

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 8, 2026

10 am: "Christ, Our Kinsman-Redeemer"

Lesson 1 | Ruth 1:1
Bill Parker

11 am: "Christ, Our Hiding Place"
Colossians 3:1-11
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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"For by one offering, HE hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." (Hebrews 10:14)

Surely all are sanctified who were set apart from everlasting, in the council of peace, between the Persons of the Godhead, and given unto the Son, in an everlasting covenant, that cannot be broken: for to this purport are those blessed words of Jesus Himself, in his prayer to His Father – ***"That I should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Me" (John 17:2)***. And, my soul, take one observation more, from this sweet scripture; this perfection, given to His people, by His one offering, is for ever – ***"He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."*** So that the blessing runs through all eternity. The efficacy of Jesus's blood and righteousness is eternally the same. In point of merit, it blows as fresh and pure, and sovereign, in its pleadings now, as ever. Hallelujah! Fold up, my soul, this blessed verse, in thy bosom, and carry it about with thee in thine heart. Let it be among the first and last of thy thoughts, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. Jesus will own it, and prove it to the full, when thou bringest it before His throne. —Robert Hawker

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.” (Colossians 3:1-4)

The basis for Christian character and conduct, acceptable obedience, fruit unto God, good works, and the proper, God-honoring motivation for this is our union with Christ wherein we died with Him to the guilt of sin and wherein we are risen with Him unto justification and life. To be risen with Christ is to be justified, sanctified, and certain to be glorified based on His righteousness alone. It is to have His righteousness imputed to us and His life within us – ***“And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness” (Rom. 8:10)***. If we are in a state of justification based on His righteousness alone, we are commanded to ***“seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.”*** This describes the whole inheritance of grace that Christ has earned for us as our dear Savior and has given to us as our dear Lord. We are to seek these things as we already possess them in Christ Who sits at the right hand of God, the place of acceptance, glory and honor. Therefore, in order to have the proper basis, motivation, and goal for Christian character and conduct, the obedience of faith, we must be assured concerning our salvation and final glory based on the shed blood and imputed righteousness of Christ. This is a large part of setting our affections on things above, things that will last forever and ever, not the fleeting and dying things of this earth. —Pastor Bill Parker

The common delusion of the day in which we live is to think of and speak of Christ as if He were merely a Saviour who had done all He could to save all mankind, but after all, had left it quite uncertain whether any will be eventually saved; whereas, His official character (Prophet, Priest, King, Messiah, Redeemer, Mediator, Covenant Head, Surety, LORD), and consequent covenant engagements, render the salvation of all His church a matter of infallible certainty.

--Joseph Irons (1785-1852)

Altogether Lovely

When the Holy Ghost enables the soul to look by faith to the ability, the willingness and the ALL-sufficiency of Jesus to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him, what a blessed sight it is to Him! What a heart-cheering, soul-ravishing, Christ-exalting view it is to his soul! Then he sees that the LORD Jesus Christ is the Highway of Holiness; He is a Glorious Way; a Way whereby God can be just and yet the Justifier of all those who believe in Jesus; the Way in which sin was taken away with all its damning consequences, the law with its curse removed, justice satisfied and hell and destruction everlastingly defeated. When the believer is led to see and know these things, how he delights in Jesus! Jesus becomes precious and “Altogether Lovely” to his never-dying soul.

—John Kershaw – 1834

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.

Birthdays

Annie Cox - March 8th | Leon Drake - March 14th

Sympathy

Our deepest and sincere sympathies and prayers go out to our sister in Christ, Susan Wages, and her whole family. Susan's mother, Mrs. Barbara Crump, passed away this past Wednesday. May the Lord give Susan and her family the peace and comfort that He alone can give, especially in their happy memories of their life with their dear mother.

Hymns

- He Hideth My Soul - 258
- Hiding in Thee - 282

Call to Worship

(Tune – Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus – p. 257)

**Great Jehovah, our salvation,
God of mercy and of grace;
Who sent Christ to save His nation,
His dear sheep from every race.**

REFRAIN:

**How we love Him, Christ our Savior,
He who reigns o'er all to bless
All His people with salvation;
Praise the Lord our righteousness.**

**There's a peace that knows no ending
In the Savior's loving arms;
With our precious Lord's attending,
Keeping safe from all alarms.**

**We rejoice in our redemption
Earned by Christ, our Great High Priest,
He who reigns without exemption
Intercedes for us to plead.**