

## **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**

## **PRELUDE**

"House Of The Lord"

## **PRAISE**

Welcome Pastor Matthew Lautz
Call To Worship Psalm 48:1-3, 12-14

"Praise To The Lord (Joyful Joyful)"

**VBS Kids Perform** 

"Treasure Beyond Measure"

"Worth It All"

## **RENEWAL**

Prayer of Renewal Rachel Menke, Director of Children's Ministry "My Worth Is Not In What I Own"

## **PROCLAMATION**

Reading of the Word Revelation 21:9-21

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word Pastor Mike Matheson

## RESPONSE

Communion Pastor Chris Amundson

"Is He Worthy"

Benediction Pastor Matthew Lautz

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: Vicki Albert

Our hearfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Lidia & Ami Tartar & family on the passing of Lidia's father, Ion.

## **GRACE HAPPENINGS**

## ECCLESIASTES SCRIPTURE JOURNALS

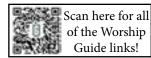
Today is the last day to order!
Journals are \$4 each and payment is due upon pick up starting July 16.
You MUST order through the link on the QR code.

#### **GIVING**

We encourage everyone to worship through giving. You can leave an offering in one of the collection boxes located on each floor or scan the QR code to give online through Church Center.

### MEMBERSHIP/BAPTISM CLASS

Saturday, July 8 // 9 - Noon
If you're interested in membership, join us at the upcoming class.
If you are planning on being baptized, plan to attend the first hour of the membership class.
Register at graceinracine.com or scan the QR code at the back of the Worship Guide.



Thank you to all who invested your time, energy, and resources to make VBS 2023, "Treasure Beyond Measure" a success! This truly is a ministry of Grace Church - not just of our children's ministry. It is a beautiful picture of how God has designed His church to work together to make Christ known. So many of you contributed to our supply needs, poured hours into transforming the building into an adventure land full of jungles, caves, a bazaar, a dig site, and an ancient temple. During the week we've had 105 volunteers investing in almost 200 kids from our community and sharing with them both through their words and their actions that Jesus truly is worth all this effort and energy!

Rachel Menke, Director of Children's Ministry

# ATTENDANCE & GIVING

#### 2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$801,759 +/- Budget: -\$66,419

#### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 580 Giving: \$49,522

## 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.

As of last week, we have entered into the part of Revelation where we get a clear view of the fulfillment of all things. The new heavens and new earth has arrived, and we see that it is gloriously different than the current order of things. In this week's text, John's vision of these things is focused in on the bride. Through some very descriptive language, we can get a picture of the final product that God is moving us towards as he works in us.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Last week we got a big view of what it will be like in the new heavens and the new earth. What, from last week's text (21:1-8), gives you the greatest encouragement and comfort for your life today?
- 2. This week's passage began with one of the seven angels that executed God's judgment on the earth showing John the New Jerusalem (the Bride). Why does God use the picture of a city in order to talk about the nature of his people?
- 3. In vss. 12-14, we see gates, walls and foundations of the city described. How are they described? What do these descriptions say about the nature of God's people from that time forward?
- 4. Given the perfect measurements and mention of Israel and the apostles, we see that everyone who is the Lord's (past, present, and future) will be there together. How does this serve us as an immense encouragement to us now as we work toward this day?
- 5. Between the transparent gold and the precious stones which adorn the city, it is clear that God's people are destined to radiate the glory of God in total purity forever. How often do you take this in consideration when you are dealing with personal sin? Do you rejoice that you will be free from it forever one day?
- 6. Where do you see the gospel in this passage? How does this text move you to treasure it more?

SUNDAY, JULY 2

Revelation 21:9-21

Pastor Mike Matheson

SERMON **NOTES** 

TREASURE BEYOND MEASURE