

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 9, 2023

10am: "Jesus Christ, the Nazarene" | Lesson 5

Matthew 2:13-23

Bill Parker

11am: "Let CHRIST'S Mind Be in Us" | Philippians 2:1-11

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Paul's Testimony

Paul never forgot the glory in which the Son of God appeared to him. He viewed this glory in connection with the cross on which his sins had been expiated. In it he beheld the exceeding sinfulness of sin; in it, connected with Christ's resurrection and ascension, he saw the proof of all his sins having been forgiven. He was now begotten again to a lively hope of an unfading inheritance, but he viewed the cross as the center from which every spiritual and heavenly blessing flowed, and it alone was henceforth the ground of his boasting. Here he saw justice fully satisfied. On the cross he had died with his glorious Lord and Master. He knew he must follow him to the dust of death, but he also knew that he should have fellowship with Him in his victory over the grave.

—James Haldane

“Let Thy hand be upon the Man of Thy right hand, upon the Son of man whom thou madest strong for Thyself. So will not we go back from Thee: quicken us, and we will call upon Thy name. Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause Thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.” (Psalm 80:17-19)

The Cup in the Hand of the Lord

“For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and He poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.” (Psalm 75:8)

This cup in the hand of the LORD is an emblem of God’s just wrath against all sin. It is red because the wages of sin is death. It is full of mixtures, or fully mixed with God’s justice and wrath. God pours this cup of wrath down upon all sinners to whom sin is imputed (charged, accounted). Child of God, this ought to give all of us pause for great joy and peace, because the cup of God’s wrath is never poured down upon us. WHY? Is it because we are better than the objects of God’s wrath? NO! Is it because we chose to believe and the objects of His wrath did not? NO! It is because of the free, sovereign grace of God Who chose us and gave us to His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, made Him to be our Surety, imputing our sins to Him, and sent Him to be our Substitute and Redeemer. Christ willingly drank the cup of God’s wrath for us by His obedience unto death on the cross (*Matt. 26:42; Luke 22:20*). In drinking this cup for us, Christ drank our damnation dry, so that we are justified in God’s sight and brought by God to believe in Him. We too, as sinners saved by grace, have a cup to drink. We drink of Christ’s blood and eat of His flesh, not literally as false religion says, but by God-given faith in Him (*John 6:51-58; 1 Cor. 11:23-27*), and this show us to be justified by His righteousness and made alive by His Spirit. In HIM, we are not condemned (*John 3:18; Rom. 8:1,33-34*).
—Pastor Bill Parker

“Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance.” (Psalm 42:5)

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, for whose sake I shall receive both pardoning mercy, and everlasting glory. He is my Only Hope. —James Hervey (1714-1758)

Jehovah Shammah

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH means *“The LORD is there” (Ezekiel 48:35)*. Such is the name of the church in consequence of the presence of her glorious Husband. The prophet is speaking by the Spirit of prophecy and looking into the days of the Gospel; so that here is a mark to know the church by now, and which will be the character of Christ’s church forever. Without the LORD’s presence there is no church; unless He be in the midst of us, we will go lean all our days. LORD, write JEHOVAH SHAMMAH in our churches, in our hearts, in our houses, and in our families!

—Robert Hawker

Birthdays

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

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Akimi Okada, Sue Parker, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Congratulations!

Our congratulations to Nathan and Elise Parker who were married on April 1. We wish them all the best and pray the Lord will bless them with a godly and happy marriage.

Hymns

April 9th services

My Savior's Love - 452

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - 118

Call to Worship

(Tune – Look Ye Saints! – p. 141)

**Sovereign grace o'er sin abounding,
Ransomed souls, the tidings swell;
'Tis a deep that knows no sounding,
Who its breadth or length can tell?
On its glories, let my soul forever dwell.**

**Who from Christ that soul shall sever,
Bound by everlasting bands?
Once in Him, in Him forever,
Thus the eternal cov'nant stands;
None shall take Thee, from the mighty Savior's hands.**

**On such love, my soul, still ponder.
Love so great, so rich, so free;
Say, while lost in holy wonder,
Why, O Lord, such love to me?
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign eternally!**