WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

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

We worship our Savior on January 26, 2025 (9 a.m.)

("Come as you are ... then go home different")

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BLESSING US WITH THEIR MUSIC....Linda Langford (organ), Chris Peters (piano)
MINISTERS: All of us! (We are all ministers of God's grace and we're on-duty '24/7')



REVELATION 11:17, NIV

GATHERING HYMN	"Jesus Saves"
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(1) We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Bear the news to every land, climb the steeps and cross the waves Onward, 'tis our Lord's command. Jesus saves! Jesus saves

(2) Sing above the battle strife, Jesus saves! Jesus saves! By his death and endless life, Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Sing it softly through the gloom,

When the heart for mercy craves Sing in triumph over the tomb... Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

(3) Give the winds a mighty voice, Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Let the nations now rejoice Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Shout salvation full and free, Highest hills and deepest caves. This is our song of victory... Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

A WELCOME from our liturgist: Kenn Troup

A CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 123

To You, O Lord, I lift up my eyes. We look up to the Holy One, enthroned in the heavens! We look to You, O God; we seek the promise that changes our fortunes.

The eyes of the servant looks to the hand of his master; the eyes of the maid to her mistress. So, too, do we look to the Mighty One who is our soul's delight.

How good it is to lift our heads and our hearts to the Lord! We desire His loving mercy on this new day and every day.

We might remember sad moments when we were humiliated and shown great contempt. **Even so, God's great mercy brings us beautiful healing for our grief and brokenness.**

Rejoice, friends: the Lord is always available to those who call upon His Name Our God loves us! That's why we come here with a simple, childlike faith.

Come before the Lord with humility. Let Him embrace you with His arms of compassion We will worship the Gracious King, who chooses to bless this world through us!

OPENING HYMN (U.M. # 62) "All Creatures Of Our God And King"

(1) All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise ye! Alleluia O brother sun with golden beam.....O sister moon with silver gleam!

O praise ye! ... O praise ye! ... Alleluia! ... Alleluia! ... Alleluia!

(3) O sister water, flowing clear.....make music for thy Lord to hear....Alleluia! Alleluia! O brother fire who lights the night...providing warmth, enhancing sight,

O praise ye! ... O praise ye! ... Alleluia! ... Alleluia! ... Alleluia!

(5) All ye who are of tender heart......forgiving others, take your part! O praise ye...Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear.....praise God and on him cast your care!

O praise ye! ... O praise ye! ... Alleluia! ... Alleluia! ... Alleluia!

(7) Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness, O praise ye! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son....and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise ye! ... O praise ye! ... Alleluia! ... Alleluia! ... Alleluia!

INVITATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

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

PRAISE SONG "Send Us Out"

(Chorus) Send us out to proclaim the reign of Your kingdom, Send us out to proclaim and to heal

Send us out with Your power and Your authority to overcome...and to heal the world.

(1) Taking nothing for Your journey...for God will give you His bread And for every house that you enter...pray the peace of God descend (Chorus)

(2) I send you out before me...into every town I intend

The harvest is rich but few are the workers...to the fields of harvest you I send! (Chorus)

(3) Baptize in the name of the Father, in the name of the Spirit and of the Son. Go making disciples of many. I will be with you until your work is done! (Chorus)

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

PRAYER CONCERNS You are invited to lift prayer concerns for God's children.

PRAYER SONG "How Great Is Our God"

(1) The splendor of the King...Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice....All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light...And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice....And trembles at His voice

(Chorus) How great is our God! Sing with me...How great is our God...and all will see...
How great...How great is our God (REPEAT CHORUS)

(2) And age to age He stands...And time is in His hands...
Beginning and the End...Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one...Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb...The Lion and the Lamb (CHORUS)

(Bridge) Name above all names....Worthy of all praise My heart will sing...How great is our God

PRAYER

GOD'S HOLY WORD Exodus 8:5-11

Moses replied, "It will be as you say, so that you may know there is no one like the Lord our God.

The frogs will leave you and your houses, your officials and your people; they will remain only in the Nile."

TODAY'S MESSAGE Pastor Mike Langford

"Can't Wait Until Tomorrow"

CLOSING HYMN (# 382) "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

- (1) Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.
- (2) Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Savior today! Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.
 - (3) Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I pray! Power, all power, surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!
 - (4) Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

A BENEDICTION

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

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!

<u>MINISTRY CHALLENGE</u>...Our worship at Grace Church welcomes God's Spirit to touch us and refresh us. We challenge you to let this become holy time in your week. Don't be shy about bringing a friend: we share beautiful moments with those we love

LAST WEEK...Do you look for the best in people? Or do you wait for them to "mess up royally"? Jesus was watched very closely: All Eyes Upon Him. The religious authorities watched the Lord to see if He would offend the faith and show hypocrisy. But Jesus was true to his calling, even when it put him at odds with tradition. He defended his hungry disciples when they picked grain on a Sabbath. He healed that man with a withered hand on Sabbath. The Pharisees said "no", but God said "yes". Jesus showed Sabbath was made for man, not the reverse. One of most important of priorities involves seeing others as God sees them. Christians watch Jesus closely to see how He does things, so that we can all be more like Him. Ministry isn't about filling out denominational reports. It's about helping, reaching people. Compassion must take precedence over custom. Church can't be a hangout for complaining religious leaders who "leave people worse than they found them". Let's be people of mercy and love. (Mark 2:23-3:6)