

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 5, 2026

10 am: "A Mighty Man of Wealth"

Lesson 5 | Ruth 2:1-9

Bill Parker

11 am: "Where is Jesus Christ?"

Acts 2:31-36

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Glorying in the Cross

“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.” (Galatians 6:14)

For his own part, the apostle was determined to glory in nothing save the cross of Christ. He had gone out to Him without the camp, bearing His reproach, and like Moses, he counted the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt. The cross is put here for the atoning sacrifice of the Son of God upon the cross. This is the foundation which God hath laid in Sion for the hope of the guilty. His own self bare the sins of His people in His own body on the tree; they are justified by His blood, redeemed from the curse; and upon this, and this alone, believers rest their hope. They do not glory in any real or fancied superiority over others. They behold the glory of the LORD shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Through the rent vail of the Redeemer’s flesh, they draw near to their covenant God, seated on a throne of grace; and, beholding the perfection of the sacrifice offered on Calvary, and arrayed in their Redeemer’s everlasting righteousness, they challenge the universe to lay anything to their charge. —James Haldane

Because Christ Lives

How do we know that the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Surety and Substitute of God's elect, conquered death? It is because He lives in His mediatorial resurrection glory ever living to make intercession for us. How do we know that Christ established righteousness by which God justifies His people? It is because He arose from the dead and, again, intercedes on our behalf based upon the merits of His obedience unto death for us. This insures the spiritual resurrection in the new birth of all for whom Christ lived, died, and arose. Because Christ lives, we live, and we live forever. Though we will experience physical death, Christ has conquered death for us – ***“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:55-57).*** – Pastor Bill Parker

Nothing In Us

There is nothing in us, or done by us, that we can plead before the LORD for His blessing. We, in the matter of our justification before God renounce everything but the person, blood and righteousness of Christ, so, in our approaches to the Majesty of heaven, we must renounce everything but the name, the blood, and righteousness of Jesus, who for our comfort said, ***“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you.” (John 16:23).*** We come before God, and look to ourselves, we tremble, and wonder the LORD does not cut us down, as cucumbers of the ground. When by living faith we are enabled to look to Christ, we feel something of that humble boldness Paul speaks of: ***“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter in the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.” (Hebrews 10:19-20)*** This new and living way which is Christ and Him crucified is the only ground upon which we can plead the promises of God, and look to Him for blessing; and Christ and Him crucified is the only ground upon which a just and holy God can meet and bless such guilty sinners as we are; for in Christ, “mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.” --John Kershaw

The Book of Life

The book of life, or decree of election, is the marriage-register of the saints; in which their everlasting espousal to Christ stands indelibly recorded by the pen of God's free and eternal love.

As the gold of which money is made is the king's property ever before it is struck into coin, and before it visibly bears the royal image and superscription; so the unregenerate elect are God's own heritage, though they do not appear to be such, until the Holy Spirit has made them pass through the mint of effectual calling, and actually stamped them into current coin for the kingdom of Heaven.

The elect are betrothed to Christ from everlasting in the covenant of grace; they are actually married to Him, and join hands with Him, in conversion; but they are not taken home to the bridegroom's house until death dismisses them from the body. —Augustus Toplady

Prayer Requests

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.

Hymns

- Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus - 145
- I Need Thee Every Hour - 318

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)**