



To Know Christ
and to
Make Christ Known

True and Just
Are Your Judgments



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Revelation 15-20

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 or scan the QR code on the next page to let us know you visited, ask questions, submit prayer requests, or indicate an area of Grace Church that is of interest to you.

Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary, we'd love to meet 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"](#)
["Only A Holy God"](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson
[Psalm 149](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal
["Psalm 46 \(Lord Of Hosts\)"](#)

[Psalm 46](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word

[Revelation 18:1-24](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Communion
["My Worth Is Not In What I Own"](#)
Benediction

Pastor Mike Matheson

*The sanctuary will continue to be used for prayer and reflection following the service. We invite you to come down front if you have a prayer need.
Head to the Commons for fellowship after service.*

CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Dave Hamell, Debbie Kristopeit

PRAYER REQUESTS

We want to uphold you in prayer during times of need:

- Fill out a connect card online or from the seatback in front of you.
- Come down front after service Sunday morning and we will pray with you.
- Email prayer@graceinracine.com.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY (CR) Meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Loft. CR is a safe place to find support if you are struggling with a difficult season of life. CR is not just for addicts; it is for all of us who need to go deeper in Christ when life gets hard. Don't struggle alone - please join us for hope and encouragement every Tuesday evening. Contact Gabe Stalker at celebraterecovery@graceinracine.com

FAMILY MINISTRY

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

Childcare is available during the entirety of the worship service for children aged birth – Kindergarten. Children ages 2 - Kindergarten will also have an age-appropriate Bible lesson each week.

WORSHIPERS IN TRAINING (WIT)

This Sunday, May 21st is the last Sunday WIT will meet for this school year. WIT will return on September 10th.

Children in 1st-4th grades are welcome to participate in "Worshippers in Training" which meets during the second half of our worship service (children are dismissed before the teaching portion of worship).

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK
Attendance: 497
Giving: \$19,914

2023 GIVING
Year to Date: \$593,824
+/- Budget: -\$78,640

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.

Last week, we got a vision of a prostitute riding the beast. In chapter 18, John is made privy to a detailed word on what will truly become of her. This is a passage that continues to show us what the final judgment of all things will look like. Babylon is fallen. And with it, we see a very sharp contrast in the reaction to this news; depending on the perspective it comes from.

Discussion Questions

1. Last week we were introduced to the woman, Babylon. What does she represent in the physical world? What does it look like for us today?
2. The first angel in chapter 18 announces Babylon's falling. From the imagery that is used to describe her in vs. 2-4, what was she like and what has she become?
3. Another voice begins in verse 4 and immediately commands God's people to 'Come out of her,...' What does it look like practically for us to obey this command? Why are the stakes for us obeying this command so high?
4. Discuss, the reaction of the kings of the earth, the merchants, and seafarers in vs. 9-19. What was the reputation of Babylon as far as they were concerned? What fact keeps getting repeated here that clearly amazes all of them?
5. The last 'mighty angel' throws a millstone in the sea and speaks in 21-24. What is the main idea about Babylon that he is communicating to the reader? What should our reaction/response be to this news?
6. How does a passage like this point people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ? How could the things expressed in Revelation 18 be used in sharing the gospel with others?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, MAY 21

[Revelation 18](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

A PLAYLIST FOR
BABYLON

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 26 - 30, 2023

9AM - NOON



JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

Kids who have just completed a year of Kdg-5th grade are welcome to join us on a great adventure this summer as we seek out the "Treasure Beyond Measure". Each day we will use songs, crafts, snacks, games, interactive lessons, and more to explore ancient parables from the Bible as we discover that it's not an "X" but a cross that marks the way to the greatest treasure of all time: being a friend of Jesus!

Scan the QR code to register!

VBS SUPPLY NEEDS

Stop by the table outside the sanctuary to pick up your assignment or scan the QR code to shop the Amazon list! Additionally we need:

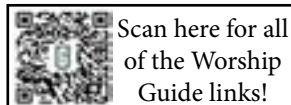
- 35 more hinged shoeboxes
- 24 more throw pillows
- 1 or 2 more large carpet tubes (8-12 feet tall)

Drop them off in the main office!

VOLUNTEER WITH VBS

Craft Helpers, Games Volunteers, Small Group Leaders, Greeters, and more! If you are older than 18 years old, fill out our online form on the website by scanning the QR code or log onto Church Center!

Teen Helper spots have been filled!



GRACE HAPPENINGS

MISSIONARY CARE TEAM

Information meeting:

June 4 // 11am Room A18

Be part of an exciting new ministry to care for our missionaries on and off the field. Use your gifts of encouragement, communication, prayer, hospitality and more to partner with and care for our Grace supported missionaries.

Contact Cindi Due for more info:

cindidue@me.com.

SENIOR ADULT BIBLE BRUNCH

Thursday, May 25 // 10:30am

This ministry is a great opportunity to experience fellowship, study the Bible, and connect with other seniors.

Anyone age 55 and up is invited!

SUPPORT THE GRACE SOFTBALL TEAM!

May 22nd // 8:00pm

Cliffside Park NW Field

Community Church Nazarene (H) vs. Grace Church

SENIOR SINGLE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Create strong bonds with fellow sisters who are sharing in a similar season of life. Develop lasting friendships, encourage one another, have fun together and deepen spiritual closeness. For single women, age 50+.

Stop by the table outside the sanctuary to learn more or scan the QR code and let us know your interested.

MISSION MOMENT

Joseph & Thana Moussa



Grace Church is blessed to be part of taking the gospel to the unreached in the US by partnering with Joseph and Thana Moussa, both originally from Syria. They are now planting churches among Arabic speaking communities in Pennsylvania. Joseph is a pastor. He and Thana conduct conferences and have outreach ministries to Arabic speaking people in several US cities. They also have a powerful and effective media ministry where over a million Muslims around the world have heard the gospel message. Thana has weekly online Bible study groups where she connects with over 450 Arabic speaking women around the world, and many have chosen to follow Jesus. To connect with Joseph & Thana email: globalteam@graceinracine.com.