

# 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, November 20, 2022

10am: "Christ's Unconditional Love for His Bride" | Lesson 102  
Hosea 2:2–3:5  
Christ in the Old Testament  
Bill Parker

11am: "The Unsearchable Riches of Christ" | Ephesians 3:1-13  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## A Crown of Glory and Diadem of Beauty

*"In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue (remnant) of His people" (Isaiah 28:5).* By nature, each sinner wears the *"crown of pride"* (see vv. 1 & 3) and is drunk with the wine of self-sufficiency, self-righteousness, self-worth and self-glory. In that state we will live and die unless the God of grace is pleased to show us that our *"glorious beauty"* is, in reality, like that of *"a fading flower"* (see verse 4). The only true beauty before a holy God is Christ Jesus and He must be our *"crown of glory and diadem of beauty."* He alone saved His people from their sins by being *"obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:8).* Christ justifies us by His grace, washes us in His blood, robes us in His righteousness and sanctifies us by His Spirit. We are made beautiful through His comeliness (*Ezekiel 16:14*); we are *"complete in Him" (Col. 2:10).* In Him we lack nothing that God demands. We read in the Scriptures that all of God's people shall be given the crowns of life, rejoicing, righteousness, glory and an incorruptible crown. Know this: all of these are found in Christ. He is our *"crown of glory; He is our diadem of beauty."*

—Jim Byrd

# God Has Not Death With Us After Our Sins

*“The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will He keep His anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.” (Psalm 103:8-10)*

Notice that *verse 10* does not say that the Lord in mercy has not dealt with our sins and that He has not rewarded our iniquities. It says that He has not dealt **“WITH US after our sins,”** and that He has not **“rewarded US according to our iniquities.”** Why is this significant? It is because if the Lord God ever shows mercy to any sinner, or if He ever rewards any sinner, He **MUST** deal with our sins and reward our iniquities. This is because He is a holy and just God Who must punish all sinners to whom sin is imputed (charged, accounted). And the punishment and reward for sin and iniquities is eternal death and damnation. So, how does God deal with our sins and reward our iniquities without punishing us with eternal death and damnation? He does this for all of His elect people through the Lord Jesus Christ Whom He has made their Representative, Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer. He imputed the debt of our sins and iniquities to the account of Christ – **“For He made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin” (2 Cor. 5:21a).** God has not charged our sins and iniquities to us personally – **“Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth” (Rom. 8:33).** He charged them to Christ. He dealt with them in the death of Christ, and the result is **“that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Cor. 5:21b).** God’s mercy, then, does not ignore, deny, or exclude His justice. God’s mercy is found in Christ, the Mercy-Seat, Who satisfied God’s justice for His people.

—Pastor Bill Parker

DECEMBER 2022						
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18	19	20	21 Winter Begins	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

## Mark Your Calendar

Church Christmas Dinner  
following the services - Dec. 11th

## Birthdays

Michael Lee - Nov. 20th  
Laura Pannell - Nov. 21st  
Leonard Qualls - Nov. 22nd

## Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell,  
Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank  
Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann  
Loosier, Cassie Broxton, Akimi  
Okada, James Mwali and the  
mission in Malawi, Africa.

## Believer’s Baptism

Lori Ann Loosier will confess  
her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ  
in believer’s baptism following  
the message this morning. We  
pray for Lori Ann and trust that  
we will be blessing to her in the  
fellowship of faith.

## Christ, the Mediator

God, apart from Christ, is an angry, offended Sovereign. Unless we behold Him in and through Christ, the Mediator, the terrors of His Majesty would overwhelm us. We dare not approach the Father except in Christ because of our sins. We first fasten our eyes upon Christ, then upon the Father. If Christ does not bear our guilt and reconcile us unto God, we perish! Before any man can think to stand before the face of God's justice or be admitted to the secret chamber of God's mercy or partake of the riches of His grace, he must look to the Mediator, Christ Jesus.--Stephen Charnock

*“Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth” (Romans 8:33).*  
Justification is an act of God’s free grace, whereby He clears His people from sin, discharges them from condemnation, and reckons and accounts them righteous, for the sake of Christ’s righteousness, which He has accepted and imputes unto them. —Copied

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## Hymns

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### November 20th services

O The Unsearchable Riches of Christ - 495

When I Survey - 118

## Call To Worship

(Tune – Majestic Sweetness – p. 52)

(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

O may each child of God rejoice,  
As we our lives survey;  
For God ordained our earthly path,  
He wisely chose our way,  
He wisely chose our way.

No need to worry or to fear,  
For all He does is wise;  
Our God is good in what He gives,  
And good when He denies,  
And good when He denies.

The Lord is full of tenderness,  
Compassionate and kind;  
So joyfully submit to Him,  
Unto His will resigned,  
Unto His will resigned.

All things together work for good,  
This is His promise still;  
Rejoice, give thanks for everything,  
Contented with His will,  
Contented with His will.