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, April 13, 2025 10 am: "Christ Giving Himself to Die" | Matthew 26:47-56 Matthew Series | Lesson 99

11 am: "What the Lord Will Speak" | Psalm 85:8 Bill Parker

Live Stream

Bill Parker

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Sound Religion

This will be sound religion - To rest all upon the everlasting mountains of God's love and grace in Christ, to live continually in the sight of Christ's infinite righteousness and merits. These things are sanctifying. Without them the heart is carnal, and in those sights to see the full vileness, yet littleness of sin (in comparison to Christ's righteousness), and to see all pardoned; in those sights to pray, hear, and so forth, seeing your polluted self, and all your weak performances, accepted continually; in those sights to trample upon all your self-glories, self-righteousness, privileges, as abominable, and be found continually in the righteousness of Christ only, rejoicing in the ruins of your own righteousness, the spoiling of all your own excellencies, that Christ alone, as Mediator, may be exalted in His throne. Mourn over all your duties however glorious, that you have not performed in the sight and sense of Christ's love. Without the blood of Christ on your conscience, all is dead service (Hebrews 9:14). —Thomas Wilcox

"For God, Who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:6)

Revealed Knowledge

The Lord Jesus Christ stated in His high priestly prayer for His people - "And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent" (John 17:3). As eternal life is to know God, and realizing that none of us by nature know God savingly, we see in God's Word that this is knowledge that God reveals to His people through Jesus Christ the Lord as He is identified and distinguished in His Word – "At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in Thy sight. All things are delivered unto Me of My Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him (Matt. 11:25). We find this revelation of saving knowledge in the Gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ as it is empowered by the Holy Spirit Who gives spiritually dead sinners spiritual life from Christ and gives them faith to know and believe in Him as the Lord their Righteousness - "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. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith [knowledge revealed] to faith [knowledge received and believed]: as it is written, The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:16-17). This is the knowledge of how God justifies the ungodly through the glorious Person of Christ Who is God manifest in sinless human flesh (Rom. 1:1-4), and in the finished work of Christ Who, as the Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer of God's elect, successfully paid their sin-debt in full and establish that perfect righteousness whereby God has justified them and which guarantees their whole salvation unto final glory. Without this revelation from God, no sinner will believe in the Lord Jesus Christ - "No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:44). But if God is pleased to reveal this to His people, they cannot resist it but only believe it - "It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto Me" (John 6:45).

-Pastor Bill Parker

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:1-2)

There is an Advocate

There is an Advocate and Intercessor always waiting to present the prayers of those who come to God through Him. That Advocate is the LORD Jesus Christ. He mingles our prayers with the incense of His own Almighty intercession. Our prayers, as poor as they are in themselves, are mighty and powerful in the hands of our High Priest and Elder Brother. The bank note without a signature at the bottom is nothing but a worthless piece of paper. The stroke of the pen gives it all its value. The prayer of a poor child of Adam is a poor and feeble thing in itself; but once endorsed by the hand of the LORD Jesus, it availeth much. —Scott Richardson

Hymns

<u>April 13th services</u> How Firm a Foundation - 268 Break Thou the Bread of Life - 176

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, Mike Loosier, Patsy Parr, Phyllis Payne, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Birthdays

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Tammy Hall – Apr. 13th | Kandice Drake – Apr. 14th

Call to Worship

(Tune – Take My Life – p. 393)

Christ is risen, let us sing, Glory, honor, praises bring; Law and justice magnified By our Lord Who bled and died. (R)

Christ is risen, O what grace, To our God alone we trace; Peace with God and blessedness Through imputed righteousness. (R)

Christ is risen, blessed hour, In God's plan, by sovereign power; For His sheep that they might live, Them eternal life He gives. (R)

Christ is risen, O what love; Now He reigns and rules above; Sin and death no victory, Christ alone has set us free! (R)