

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 March 30, 2025 (9 a.m.)

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

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PASTOR: W. Michael Langford

MINISTERS: All of us!

(We are all ministers of God's grace and we're on-duty '24/7')



BLESSING US WITH MUSIC TODAY: Nancy Lieberman

GATHERING SONG "Praise Him, Praise Him"

(1) Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

Sing , O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!

Hail Him! Hail Him! highest archangels in glory; strength and honor give to His holy name!

Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children in His arms He carries them all day long.

(refrain) Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

(2) Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer! For our sins He suffered and bled & died, He's our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation, Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.

Sound His praises Jesus who bore our sorrows, Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong. (r)

(3) Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer! Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring! Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever, Crown Him, crown Him! Prophet & priest & King!

Christ is coming, over the world victorious, Power and glory unto the Lord belong (refrain)

A WELCOME from our liturgist: Kathy Brenneman

A CALL TO WORSHIP Inspired by Psalms 32

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin God does not count against him.

We have acknowledged our sin to God. We have not covered up our iniquity.

As we confess our transgressions, God forgives the guilt of our sin.

The spiritual challenge for us all: let the godly pray to God while He may be found;

When the mighty waters rise, they will not reach those who seek the Lord.

Yes, God is our Hiding Place. He protects us from all kinds of trouble.

The Lord surrounds us with songs of deliverance. Surely, our life is in Him.

God's unfailing love upholds the one who trusts in Him. We will trust in Him today.

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, you who are upright in heart!

Come, righteous ones, worshipping here this morning. Let us rejoice and be glad!

We accept that gracious invitation, as we rise to serve our Loving Savior!

OPENING HYMN (U.M. # 578) "God Of Love And God Of Power"

(1) God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour

Grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.

(REFRAIN) God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

(2) We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear. (REFRAIN)

(3) All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we when'er we share that devotion anywhere. (REFRAIN)

(4) God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;
Offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still. (REFRAIN)

INVITATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

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

PRAISE SONG **"My Life Is In You, Lord"**

**(CHORUS) My life is in You, Lord, My strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, In You, it's in You. (REPEAT ALL)**

**(VERSE) I will praise You with all of my life, I will praise You with all of my strength,
With all of my life, with all of my strength, all of my hope is in You.**

BODY BUILDING

You may share a brief joy, announcement or testimony of God's grace

PRAYER CONCERNS

We lift up names of friends who need prayer...or matters we wish God to touch.

PRAYER SONG **"People Need The Lord"**

**(CHORUS) People need the Lord, people need the Lord; At the end of broken dreams,
He's the open door. People need the Lord, people need the Lord;
When will we realize...people need the Lord.**

**(1) Everyday they pass me by, I can see it in their eyes: empty people filled with care
Headed who knows where. On they go through private pain, living fear to fear
Laughter hides their silent cries...only Jesus hears**

**(2) We are called to take His light to a world where wrong seems right,
What could be too great a cost for sharing life with one who's lost
Through His love our hearts can feel all the grief they bear
They must hear the Words of Life only we can share **(CHORUS)****

PRAYER

GOD'S HOLY WORD

Selected Scriptures are:

Hebrews 3:4, 1 Corinthians 2:9, Psalms 66:18, Philippians 2:27 and Genesis 8:1

**"But God remembered Noah
and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark,
and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded."**

TODAY'S MESSAGE **Pastor Mike Langford**

"To Spare Me Sorrow Upon Sorrow"

A Lenten sermon series on the Lord who turns things around in a big way.

"BUT GOD"

CLOSING HYMN (# 121) “There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy”

- (1) *There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in God’s justice,
Which is more than liberty.*
- (2) *There is welcome for the sinner,
And more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
There is healing in his blood.*
- (3) *For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.*
- (4) *If our love were but more simple,
We should rest upon God’s word;
And our lives would be illumined
By the presence of our Lord.*

A SENDING

THE OFFERING

*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!

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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...What in the world are you doing for God? Rejoice to serve in these most unusual days. Invite a friend to partner WITH you. Be a catalyst!

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LAST WEEK ... Some important changes were made to “the outline” of our morning worship! Pastor Mike’s family had a last minute emergency, and friends from the church helped to lead the entire church service .He appreciates their service and their witness. Stories were shared about how God has worked and redirected their lives. That’s what it’s all about! Big thanks to those whose hearts are open to pray for those who are experiencing some new hardship. May God continue to bless Grace Church as a caring family: a body willing & able to respond to that “last minute” call!

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