

# 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 19, 2026

10 am: "Handfuls of Purpose"

Lesson 7 | Ruth 2:15-23

Bill Parker

11 am: "The Sacrifice of

Righteousness" | Psalm 4:5

Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## Christ, Our Mercy Seat

*“And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel” Ex. 25:22*

The tabernacle of old was a revelation of the shekinah glory of God, which was the fullness of God’s revelation of Himself in the glorious Person and finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ as the full salvation of His people. This revelation was given not only in the preaching of the Gospel but also in the types and pictures of the elements of the tabernacle such as the mercy seat in the holy of holies. Here we see Christ as the Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer of His people by the sacrifice of Himself as the Lamb of God in Whom and by Whom God justified His people and accepts them as righteous in His sight. The blood of the lamb sprinkled on this mercy seat pictured the blood of Jesus Christ shed for the sins of His people whereby He alone satisfied the justice of God for them and established the righteousness which God has imputed to them. Hereby, in Christ, based on the merits of His obedience unto death, God says, **“I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee.”** There is no other person, no other place, and no other work upon whom or upon which God will meet and commune with sinners acceptably. Christ is our one and only Mercy Seat!

—Pastor Bill Parker

## Praise and Thanksgiving

This is a privilege of the highest nature, and an exercise of the highest delight; for glory in the highest perfection is due to the Holy Name of the LORD. ***“O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of His praise to be heard;” (Psalm 66:8)***; and all nations are called to bless and adore Him; that is, so many as it shall please our God to call to the faith of His Son Christ Jesus, for they that love the LORD, can never cease from this work. ***“I will extol Thee, my God, O king; and I will bless Thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever.” (Psalm 145:1-2)***

Everyone that honours the Father, honours the Son, for their glory cannot be divided; no glory can possibly be given to the one, that is not given to the other, for they are one; and to render thanksgiving and praise is the most direct and immediate way of confessing the God of all grace. In this way we confess the sensible feelings of our hearts, and breathe out the very joy, admiration and gratitude of our souls; declaring our intellectual conceptions of the LORD of glory, and the deep impressions thereby made upon our innate powers, and exert all the faculties of our minds to show forth the excellency, the blessedness, the greatness, and the goodness of the Holy One.

In ascribing the glory due to His excellent greatness, or His essential perfection; herein we confess the absolute Majesty and Glory of the Father, His eternal, infinite, immutable blessedness; His righteousness and holiness, His wisdom, power, truth and love; and that we confess the going forth of all these perfections in the Man Christ Jesus, or the opening of the Divine bosom in the Son of His Delight; so that all the ineffable, inconceivable glories of the LORD God omnipotent; which from the beginning of the world have been hidden in God, now shine in the greatest luster in the Person of Jesus Christ. For Emmanuel is the brightness of the Father’s glory, the express image of His Person; and in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; or all that is in the incomprehensible Jehovah, is in the Man of His right hand.

***“I and my Father are ONE.” (John 10:30)*** Thus, all the saints adore and bless, magnify and extol the Father in the Son, and the Son in the Father; whilst they confess the Holy Ghost to be the very life, light, spirit, truth, and power of the Father and the Son, proceeding into the hearts of all that believe; to come by the knowledge of the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent; to introduce them into the fellowship of the Father and the Son; and fill their hearts with clear conceptions of the glory of God in Christ. —J. Johnson (1781)

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## God and Man

***“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).*** The eternal God joined Himself to human flesh and He evermore remains inseparably God and Man. Let us rejoice with joy unspeakable and give unceasing thanks to God for this wonderful truth. When Christ came to give His life a ransom for His people, He did not cease to be God. When He finished the work of redemption, went back to the Father and took His seat upon the throne of universal dominion, He did not cease to be Man. Our Mediator and Great High Priest always shall be, ***“the man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5).*** —Pastor Jim Byrd

## Prayer Requests

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Patricia Pannell, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, Patsy Parr, Phyllis Payne, Glenn Tennyson, Mason Flynn, Banks Margeson, Jermaine Harpe, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

## Birthdays

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Ralston Sparks - Apr. 25th

## Hymns

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- There is a Fountain - 222
- Praise Him, Praise Him - 442

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# Call to Worship

(Tune – O Worship the King – p. 1)  
(Words written by Jim Byrd)

**We gather this day to honor the King,  
Who sits on His throne, His triumphs we sing;  
The Savior who died to atone for our sin,  
Came forth from the tomb and He liveth again.**

**Christ Jesus the Lord the victory has won,  
He died and arose; the work is all done!  
He took on Himself all our debt to repay,  
The sins of His people are all washed away.**

**To Jesus our Lord, all honor we bring,  
We say unto death, “Where now is thy sting?”  
Enthroned in His glory, almighty to save,  
How great is His conquest o’er sin and the grave!**

**He conquered the grave and liveth above,  
All praise to His Name, all power and love;  
Made righteous in Jesus we someday shall rise,  
To dwell with our Savior above earth and skies.**