

A painting of a landscape with a rainbow and an angel. The scene is a vast, hazy landscape with a rainbow arching across the sky. In the foreground, there are rolling hills and a small structure. An angel with large, white, feathered wings is flying in the upper left corner, holding a scroll. The overall tone is soft and ethereal, with a mix of warm and cool colors.

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](http://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

["God So Loved"](#)

### PRAISE

Welcome

Pastor Matthew Lutz

Call To Worship

[Isaiah 60:1](#)

["Psalm 150 \(Praise The Lord\)"](#)

["Behold Our God"](#)

### RENEWAL

Mexico Short-Term Mission Trip Team Commissioning

["Turn Your Eyes"](#)

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Revelation 21:22-22:5](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

["On That Day"](#)

Benediction

Pastor Matthew Lutz

*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

*Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Jocelyn & Dave Standiford on the passing of Jocelyn's father, Ralph Miller.*

### 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](mailto:prayer@graceinracine.com).

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### SUMMER BLAZE

**Incoming 6th graders are welcome to attend!**

**July 11 // 12pm**

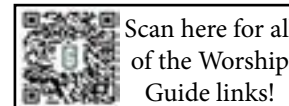
Blaze Summer Study & Floor Hockey (Jr. & Sr. High)

**July 12 // 6:30pm**

Jr. High Summer Blaze

### 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.



### SENIOR ADULT BIBLE BRUNCH

**Thursday, July 13 // 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 welcome!

### SUPPORT THE GRACE SOFTBALL TEAM!

**July 10 // 6:00pm**

Cliffside Park SE Field  
Grace Church (H) vs.  
Trinity Lutheran

**July 10 // 7:00pm**

Cliffside Park SE Field  
Grace Church (H) vs.  
Harbor Rock Tabernacle

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 605  
Giving: \$35,070

### 2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$836,909  
+/- Budget: -\$68,945

# 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.

In the wrapping up of Revelation (and history as we know it), we are treated to an abundance of imagery that gives us a glorious peek at our lives to come. We will finally be with our God forever in the place that he has prepared for us. One interesting aspect of this week's passage is how it shows us that the new heavens and the new earth are not completely different from the world we see today, but it is a renewed and far better version of it.

## Discussion Questions

1. Last week's text (21:9-21) focused on the bride at the consummation of all things. How is she described and what does each description mean?
2. John sees no temple in the new city. What does the temple represent throughout scripture and what makes what John does see in its place so significant?
3. What do you suppose it means that 'the kings of the earth will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations'?
4. As you think about biblical history; especially from early events in Genesis, why is it so significant that the nations are worshiping God and the Lamb?
5. Compare and contrast the imagery that we see in 22:1-5 with that of the Garden of Eden. What does all of this tell us about the nature of the new heavens and the new earth?
6. Consider our world as it is now and the passage this week. How does this week's passage speak to the gospel needs of your unbelieving neighbor?

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**SUNDAY, JULY 9**

[Revelation 21:22-22:5](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

SERMON  
**NOTES**

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**FURTHER UP,  
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