

# 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, July 2, 2023

10 am: "The Perfect Law of Love"  
Matthew Series  
Matthew 5:38-48 | Lesson 16  
Bill Parker

11 am: "A Glorious Revelation"  
Revelation 1:1-8  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.  
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The preaching of the Gospel, the prayers, service, and obedience of the saints, are all God-given, Holy-Spirit wrought means for the accomplishment of God's sovereign, predestinated purpose. We walk in the light we have been given, and we trust Christ and His righteousness alone for our whole salvation. We follow His commandments as He speaks to us by His Word and as He drives and motivates us by His sovereign grace and mercy. We must not walk and act by our own reasoning and logic. The man who concludes that if God is absolutely sovereign, and if His will cannot be changed or thwarted, then there is no use for preaching, praying, and obeying the Lord, does not know the God of the Bible. He does not know himself, and he does not know Christ, the true Lord and Savior of His people.

—Pastor Bill Parker

God's love for us is in Christ; God's choice of us is in Christ; God's righteousness is fulfilled for us in Christ; God's acceptance of us is in Christ. This is all our salvation – not our works, feelings, nor our righteousnesses. "My God, when I approach Thy throne and all Thy glory see, this is my stay and this alone, that Christ Jesus died for me." —Copied

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***And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in Thee. Deliver me from all my transgressions” (Psalm 39:7-8).*** There may be times when we feel as if we knew not what we are waiting for. There may be other times when we think we do know, and when it would just be so good for us to realize that we do not know what to ask as we ought. God is able to do for us exceeding abundantly above what we ask or think, and we cannot limit Him when we confine our desires and prayers to our thoughts of them. It is a great thing to say as our psalm says – ***“And now, Lord, what wait I for?”*** I scarce know or can tell; this only I can say — ***“My hope is in Thee.”*** —Andrew Murray

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God’s sovereign, electing grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ strips us of all merit, removes from us all ground for boasting in ourselves, leaves us helpless in the dust to save or keep ourselves, and ascribes all glory to God alone as He reveals Himself in the glorious Person and effectual, redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who alone has all the preeminence in the salvation of God’s elect. —Arthur Pink

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***“He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” (Romans 8:32).***

Let us cherish the magnitude, depth, and glory of the great gift that God has given us as sinners saved by grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. This is a gift we should never ignore or count lightly. We ought to stand amazed every day that the holy and just God would look upon sinners such as we are and bless us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. It is nothing short of the greatest miracle of God’s power and grace not only that we could ever imagine, but also rightly claim by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. No other gift we could ever receive can surpass what we have in Christ! —Copied

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The value of good works is not what these works merit or earn for the believer either in salvation or in what men view as rewards in heaven. The value of good works is in the way they set forth and witness the glory, grace, goodness, and power of God in the Lord Jesus Christ, working in the saved sinner who is made righteous, not by his good works but by the righteousness of Christ imputed to him and received by God-given faith. Such works are the fruit of God’s power and grace worked through the believer as he walks by faith trusting Christ alone for all merit and virtue. Whenever the works of God’s people are mentioned in context with the final Judgment, it has nothing to do with what these works merit or earn for them in eternity. It has only to do with what such works say about them as evidence of their standing in the Lord Jesus Christ. ***“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN” (Matthew 5:16).*** —Pastor Bill Parker

## Christ Our Reward

*"To him that worketh is the reward NOT reckoned of grace, but of debt" (Rom. 4:4).* To the laborer in religion, what he merits or earns can never be called a gift, a favor, or mercy; it is an obligation owed to him. If work is involved at all as to attaining or maintaining our salvation, it is a debt and NOT GRACE AT ALL. It is not that the believer does no good works, but that he does not work in order to obtain life and salvation. We work because we love Christ Jesus, not in order to be justified. —Copied

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### 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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#### July 2nd services

- Redeemed - 475

- I Need Thee Every Hour - 318

### Birthdays

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Kedrial Riggins – July 4<sup>th</sup> | Mary James Fuller – July 8<sup>th</sup>

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## Call to Worship

(Tune – What a Friend We Have in Jesus – p. 354)

Precious Savior, friend of sinners,  
 We, as such, to Thee draw near;  
 Let Thy Spirit dwell within us  
 With that love that casts out fear;  
 Matchless Saviour, let us know Thee,  
 As the Lord our Righteousness;  
 Cause our hearts to cleave unto Thee,  
 Come, and with Thy presence bless.

Open now Thy precious treasure,  
 Let Thy word here freely flow;  
 Give to us a gracious measure,  
 'Tis Thyself we long to know;  
 Come and claim us as Thy portion,  
 Let us all find rest in Thee;  
 Leave us not to empty notions,  
 We would find our hope in Thee!