

# 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 October 4, 2020

10 am: "Let There Be Light"

Christ in the Old Testament

Lesson 1

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Bill Parker

11 am: "Justified From All Things"

Acts 13:38-39

Bill Parker



## God's Amazing Grace

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3).* Think about the magnitude of this statement describing the blessings God has freely and unconditionally bestowed upon His people in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. And consider that none of us who are blessed in this way are deserving of the least of these blessings. In fact, if any of us received what we have earned or deserved, it would be the penalty of sin which is eternal death and damnation. All these blessings were bestowed upon us IN CHRIST before the foundation of the world and based upon HIS obedience unto death to save us from our sins. They are all the fruit of Christ's righteousness imputed (charged, accounted) to us, and this includes the blessings of spiritual life and faith (*Eph. 2:8-10*). No blessing is excluded. No blessing is earned or deserved. This is truly God's amazing grace! —Pastor Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## Birthdays

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STEVE BROWN - OCT. 5TH  
SANDY O'CONNOR - OCT. 6TH

## Hymns

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### October 4th service

**Nothing But the Blood - 212**  
**Come Thou Fount - 17**

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Any philosophy, though championed by the most brilliant intellects; or any religion, though followed by the most devout and pious of people, that tends to lure the soul from Christ, that puts anything in the place of Him, or depreciates in any way our estimate of His glorious Person or His finished work of redemption, is false and full of danger for the soul.

### Scott Richardson

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Before we can worship God in peace of conscience and liberty of heart, we must know, upon authority of God's Word and by the power of God's Spirit, that the entire question of sin has been forever settled by the blood of a divine sin offering. All of God's claims and all our necessities as ruined, guilty sinners have been forever answered. This gives us peace; and in the enjoyment of that peace, we worship God. We have a perfect Sacrifice and a perfect conscience.

## What is the Gospel All About?

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Romans 1:16).

The Gospel of Christ is not about an offer; it is about His one offering for sins forever. It is not about a proposition but the fact that God set Him forth as the propitiation through faith in His blood. It is not about God giving all a chance but about Him choosing a people in Christ before the world began. It is not about a way available but about Christ the Way alone. It is not about God trying to do something but about God triumphing on behalf of someone. It is not about man's will but about the Lamb's worthiness. It is not about man's decision but about Christ's death. It is not about infused goodness but about imputed righteousness. It is not a matter of apologetics and debate but of apostolic declarations. It is not about our good but His grace. It is not building a church but about the Builder of the Church. It is not about "church planting" but about the church God purchased with His own blood. It is not about how many but about His mercy. It is not about what to give God but about what He has given us in Christ. It is not about law, it is about Christ the end of the law for Righteousness. In other words, it is all about God, His grace, His Son, and His glory! — Pastor Gary Shepard

## For Those Who Are Trusting Christ

The life-boat of free grace has put you on board the vessel of salvation, and that will convey you safely to the port of glory! Do not look at your spiritual destitution, or feebleness, or incapacity, or imperfections, but trust in your Pilot, rely on your Captain, and expect His mercy and merit to land you safe in Heaven at last! As imperfect as you now are, and as imperfect you will be, your dying prayer will still be, "God be merciful unto me — a sinner!" Hope in God! His mercy is great unto the heavens, His grace is as free as the air, His love is as changeless as His nature, His promise is as immutable as His love. Hope in God, for you shall yet praise Him. He will save you for His own sake, and present you before assembled worlds as a monument of His mercy, and a trophy of His grace!

—James Smith (1864)

## **Call to Worship**

**(Tune – O God Our Help In Ages Past – p. 10)  
(Words by Pastor Gary Shepard)**

**The faith of God’s elect is one  
In every age the same;  
It is the truth of Jesus Christ,  
At all times still the same.**

**He is the mighty God in flesh,  
The man, that He might die;  
The cross He suffered in our place,  
“Tis finished,” was His cry.**

**Each one who looks to Him in faith,  
(The faith that He must give),  
Does show himself a chosen child;  
And in His life they live.**

**The faith of God’s elect is one  
And in the Righteous One;  
Who by Himself is all our Hope;  
And others have we none.**

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If our acceptance with God depended on anything in ourselves, we would have to believe we might be children of God today and children of the devil tomorrow! What, then, is to keep us from sinking altogether into despair, without hope or help? Why, a knowledge of our acceptance “IN THE BELOVED,” independent of everything in us – good or bad! *“And you are complete in Him!” (Colossians 2:10)* – J. C. Philpot