

WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

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

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We worship our Savior on September 1, 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')

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

A WELCOME from our liturgists: Chris Peters and Linda Langford

Sing praises to the
LORD
with the lyre,



with the lyre
and the sound
of melody.

Psalm 98:5

A CALL TO WORSHIP From John Wesley’s Select Hymns, 1761

SING ALL.

**See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can.
Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you...**

SING LUSTILY AND WITH GOOD COURAGE.

**Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep;
but lift up your voice with strength...**

SING MODESTLY.

**Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation,
that you may not destroy the harmony...**

SING IN TIME.

**Whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it;
but attend closely to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can...**

ABOVE ALL SING SPIRITUALLY.

**Have an eye to God in every word you sing.
Aim at pleasing God more than yourself, or any other creature...**

OPENING HYMN (U.M. # 155) “All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name”

**(1) All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall, Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem...**

**(REFRAIN) ... and crown Him...crown Him...crown Him...crown Him
Crown Him ... crown Him... crown Him ...and crown Him Lord of all.**

(WE LOOK TO THE SCREEN FOR VERSES 2, 4, 6)

INVITATION OF GOD’S PRESENCE

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

HYMN “The Joy Of The Lord”

(1) The joy of the Lord is my strength... (repeat 2 times) ... The joy of the Lord is my strength

(WE LOOK TO THE SCREEN FOR VERSES 2, 3, 4)

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

HYMN (U.M. # 731) “Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken”

**(1) Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; God, whose word cannot
be broken, formed thee for his own abode. On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake
thy sure repose? With salvation’s walls surrounded, thou mayst smile at all thy foes.**

(WE “LOOK UP” FOR VERSES 2, 4)

HYMN “Almighty”

**(CHORUS) Almighty, most holy God, faithful through the ages,
Almighty...most holy Lord, glorious Almighty God!**

(1) The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, are silent to call out Your name; The earth has no voice, and I have no choice but to magnify God unashamed. Let the rocks be kept silent for one more day; let the whole world sing out, let the people say: (CHORUS)

(WE LOOK TO THE SCREEN FOR VERSE 2)

HYMN (U.M. # 405) “Seek Ye First”

*(1) Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.*

(WE “LOOK UP” FOR VERSES 2, 3, 4)

HYMN (U.M. # 374) “Standing On The Promises”

*(1) Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God (REFRAIN)*

**(REFRAIN) Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.**

(WE LOOK TO THE SCREEN FOR VERSES 2, 3, 4)

PRAYER CONCERNS

HYMN “Made Me Glad”

*(1) I will bless the Lord forever, I will trust Him at all times
He has delivered me from all fear...He has set my feet upon a rock*

(BRIDGE) And I will not be moved ...and I’ll say of the Lord..

**(CHORUS) You are my Shield, my Strength, My Portion, Deliverer
My Shelter, Strong Tower...My very present Help in time of need.**

(WE “LOOK UP” FOR VERSE 2)

HYMN (U.M. # 404) “Every Time I Feel The Spirit”

(REFRAIN) Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray (REPEAT)

*(1) Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke
All around me looks so shine...ask my Lord if all was mine (REFRAIN)*

(WE LOOK TO THE SCREEN FOR VERSES 2, 3)

HYMN (U.M. # 710) “Faith Of Our Fathers”

*(1) Faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy whene’er we hear that glorious word!*

(REFRAIN) Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death

(WE “LOOK UP” FOR VERSES 2, 3)

HYMN (U.M. # 365) “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

*(1) Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.*

**(REFRAIN) Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!**

(WE LOOK TO THE SCREEN FOR VERSES 2, 4)

HYMN “I’ll Go Where You Want Me To Go”

*(1) It may not be on the mountain’s height or over the stormy sea. It may not be at
the battle’s front my Lord will have need of me. But if by a still, small voice he calls to paths
I do not know. I’ll answer, dear Lord, with my hand in Thine, I’ll go where You want me to go.*

**(REFRAIN) I’ll go where You want me to go, dear Lord, over mountain or plain or sea;
I’ll say what You want me to say, dear Lord, I’ll be what You want me to be.**

(WE “LOOK UP” FOR VERSE 2)

CLOSING HYMN (U.M. # 453) “More Love To Thee”

*(1) More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.*

This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

(WE LOOK TO THE SCREEN FOR VERSES 2, 3, 4)

A SENDING BENEDICTION OFFERING AT THE DOOR

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

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*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... *Take a very deep breath! Now, let’s get ready for a great autumn in which we seek and serve God in new ways! Grace People, be a blessing!*

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LAST WEEK ... *We share in many wonderful traditions. Some concern summer activities or going back to school ritual. Traditions help us to “continue”. It is our great honor to continue in faith, as we join with others in our church who honor God Our faith tradition keeps us anchored in God, when this world’s hollow ideals come our way. Paul calls us to continue in what we have learned and have become convinced of (2 Tim. 3). A traditional faith passed down...leads us in wisdom that leads to salvation. Are you willing to honor your faith tradition, even when others stray from their own good roots? To continue in Christ...is to turn our hearts to those who need the Lord. To continue in Him is honorable in a day when we give up of most everything. Continue to be a witness and a participant in things that announce God’s love. Let’s never be “traditional” in the ways of Pharisees and Sadducees whose hearts were far from God. Continue to love the Lord, as those faithful in the big things and little things of faith. Keep living and teaching the things of God, whose truth never changes.*