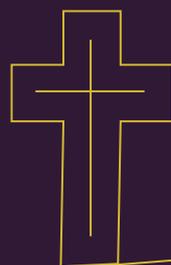


# KNOW the STORY



# WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

## VISITING GRACE?

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Visit [graceinracine.com](http://graceinracine.com) or scan this QR code to let us know you visited, ask questions, submit prayer requests, or indicate an area of Grace Church that is of interest to you.



If you have something that is weighing you down today, please come down front after service and we will pray with you. You can also share your request on the connection card and our prayer team will lift your need up to the Lord.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

### PRAISE

Welcome  
Call To Worship  
["All Creatures Of Our God And King"](#)  
["Psalm 150 \(Praise The Lord\)"](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal  
["Speak O Lord"](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word [Genesis 2:4-25](#)  
Prayer of Illumination  
Preaching of the Word

Hallie Charbogian  
Pastor Chris Amundson  
Pastor Chris Amundson

### RESPONSE

Communion  
["The Stand"](#)  
Benediction

Matthew Lutz

# CARE MINISTRY

## PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Jackie Hansen, Ralph Lisowski, Sandy Riekoff

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM CLASS

**July 16 // 9am-12pm**  
Membership at Grace is how you put down your roots at the local church. If you're interested in membership, join us at the upcoming class. Our next baptism opportunity will be on August 14. If you are planning on being baptized, plan to attend the first hour of the membership class on July 16. Register at [graceinracine.com](http://graceinracine.com) or scan the QR code.



### FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAMS

Grace Church needs you! We are seeking volunteers to serve in welcoming areas on Sunday mornings. Positions are flexible scheduling, often just once monthly unless you want to serve more often. Please visit [graceinracine.com/serve](http://graceinracine.com/serve) and click on First Impressions Teams to learn more!



### BOARD GAME DAY!

**Saturday, July 16 // 12pm - 6pm**  
Open House Style Board Game Day, come and go as you please and bring your friends! Open to all levels of board gamers. Bring your own games or play the ones that are provided.

### FALL PREVIEW SHOWCASE - IT'S FOR EVERYONE!

Sunday, August 14 // 11:00 am  
Immediately following worship service we will gather for lunch together and then move back into the sanctuary for exciting previews of what's happening at Grace this fall and how you can be part of it! Stay tuned for more details!

### THE WEEKLY

Get our weekly happenings in your email! Scan the QR code!



## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

### LAST WEEK

Sanctuary Attendance: 531  
Livestream Attendance: 68  
Giving: \$21,282

### 2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$775,155  
+/- Budget: -\$911

# SERMON REVIEW DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

This week we begin a new series tracing the big picture storyline of the whole Bible. Even though the Bible is written by about 40 individuals over thousands of years in multiple languages, the story it tells is singular. From Genesis to Revelation, God has woven together one narrative telling of His redemption of His creation for His glory. In our passage this week, we find a detailed and dynamic account of the creation of the first man and woman. And, here, we see God establishing His purposes uniquely for humanity within creation. At the center of His purposes, in this account, we find humanity's relationship with creation, each other, and with God. At the center of His purposes, we find a picture of unity, peace, and delight. As we read about the Garden, we cannot help but long for this reality and wonder how it can be restored.

## Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever called something “paradise” or heard someone call something “paradise”? What words or descriptions come to mind when you think about paradise?
2. Consider the original audience of Genesis 2:4-25: The Israelites wandering in the wilderness. How do you think they would have responded to this text? In vv. 5-7, God created the first man in the wilderness, and, in vv. 8-9, planted a garden and placed the first man in it. As the Israelites looked forward to the Promised Land, how might these descriptions have impacted them?
3. Reading this narrative, which paints a picture of creation as paradise, did verses 15-17 surprise you? How does the command to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil add something vitally important to the narrative? How does this prepare the way for chapter 3?
4. Read Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 17-18, 21, 25, 31; 2:9, 12, and 18 in sequence. Considering how many times God had called His creation “good,” what is the impact of Him saying something is not good in 2:18? Then, take a look at vv. 18, 20-25. What can we learn about God's purposes for marriage from the picture in these seven verses?
5. What emotions does this narrative stir in you? Does it stir a longing to get back to a reality of harmonious and good relationships with creation, each other, and God? Read Revelation 21 and 22. How might our longing for the Garden be directed toward longing for the coming City?

SERMON  
**NOTES**

**SUNDAY, JULY 3**

[Genesis 2:4-25](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson

**CREATION:  
GOD'S GRAND DESIGN**

**NEXT WEEK**

Genesis 3:1-24