

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 January 17, 2021

10 am: "Christ, Our Storehouse"
Christ in the Old Testament
Lesson 15 | Genesis 41
Bill Parker

11 am: "A School for Preachers"
John 3:22-36
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.
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This will be sound religion – To rest all upon the everlasting mountains of God’s love and grace in Christ, to live continually in the sight of Christ’s infinite righteousness and merits. These things are sanctifying. Without them the heart is carnal, and in those sights to see the full vileness, yet littleness of sin (in comparison to Christ’s righteousness), and to see all pardoned; in those sights to pray, hear, and so forth, seeing your polluted self, and all your weak performances, accepted continually; in those sights to trample upon all your self-glories, self-righteousness, privileges, as abominable, and be found continually in the righteousness of Christ only, rejoicing in the ruins of your own righteousness, the spoiling of all your own excellencies, that Christ alone, as Mediator, may be exalted in His throne. Mourn over all your duties however glorious, that you have not performed in the sight and sense of Christ’s love. Without the blood of Christ on your conscience, all is dead service (*Heb. 9:14*).

-Thomas Wilcox

Be of Good Cheer!

“These things I have spoken unto you, that IN ME ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

The Lord did not shield His disciples from the truth and reality of believers living in a sin-cursed world and in the midst of people who have no love or regard for the Gospel truth. He told them plainly that they would suffer persecution and be outcasts from the world. But He did not tell them these things to cause them to wallow in despair and sorrow. He told them these things to inspire them to look for real and lasting peace and joy, not in the world, and not in their own personal comforts and views of the world. He showed them (and us) that real and lasting peace and joy is only IN HIM and in the love, grace, and mercy of God they possessed because HE HAS OVERCOME THE WORLD and has brought them to faith in Himself and not in themselves or the world. Christ is our peace, our rest, our righteousness, our Surety, and our joy. Because God has powerfully, graciously, and eternally saved us from our sins by the death of Christ and has given us a perfect righteousness in which we stand justified IN HIS SIGHT, we can be of good cheer as we look to Christ and His Word for our comfort. When I watch the news on TV or on the internet, I cannot be of good cheer. When I view the religious world with all of its ungodly human inventions, I cannot be of good cheer. As much as I love my earthly family, I cannot enter into this real and lasting peace and joy with many of them. But when I look to Christ, read and study His Word, pray to my heavenly Father through Him, fellowship and worship with my brethren in Christ, I can be of good cheer. Christ has overcome the world. —Pastor Bill Parker

A Continual Supply of Grace, Comfort, and Strength

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.” (Gal. 2:10)

That the believer may live cheerfully and comfortably, he is exhorted to the free and constant use of Christ. O consider, Christ is given to us to be enjoyed by us! He is the bread of life. We are to feed upon Him daily. He is the water of life which our souls are to drink of constantly. He is our righteousness. We are to put Him on continually. So then, we not only have a precious Christ, but we are also to use Him and enjoy His preciousness! He is not only a well of salvation, but we must draw water out of Him with joy and drink of Him to the refreshing of our souls! Deeply consider that without this inward enjoyment of Christ you cannot be happy in your soul, comfortable in your walk, nor godly in your life. We must live by faith upon Christ so as to derive a continual supply of grace, comfort, and strength from Him! --William Mason

Call To Worship

(Tune – Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned – p. 52)
(Words by Pastor Gary Shepard)

O God into whose presence now,
We come as sinners low,
And trace all blessings to your throne,
Received by us below. (R)

O precious Christ whose blood alone,
Did put away our sin,
Whose righteous death there in our place,
Did our redemption win. (R)

Stir now our hearts to praise your Name,
And glory to you give.
Be this our purpose and our goal,
In all the days you give. (R)

Then raise us up when death has come,
To live with you above;
And with the people of your choice,
There sing your matchless love. (R)

Hymns for 1.17 service

Redeemed - 475 | My Savior - 226

Birthdays

HAROLD RIGGINS - JAN. 17TH | JERRY WAGES - JAN. 17TH | JAVON JONES - JAN. 18TH
RICHMAN MARGESON - JAN. 20TH | BILL SPARKS - JAN. 22ND

As a sin-sick human being, I am bound to speak well of the Lord Jesus Christ, my great Physician. He treats me with great tenderness and bids me in due time to expect a perfect cure. I know too much of Him (though I know but little) to doubt either His skill or His promise. -Copied

The preaching of the Gospel of Christ is the great weapon the Lord uses for *"the pulling down of strongholds"* (2 Corinthians 10:4). It will pull down the hugest blocks of stone the enemy can pile together. Preach the Gospel, the gates of hell shake. Preach the Gospel, prodigals return. Preach the Gospel to every creature; it is the Master's mandate and the Master's power to everyone who believes. —Copied