

# 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 8, 2023

10 am: "Christ Conquers Our Demons" | Matthew 8:28-34  
Matthew Series | Lesson 29  
Bill Parker

11 am: "Thou Art Worthy, O Lord"  
Revelation 4:6-11  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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There is nothing in us, or done by us, that we can plead before the LORD for His blessing. We, in the matter of our justification before God renounce everything but the Person, blood and righteousness of Christ, so, in our approaches to the Majesty of heaven, we must renounce everything but the name, the blood, and righteousness of Jesus – ***“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter in the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh” (Hebrews 10:19-20).*** This new and living way, which is Christ and Him crucified, is the only ground upon which we can plead the promises of God, and look to Him for blessing. Christ and Him crucified is the only ground upon which a just and holy God can meet and bless such guilty sinners as we are; for in Christ, ***“mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.”*** —John Kershaw

## Right Living

*“If ye know that He is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of Him.” (1 John 2:29)*

Some say that the term *“doeth righteousness”* means “right” or “righteous living.” But what is it to live right or righteously according to God’s standard of righteousness (rightness). First, notice that the standard of all right living is the righteousness of Christ – *“If ye know that HE IS RIGHTEOUS.”* Christ’s righteousness in Himself, and the righteousness by which His people live is found in His obedience unto death, even the death of the cross, as the Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer of His people. His righteousness is perfect, without any flaws and void of any corruption of sin. So, if we know that He is righteous, we also know that our best efforts to live right fall short of God’s standard as found only in Christ. Secondly, only sinners saved by God’s grace in Christ, sinners who are justified (declared righteous) by Christ’s righteousness imputed to them, and who are born again by the Holy Spirit, are those who can “do righteousness” or “live right.”

What, then, is right living? It is to live in and by the grace of God in Christ, realizing that in ourselves we have no righteousness, and clinging to Christ as our one and only righteousness before God. Only those who are *“BORN OF HIM”* can live right. This is living by the power of the Spirit and by faith in Christ, looking unto Him as the Author and Finisher of our faith. It is to seek to follow Christ as motivated by grace, love, and gratitude, not claiming that our efforts are righteous or that they make us righteous, but knowing that both our persons and our works are accepted of God only in the Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord our Righteousness.

—Pastor Bill Parker

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## Christ - Our Covenant Head

When our precious Christ entered into the covenant, it was officially on the part of a covenant people, the living Church of the living God. When He gave forth the promise to bruise the serpent’s head, it was on behalf of His covenant people, His own seed. When He set forth all the types and shadows under the Mosaic economy (time of Moses), it was officially for a covenant people; and although some persons seem to deny this, their denial amounts to nothing but falsehood, for we know from Scripture, that the atonement was to be for all Israel. Moreover, when He is pointed out by the prophets, His coming is on behalf of His covenant people. And when He came into this world, He says, “I came to search for my sheep;” “I know my sheep, and am known of mine.” There is a connection, an official union, a special purpose pointed out in these Scriptures, and many more . . . a design to be accomplished . . . that the election of grace, chosen in the council of peace, distinct from the world, adopted as His family, and registered in the Book of Life; when fallen, and ruined, and lost, enslaved and vile, should be redeemed, should be forgiven, should be saved, and Jesus Christ should be the doer of it. He was the official covenant Head; He engaged to enter into the work, and go through with it, and complete it, WHICH HE DID when tabernacling here below; and consequently, the whole Church, in connection with Himself from everlasting, are identified in all that He did, and all that He suffered as the living Head of His living body, the Church.

—Joseph Irons (1848)

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*“The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in His works. He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: He toucheth the hills, and they smoke. I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. My meditation of Him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.” (Psalm 104:31-34)*

## **Birthdays**

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Becky Pannell - Oct. 13th

## **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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October 8th services

All Hail the Power - 42

Immortal, Invisible - 34

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# **Call to Worship**

(Tune – O God Our Help – p. 10)

**Wherewith shall we approach the Lord,  
And bow before His throne?  
By trusting in His faithful Word,  
And pleading Christ alone.**

**The blood, the righteousness, and love  
Of Jesus will we plead;  
He lives within the veil above  
For us to intercede.**

**Sure ground and sure foundation, too,  
We find in His dear Name;  
Herein we ev'ry blessing view,  
And ev'ry favor claim.**

**Then let His Name forever be  
oTo us supremely dear;  
Our only, all-prevailing plea,  
For all our hope is there.**