# 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, August 24, 2025

10 am: "To Worship the Lord" Lesson 7 | 1 Tim. 2:8-10

Bill Parker

11 am: "Freely Given by God" 1 Corinthians 2:12 Bill Parker

### Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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A famous religionist once said, "One act of obedience is better than a hundred sermons." I suppose that this is the kind of thinking that gave rise to such statements as "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one." It is true that Christians ought to try to live consistently with what we preach and profess. It is true that we who believe the Gospel ought to be moral, responsible, honest, kind, compassionate people. But we need to realize that no sinner will ever be saved by looking at our outward character and conduct. Character and conduct are important, even essential, in our lives as believers. They are evidence of the genuineness of our faith. But character and conduct can never take the place of the preaching of the Gospel. The Gospel is "the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16), because the righteousness of God, which is the whole merit of Christ's work of redemption, the ground of salvation, is revealed in the Gospel (Rom. 1:17), not in our conduct. "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 Corinthians 1:21). - Pastor Bill Parker

# If We Would Have Mercy

If we would have saving mercy, it must be through Christ. Outside of Christ, there is no saving mercy. We read in the old law that none might come into the holy of holies, where the mercy-seat stood, but the high-priest. This signifies that we have nothing to do with mercy but through Christ our High-Priest. That the high-priest might not come near the mercy-seat without blood is to show that we have no right to mercy but through the expiatory sacrifice of Christ's blood (Lev. 16:14). If we would have mercy, we must be in Christ. Mercy swims to us through Christ's blood! —Copied

## **A Good Conscience**

A good conscience is the sunshine of the soul. It is the work of grace. When the sinner is awakened to a sense of his guilt and danger; when he is led to see the all-sufficiency of the obedience unto death of Christ; when he is enabled by faith to receive Christ as his Surety, Substitute, and Redeeer; and when the precious blood of Christ is applied to his conscience by the Spirit, then the soul, bowed down under a sense of guilt, obtains rest, and the conscience, goaded by tormenting fears, enjoys peace. The conscience, thus pacified and purified, becomes, in the scriptural sense of the term, a good conscience. Almighty God is no longer dreaded as an enemy but feared as the Father; and sin is no longer cherished as a friend but resisted as a foe. —Copied

## **Elect or Non-Elect**

Someone said, "If I knew I were one of God's elect, I would come to Christ; but I fear I am not." To you I answer – Nobody ever came to Christ because he knew himself to be of the elect. It is quite true that God has of His good pleasure elected some to everlasting life, but they never knew it until they believed in Christ. Christ nowhere commands the elect to come to Him. He commands all men everywhere to repent and believe the Gospel. The question for you is not, "Am I one of the elect? But, "Am I a sinner? Am I in need of the blood of Christ to wash away my sins? Am I in need of His righteousness to clothe my nakedness? Is He my one and only hope for salvation?" Christ came to save sinners. — Robert Murray McCheyne

Before we can worship God in peace of conscience and liberty of heart, we must know, upon authority of God's Word and by the power of God's Spirit, that the entire question of sin has been forever settled by the blood of a divine sin offering. All of God's claims and all our necessities as ruined, guilty sinners have been forever answered. This gives us peace; and in the enjoyment of that peace, we worship God. We have a perfect Sacrifice, and a perfect conscience. -- Scott Richardson

## The Lord's Supper

NEXT SUNDAY (AUGUST 31) we will serve THE LORD'S SUPPER following the messages. After our worship services next Sunday, we will have our usual fellowship dinner.

## **Birthdays**

Jeremy Pannell - Aug. 30th | Rodney Hiers - Aug. 30th

## **Prayer Requests**

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, 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, Prince Rodway, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

## Hymns

August 24th service At Calvary - 477 Holy, Holy, Holy - 70

# Call to Worship

(Tune – Take My Life and Let It Be – p. 393)

Brethren, let us join to bless Christ our Peace and Righteousness; Let our praise to Him be given, High at God's right hand in heaven. (Repeat)

Son of God, to Thee we bow,
Thou art Lord, and only Thou;
Thou the woman's promised seed,
Thou, who didst for sinners bleed. (Repeat)

Thou hast the glad tidings brought
Of salvation fully wrought;
Wrought, O Lord alone by Thee,
Wrought to set Thy people free. (Repeat)

Thee, our Lord, would we adore, Serve and follow more and more; Praise and bless Thy matchless love, Till we join Thy saints above. (Repeat)