# 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, June9, 2024

10 am: "Taking Up Christ's Cross" Matthew Series | Lesson 61 Matthew 16:24-28 Bill Parker

11 am: "Come Out of Her, My People" | Revelation 18:1-8 Bill Parker

#### Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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"That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace, in His kindness towards us through Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:7)

Pause, my soul, and gather in all the powers of arithmetic, and try if thou art able to count what the exceeding riches of God's grace Think how great, how free, how sovereign, how amount to. inexhaustible, how everlasting! All that a poor sinner hath in time, all that we can enjoy to all eternity, all is of grace. And what a title hath thy God chosen to be known by among His people, when, to make Himself known more fully in Jesus, He styles Himself "the God of all grace!" All grace? Yes, all grace, and all sorts and degrees of grace: pardoning grace, renewing grace, quickening grace, strengthening grace, comforting grace; in short, all grace. And is all this treasured up in Jesus? Oh then, my soul, see that Jesus be thine, and all is thine. And mark this down as a sure unerring rule – as grace hath no source but in the Father's love, so the exalting of that grace, in Jesus is the Father's design in salvation. The brightest pearl in the Redeemer's crown is that which shines with this inscription – "To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the **Beloved.**" Here, my soul, seek thy daily grace more earnestly than thy daily bread. —Robert Hawker

"For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but FAITH WHICH WORKETH BY LOVE." (Gal. 5:6)

True Christian faith, which is the gift of God to His elect in and by the Lord Jesus Christ, is not only a profession of doctrine, but also a living faith. First, it is FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST as identified and distinguished in the Scriptures in the glory of His Person as GOD WITH US, and in the power of His finished work, His blood and righteousness, to save us from our sins. Secondly, it is the power of God's grace to grip the hearts of all who have been born again by the Spirit so as to cause them to see Christ as their whole salvation and desire. Thirdly, it is the motivation that drives believers to continue to trust, rest in, follow, worship, obey, and serve Christ, not by law, but "by love." True faith and legalism are enemies. True faith seeks to express the gratitude of a sinner saved by grace, not by works.

—Pastor Bill Parker

## **Doctrine Matters**

When I ask people what they believe and teach, I am often told – "Our pastor doesn't really major on doctrine, but he just preaches love." While there is hardly any doctrine of Scripture that modern day religion stands for, yet the essential doctrines of God's Word they firmly and unitedly stand against. They oppose the truth of God's sovereign, saving grace. They insist on "an equal opportunity god," and hate the Bible doctrines of man's depravity, God's unconditional election, particular redemption, effectual calling, and preservation and perseverance of the saints. While only God can convince anyone of these precious truths, we shall never be ashamed or embarrassed to own them and preach them. To deny man's total depravity is to assert that man does have something to bring to the table, and salvation is not God's work alone. To deny unconditional election is to assert that there are conditions we can meet to cause God to favor us more than others. To deny particular redemption (that Christ died for and secured the complete salvation of His elect), is to assert that He was somewhat a failure, if multitudes for whom He shed His blood perish in their sins. To deny effectual calling is to assert that man's will is stronger than the convicting power of God the Holy Ghost. To deny the preservation and final perseverance of all the saints is to assert that the Good Shepherd, Who said that no man can pluck a single one of His sheep out of His hand, has lied to us, and is not to be trusted at all. The truth is that salvation, start to finish, is of the LORD, apart from which all men perish helplessly in their sins. —Copied

## My Only Hope, My Only Plea

When I shall be summoned to the great tribunal, what will be my plea, what my dependence? Nothing but Christ! Christ, I would say, has been wounded for my sins, therefore they will not be punished in me. Christ has fulfilled all righteousness in my stead, therefore I trust to be justified when I am judged. I am a poor unworthy sinner but worthy is the Lamb that was slain, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, for whose sake I shall receive both pardoning mercy, and everlasting glory. HE IS MY ONLY HOPE! —James Hervey

My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus's blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus's name.

#### **Sympathies**

We express our sincere sympathies to Brother Leon Drake whose sister passed away recently. May the Lord comfort our brother as only He can.

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#### **Birthdays**

Kelsey Morris - June 10th | Smith Flynn - June 11th

#### **Prayer Requests**

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

#### Hymns

#### June 9th services

- -He Hideth My Soul 258
- -When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 118

# Call to Worship

(Tune – Love Divine – p. 2)

Jesus is our great salvation,
Worthy of our best esteem;
He has saved His church, His nation;
Join to sing aloud of Him.
When involved in sin and ruin,
And no refuge was there found;
Jesus our distress was viewing;
Grace did more than sin abound.

By His Spirit, Jesus calls us
To His pow'rful cleansing blood;
Causes us to call upon Him,
Crying out, "My Lord, my God."
Save us from a mere profession,
Save us from hypocrisy;
Give us, Lord, the sweet possession,
Of Thy righteousness and Thee.