

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 13, 2025

10 am: "The End of the Law"

Lesson 2 | 1 Timothy 1:4-7

Bill Parker

11 am: "Christ Made a Curse for Us" | Galatians 3:13

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Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:23-24)

True worship, acceptable to God, involves the people of God (sinners saved by grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ), the Spirit of God, and the truth of God that glorifies Him, exalts Christ, and leaves sinners no room for boasting in the flesh. This is worshipping in spirit and in truth seeking to proclaim the glory of God in the Person and finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. True worship is not making sinners feel good about themselves; it is encouraging them to feel good about Christ and His obedience unto death as the sinner's Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, and Preserver. It is worship from the new heart implanted by the Holy Spirit that causes believers to ***"rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh"*** (Php. 3:3).

—Pastor Bill Parker

The Lord Our Helper

We need the help of the Lord all through the wilderness. We need His help to enable us to keep constant and faithful to the profession of His truth, therefore the apostle says, “stand fast, and quit you like men.” This is a day of awful departure from the truth of God; and it is lamentable to see how some ministers are swerving and sliding back from that which they once professed, turning aside into error, and causing the Philistines to rejoice. May the Lord help us to stand fast, and never to give up that truth which debases the sinner in the dust and puts the crown on the head of the Lord Jesus Christ!

The Lord will help you to plead with His blessed Majesty not to allow you either to court the smiles, nor fear the frowns of any man; but to be kept faithful and honest in the conscience; to be girt about with the whole armor of truth; and to be able to wield the sword of the Spirit, in dependence upon His promised aid; and to leave all consequences in the hands of the Lord and Master. —John Kershaw (1876)

Glorying Only in the Cross

“God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,” (Galatians 6:14).

I cannot, and, God helping me, I will not, while the Lord gives me strength to open my poor mouth, but speak well of love in God and the Holy Spirit, for it was He that laid hold of me in my mad career of sin, put a cry into my heart to cry unto God, and stopped me from going about to establish a righteousness of my own. His invisible hand kept me from being my own murderer. He revealed in my heart pardoning blood and imputed righteousness; and some scores of times, when the enemy has come into my poor soul with such a tremendous flood of awful blasphemies against the Holy Trinity, especially against the Holy Spirit, that I have been sunk so low that at times I could see no more hope that God would ever appear in love and mercy for me than He would appear for devils, He has, bless His dear Name, lifted up again a glorious standard, and brought me up again out the horrible pit, and set my feet again upon the Rock of ages. —John Warburton

Christ Our Breastplate

This was a part of the high priest’s dress, which he wore when performing his office in the temple service. On this breastplate were engraved the names of the twelve tribes of Israel, and it was called, *“the breastplate of judgment” (Exodus 28:15)*. The design of it seems to have been to typify the Lord Jesus Christ, the great and almighty High Priest of His redeemed, Who going in before YAHWEH, bears the names, and persons, and concerns of all His people. Hence, the church so vehemently desired the Lord that she might be set “as a seal upon His heart, and a seal upon His arm.” The former the tenderest, and the latter the strongest part in Jesus’s affection.

“Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.” (Song of Solomon 8:6)

And hence, in allusion to the same, the apostle exhorts the church to put on *“the breastplate of faith and love;”* meaning, a steadfast looking unto Christ in the exercise of those graces, by relying wholly on Him for mercy and salvation. *“But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.” (1st Thessalonians 5:8)*

—Robert Hawker

Birthdays

Janna Taylor - July 15th

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, Glen Tennyson, Mason Flynn, Banks Margeson, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

July 13th service

Nothing but the Blood-- 212

Rock of Ages -- 126

Call to Worship

(Tune – This is My Father’s World – p. 39)

I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love divine,
And with unfaltering lip and heart, I call the Saviour mine;
His cross dispels each doubt, I bury in His tomb,
Each thought of unbelief and fear,
Each lingering shade of gloom.

I praise the God of peace, I trust His truth and might,
He calls me His, I call Him mine, My God, my Joy, my Light;
In Him is only good, in me is only ill,
My ill but draws His goodness forth,
And me He loveth still.

‘Tis He Who saveth me, and freely pardon gives,
I love because He loveth me, I live because He lives;
My life with Him is hid, my death has passed away,
My clouds have melted into light,
My midnight into day.