

# WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

*A people gladly serving the Lord Jesus and neighbors near and far*

BECAUSE OF THE LORD'S GREAT LOVE, WE ARE NOT CONSUMED, FOR HIS COMPASSIONS NEVER FAIL. THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

**We worship our Savior on August 22, 2024 (9 a.m.)**

**(“Come as you are ... then go home different”)**

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**PASTOR: W. Michael Langford**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Chris Peters (9 a.m.- 5 p.m. on Thursdays)**

**MINISTERS: All of us! (We are all ministers of God's grace and we're on-duty '24/7')**



*“Though you  
have not seen  
him, you love  
him; and even  
though you do  
not see him  
now, you  
believe in him  
and are filled  
with an  
inexpressible  
and glorious*

*joy...”*

***1 Peter 1:8***

BLESSING US WITH THEIR MUSIC...Chris Peters (piano), Linda Langford (organ)

GATHERING SONG ..... "Day By Day"

(1) Day by day and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here.
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond measure gives unto each day what He deems best.
Lovingly, it's part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest
(3) Help me then in every tribulation so to trust Your promises, O Lord.
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation offered me within Your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting, ever to take, as from a father's hand
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting, till I reach the promised land

A WELCOME from our liturgist: Sharon Strauch

A CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Psalms 139:7-

12

Where indicated, all sing the chorus on page 63 of the hymnal... "Blessed be the Name"

"Blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name of the Lord"

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O Lord, where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, You are there
If I make my bed in the depths, You are there. (all sing)

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast (all sing)

If I say, "surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me"
Even the darkness will not be dark to You!

The night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to You. (all sing)

Thank you, Lord, for always being there for us. Even now, we would seek Your face.

We are Yours, O God. Receive the praises that we bring to You this day! (all sing)

OPENING HYMN (U.M. # 160) ..... "Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart"

(1) Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

(2) Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud; whilst answering echoes
upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

(3) Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go; from youth to age,
by night and day, in gladness and in woe. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

(4) At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find

*their heavenly home, Jerusalem the blest. **Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.***

***(5)** Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore, the Father, Son,  
and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. **Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.***

**INVITATION OF GOD’S PRESENCE**

Offer your own “GOD IS GOOD” greeting to those seated nearby!

**PRAISE SONG ..... “Sweet Wind”**

- 1) There’s a wind a-blowin’ all across the land, Fragrant breeze of heaven blowin’ once again  
Don’t know where it comes from, Don’t know where it goes...but let it blow over me  
**(CHORUS) Oh...sweet WIND ... Come and blow over me**
- 2) There’s a rain a pourin’, showers from above, mercy drops are comin,’ mercy drops of love  
Turn your face to heaven, let the water pour... Well let it pour over me  
**(CHORUS) Oh...sweet RAIN ... Come and pour over me**
- 3) There’s a fire burnin’, falling from the sky...awesome tongues of fire, consuming you and I  
Can you feel it burning? Burn the sacrifice! Well let it burn over me  
**(CHORUS) Oh...sweet FIRE ... Come and burn over me**

**BODY BUILDING ..... Joys, Announcements and testimonies of God’s grace**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**PRAYER SONG ..... “As The Deer”**

- (1) As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship Thee. **(Chorus)**  
**(CHORUS) You alone are my strength, my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield.**  
**You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship Thee.**
- (2) You’re my friend and You are my brother even though you are a King.  
I love You more than any other,so much more than anything. **(Chorus)**
- (3) I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye. **(Chorus)**

**PRAYER**

**--- WE HEAR THE WORD ---**

**THE GOOD NEWS**

**SELECTED SCRIPTURES ..... Colossians 2:6-7, 2 Timothy 3:14-15 and Psalm 78:1-4**

**“We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.”**

**TODAY’S MESSAGE ..... Pastor Mike Langford**

***“Continue In Him”***

*“IT IS MY GREAT HONOR”*

*A summer sermon series on being God’s people of respect*

***(Today: Honoring Our Faith Tradition)***

**CLOSING HYMN (# 672) ..... “God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again”**

**(1)** God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

**(REFRAIN)** Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

**(2)** God be with you till we meet again; neath his wings securely hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. **(REFRAIN)**

**(3)** God be with you till we meet again; when life’s perils thick confound you,  
Put his arms unfailing round you; God be with you till we meet again. **(REFRAIN)**

**(4)** God be with you till we meet again; keep love’s banner floating o’er you,  
Smite death’s threatening wave before you; God be with you till we meet again. **(REFRAIN)**

**A BENEDICTION**

We thank you for presenting your tithes and offerings in the plates found at the exits.

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*This worship service is over. NOW BEGINS our Christian service in Jesus’ Name!*



We are **not** on a “167-hour vacation from faith” after this worship ends. We show the grace daily!

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**MINISTRY CHALLENGE** ... Consider your Spiritual Gifts. Prayerfully ask where the Lord needs you to serve. Seek new ways to reach out in the season ahead! Step up!

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**LAST WEEK** ... We learned the song early on: “The B-I-B-L-E”. As we consider honor, we must never neglect the Bible as something worthy of respect. Like Psalms 119:11 says: “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you”. God’s Word (Heb. 4:12) is “living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword...” It gets to our soul, and brings clarity to where we have gone astray. As “alive and active”, it penetrates to the deepest parts of our person’s nature, exposing and judging their thoughts and intentions. Let’s reconnect with the Bible, in personal or group study, always praying for Scripture to reveal God’s heart. Sadly, we all tend to fail with regard to living up to our Bible lessons. We must esteem God’s Word over every news source we visit or book we read. Believers will (2 Tim 2:15) do their best to present themselves to God as workmen who correctly handle the Word of Truth. Honoring the Bible is contagious. As you experience it, others find it’s joy! In fact, the world needs you to be in the Word of God, as you become equipped to share the Light of the

*Lord. "The B-I-B-L-E...yes that's the book for me; I stand alone on the Word of God..."*

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