

# 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, July 9, 2023

10 am: "Acts That Praise and Glorify God" | Matthew Series  
Matthew 6:1-18 | Lesson 17  
Bill Parker

11 am: "Christ - Alpha & Omega"  
Revelation 1:7-11  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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*“O Lord, Thou art my God; I will exalt Thee, I will praise Thy name; for Thou hast done wonderful things; Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.” (Isaiah 25:1)*

## A Man in Christ

I cannot be brought lower by the accusations and charges of men than I was brought to when I died in Christ; nor can I be lifted up higher by the praises of men than I am already exalted in Christ. Nothing alters my state as a justified sinner in Jesus Christ. Having eternal life in Him, I cannot be threatened with death nor can I be enticed by promise of reward since I have Him who is all. As a man in Christ, why would I want to be somewhere else? What more could you give me? God in grace put me where I am!

—Pastor Gary Shepard

When we say that all of our salvation was conditioned on the Lord Jesus Christ and not on sinners, it is not to imply that our salvation was ever uncertain. It is to show that our salvation was, is, and ever shall be a sure thing because the Lord Jesus Christ is, and always has been, the SURETY of the covenant of grace. There was never any doubt that Christ would perfectly and fully meet every condition and requirement of God's holy law and justice to attain and maintain the complete salvation of all for whom He lived, died, and arose from the dead. All the conditions of the salvation of God's elect can be summed up in one word – righteousness. Christ had to fulfill all righteousness by His substitutionary death on the cross as the Surety of His people. He always has been and always will be the Lord our righteousness. If salvation, or any part of it, were conditioned on us, sinners, we would all be damned forever because we have no righteousness and can produce no righteousness. Christ as the Lord our righteousness also fulfills the condition for spiritual life in the new birth – **“And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness” (Rom. 8:10)**. Christ is the Surety of the covenant in every way and for every blessing we have in and by Him. He fulfilled all the conditions of the covenant for us, and we who are in Him receive all its blessings and benefits.

—Pastor Bill Parker

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O how highly favored are the people of God's covenant mercy, since His exalted and glorified Son calls them, “My brethren”! “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God” (1 John 3:1). While this sonship embraces sinful people, it is in the sonship of the Son of Man and in His holy life and Divine nature; for the sinless Jesus is the only-begotten Son of God, and in His righteousness only are we the sons of the Father Who is Holy. That the people whom the Father gave Him in the perfect covenant should be made the holy people, the Holy Son of God came to them in the flesh and under the law, and, thus, is He their near-kinsman and beloved Brother. In Him was the right of redemption. The noble and compassionate Boaz, the near-kinsman of the widowed Naomi, who represented the state of the Jews and as betrothing Ruth unto himself, as representing the Gentiles. He redeemed them both and made them rich, in which he is a beautiful type of our spiritual Kinsman, of whom Paul says, “For ye know the grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich” (2 Cor. 8:9).

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Jesus Christ has made peace by the blood of His cross; and if you believe what the God of truth says of it, peace should rule in your heart always; for all things are well ordered for you and sure in the everlasting covenant. On the part of God, all is unalterably fixed and settled! What is it, then, which unsettles you? Is it something you find in yourself? Is it indwelling sin and corruption, or from the weakness of your faith? What? Have you forgotten that from all these the **“blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth”**? Is it from suspicion that your peace is not right because it varies? This should humble but not discourage you, because there is a gracious provision made to remove your suspicion. God has taken the charge both of you and your peace. He keeps both by His mighty power. As it is written, **“The peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus” (Php. 4:7)**. You are safe in the hand of God at the lowest ebb, as at the highest springtide of sensible comfort, because your safeguard is Almighty. HE IS EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR PEACE, whether you feel it or not. Your sense of it may vary, but He varies not.

—William Romaine

**“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.” (Colossians 3:15)**

## Prayer Requests

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

## Hymns

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### July 9th services

- My Redeemer - 488

- Glory to His Name - 489

## Birthdays

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Janna Taylor - July 15th

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## Call to Worship

(Tune – Take My Life – p. 393)

To Thy presence we draw near,  
Lord, we love to worship here;  
When within the veil we meet,  
Christ, upon the mercy-seat. (R)

Thou through Him art reconciled,  
I through Him became Thy child;  
Abba, Father! Give us grace,  
In Thy courts to seek Thy face. (R)

While Thy glorious praise is sung,  
Teach my heart, unloose my tongue;  
That my joyful soul may bless,  
Christ the Lord, my Righteousness! (R)

While Thy ministers proclaim,  
Peace and pardon in Thy name;  
Through their voice, by faith, may we,  
Hear Thee speaking from on high. (R)