

A religious painting depicting a vast, hazy landscape under a sky with a prominent rainbow. In the upper left, an angel with large, feathered wings is shown in flight. The foreground features a steep, grassy hillside with some trees and a small, simple wooden structure. In the distance, a body of water is visible, surrounded by more hills and a faint cityscape on the horizon.

To Know Christ
and to
Make Christ Known

ALL THINGS
NEW

Revelation 21 - 22



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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 Rachel Menke, Director of Children's Ministry
Call To Worship [Psalm 122](#)
["Let Everything \(Praise The Lord\)"](#)
["Jerusalem"](#)

RENEWAL

Baptism Patrick Tetzlaff, Elder
["Christ Is Mine Forevermore"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word [Revelation 21:1-8](#)
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word Clint Klepp, Elder

RESPONSE

["Jesus Is Better"](#)
Benediction Clint Klepp, Elder

*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: Heather Vesely

Our heartfelt love, sympathy, & prayers to John & Joy Brewer and family on the passing of John's mother, Sue Brewer.

On the passing of Kathleen Ebert, we extend our sympathies to her daughter, Erin (Steve) Cohn.

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

MEMBERSHIP AT GRACE

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.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 515

Giving: \$16,082

2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$752,236

+/- Budget: -\$83,698

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 begins a new chapter in Revelation, both literally and figuratively. As we saw the things of old done away with at the end of chapter 20, all of God's enemies judged and the world that was cursed gone, it is now time for something new. It is now time for God to fulfill and complete the work that he has promised to do since the days of Abraham, to create a permanent dwelling place for himself among man. As you study this passage, consider the hope that this would have given John's original audience, the seven churches that were facing their myriad of problems and trials. Now consider the hope that this is meant to instill in us today. It's the same hope, the same eternal destination. Let your heart desire this day more than any other, when God will dwell with us in a new and perfect world.

Discussion Questions

1. Think about how it feels to get something new, like a new car, a new house, or a new phone. Why does getting something new feel so good? Why is it so exciting?
2. In verse 1 John tells us that he sees a new heaven and new earth appear because, "the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more." How does that change your perspective on this life now and all that you work to build in this world?
3. Next, John sees New Jerusalem coming down from God, "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." What does John identify as the most important part of New Jerusalem, which is different from our world today (v3)? How does that impact the lifestyle of those who live in New Jerusalem (v4)?
4. In verses 7-8, the one seated on the throne gives assurance to the faithful and a warning to the faithless. What is the purpose of this stark statement in the context of a passage that is so hopeful?
5. Hebrews 13:14 says, "For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come." How are you seeking the city that is to come, the city that will never die or cry or sin? How will you get there?

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

[Revelation 21:1-8](#)

Clint Klepp, Elder

SERMON
NOTES

A BETTER HOME

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".

Online registration will close at Noon today (6/25). Please save us and you time by pre-registering your kids! Scan the QR code to register!

VBS DECORATING DAY TODAY! 11:30AM - 3PM

Join us next Sunday after service to help transform Grace for Vacation Bible School!

- We need people who can do heavy lifting and people who can do no lifting.
- We need artistic types and non-artistic types.
- We need many hands so please plan to join us to help get ready for the week ahead!

VBS MUSIC PREVIEW!

Yet again, the fantastic team of Matthew Lautz, Rachel Menke, & Paul Vnuk have written, recorded, and produced a soundtrack for Vacation Bible School! Scan the QR code to listen!

ABOUT THE SERIES ART

Throughout the last several segments of our series in Revelation, we have been using pieces of art from artists of the past.

For this segment of the Revelation series, "All Things New," the piece of art used is called: *The Celestial City and the River of Bliss* by John Martin, an 1841 oil painting on canvas.

John Martin was also the artist for our previous series, "True & Just Are Your Judgments." The piece was *The Great Day Of His Wrath*, an 1851-1853 oil painting.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

ECCLESIASTES SCRIPTURE JOURNALS

Deadline to order: July 2nd

Our next sermon series is Ecclesiastes, and it's time to pre-order your Scripture Journal! This time you have two options:

- Traditional black
- Navy with gold foil floral decoration

Journals are \$4 each and payment is due upon pick up. Journals will be available for pick up at the Grace Church Bookstall starting July 16, 2023. Scan the QR code to place your order.

You MUST order them through the link on the QR code so that we know who they go to.

SUPPORT THE GRACE SOFTBALL TEAM!

June 26th // 6:00pm

Cliffside Park NW Field

Faithbridge (H) vs. Grace Church

BLAZE SUMMER ACTIVITIES KICK OFF THIS WEEK!

Incoming 6th graders are welcome to attend!

June 27 // 12pm

Blaze Summer Study & Floor Hockey (Jr. & Sr. High)

June 28 // 6:30pm

Jr. High Summer Blaze

WE'RE HIRING!

Scan the QR code for more info on the positions available.



Scan here for all of the Worship Guide links!

MISSION MOMENT



Frank & Karren Fosdahl have been Grace supported field workers for many years. In December, they celebrated 40 years of marriage and ministry and are currently serving in Indonesia. We are excited to have them at Grace this week to serve in VBS, and they are looking forward to meeting many people! Stop by the Mission table today to meet them or email globalteam@graceinracine.com for more information on how you can connect with them.

- Pray that they will feel loved and blessed during their visit, and that their many stories will bless others and glorify God.
- Pray for health and safe travel while they are on homestay visiting family and supporting churches.