# 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, March 9, 2025

10 am: "Christ Anointed and Betrayed" | Matthew 26:1-16 Matthew Series | Lesson 95 Bill Parker

11 am: "How We Ought to Live" Titus 2 Bill Parker

#### **Live Stream**

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.
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## **God Alone Must Be Glorified**

Why is it so important that we who claim to be saved by grace and to believe and rest in the Lord Jesus Christ to know that salvation was (and is) neither by our works nor our wills? It is because God has designed the salvation of His people for His own glory, and His glory is found in the truth of salvation by His powerful work and His sovereign will alone -"For He saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy" (Rom. 9:15-16; cf. Exod. 33:18-19). God is the only one worthy of this glory, and He will not share His glory with another (Isa. 42:8; 1 Cor. 1:29-31). Also, in our salvation, God intends to humble us by a clear and honest view of ourselves - our sinfulness, spiritual death, and depravity; our complete lack of righteousness and our deservedness of condemnation – so that we see our complete dependence upon Him alone in and by the Lord Jesus Christ for our whole salvation (John 1:12-13; Rom. 3:10-12; 1 Cor. 2:14). Salvation is designed by God to give all glory to His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord our only Righteousness (Gal. 6:14; Php. 3:3-9; Col. 1:15-18). "For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to Whom be glory for ever. —Pastor Bill Parker Amen" (Rom. 11:36).

## **Putting on Christ**

Does Satan accuse you, that you are a sinner before God, and cursed by the law of God? The charge is just – OWN IT. Yet this need not destroy your peace of conscience. PUT ON CHRIST, your breast-plate of right—eousness. "For, He was made sin for us, that we sinners might be made the righteousness of God in Him," (2 Corinthians 5:21). "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us," (Galatians 3:13). By Him, all who believe are completely justified, fully discharged, and perfectly acquitted from ALL things (Acts 13:39). Though "sin hath reigned unto death, yet grace reigns through the right—eousness of Jesus Christ our LORD, unto eternal life" (Romans 5:21). Now why is Christ, His grace and righteousness, thus held forth to us in Scripture? Surely it is that we should so put Him on in our conscience as to answer every demand of law and justice, silence every accusation of Satan, possess peace and joy in God knowing assuredly that we have eter—nal life in Christ. O this living and abiding in the LORD is precious! It is living like ourselves, children of God, members of Christ, and heirs of glory!

—William Mason (1773)

## **Christ - the Beauty of Holiness**

"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness." (Psalm 29:2)

What exactly is "the beauty of holiness" of which the psalmist wrote? It is the revelation of Gospel truth as it is in the Lord God by which He identifies and distinguishes Himself as the one and only living and true God Who saves sinners by His grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. In this revelation, we see that there are none like our God, and all others are false gods. This is the revelation of God's uniqueness as seen in the glorious Person and finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, Preserver, and Mediator of His people. This is the beauty of Christ Who is God manifest in the flesh, the Word made flesh to dwell among us and obey unto death for the sins of His people given to Him by the Father before the world began. It is the beauty of His finished work through which He accomplished the very righteousness of God and based upon which God is just to justify His people. It is successful work that secures the complete salvation of all His people for whom He died and arose again. It is His gift of spiritual life to each and every one of them in the new birth by the Holy Spirit. Christ is the beauty of holiness as "in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power" (Col. 2:9-10).

—Pastor Bill Parker

In the Tabernacle of old there was an altar of incense. The incense ascending with the prayers of Israel typified the merits and intercession of Christ, His perfect righteousness which is imputed to His people and which can alone make the worship of sinful beings accepted with God. Neither time, nor events, nor even the remaining sinful corruption within His children can lessen the power and worth of Christ's blood of righteousness. As the fragrant cloud of incense rose to heaven, and the high priest sprinkled the blood upon the mercy-seat of ancient Israel and ceremonially cleansed the people from guilt, so the merits of the slain Lamb of God are accepted with the Father as a purifier of His people from the defilement of their sins.

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## **Birthdays**

Leon Drake - Mar. 14th

### Hymns

March 9th services
He Hideth My Soul-258
Under His Wings - 269

## **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.

# Call to Worship

(Tune – Take My Life – p. 393) (Words written by Jim Byrd)

Come Jehovah with us meet, As we worship at Thy feet; Here we are assembled now, Prostrate Lord we humbly bow. (R)

Thou art God and Thou alone, Reigning on Thy sovereign throne; Thou the Potter, we the clay, Grant salvation, Lord we pray. (R)

Show us mercy is our plea, Grace and kindness are with Thee: Speak the Word that we may live, All our sinfulness forgive. (R)

May Thy mercy fill this place, Grant to us Thy sovereign grace; Thine the glory, Lord shall be, Now and for eternity. (R)