells me! My steps may be slower, but I walk with, and by the power of, the King of kings. My eyes may be dimmer, but as I see less of the world, I see more of my Lord and His beauty. My ears may be dull, but I hear His voice more clearly in His Word. My body may be weak, but I am stronger in the faith He has given me. I may not know the latest story, but I know the old, old story a little better as I grow in grace and in knowledge of Christ. I may not be surrounded by many human admirers (which is fleeting at best), but I am surrounded by a heavenly host which waits to take me home to glory by God's grace in Christ!

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If you wish to be disappointed, look at others; if you wish to be disheartened, look at yourself; if you wish to be encouraged, look to Jesus Christ.  
—Author Unknown

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## Hymns for 2.28 services

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How Firm a Foundation - 268  
O God, Our Help - 10

## Birthdays

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REID JACKSON - FEB. 28TH  
TIMOTHY PANNELL - MAR. 6TH

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## Call To Worship

(Tune – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord – p. 188)

**Great God, we come to meet  
With Thee, our Lord and King,  
To bow before Thy sovereign throne,  
And here Thy praises sing.**

**May every worldly care  
Be banished from our mind;  
May we Thy word with profit hear,  
And peace and comfort find.**

**Our strength will soon decrease,  
Unless our souls be fed;  
We know our health, our joy and peace  
Depend on living bread.**

**So, let our hearts be drawn  
To Jesus Christ our Lord;  
Find sweet redemption through His blood,  
And feed upon His Word.**