# TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN



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# WORDSTO HE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

# 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.

Need a Bible? Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary, we'd love to get one to you and also 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**

## **PRE-SERVICE**

<u>"House Of The Lord"</u> Welcome

Pastor Isaac Miller

Psalm 68:4-6

## PRAISE

Call To Worship <u>"God Is For Us"</u>

## RENEWAL

Guatemala Short Term Trip Recap "How Deep The Father's Love For Us" Paul Durbin, Elder

## PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word Prayer of Illumination Preaching of the Word <u>Matthew 5:3-10</u>

Pastor Mike Matheson

## RESPONSE

"We Will Feast In The House Of Zion" Communion "It Was Finished Upon That Cross" Benediction

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: Dawn Wade, Steve Hesse, Roger Blair, Myron Kauers

## **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

## **CARE RESOURCES**

Stop by the Care Group wall for a variety of resources on topics such as:

- When Bad Things Happen
- Counseling Children Through Grief
- Broken Relationships
- Anxiety and others

We are here to walk alongside you in all seasons in life. Scan the QR code to share your care needs with us or look for Pastor Isaac Miller by the Care Group wall.

# FAMILY MINISTRY

Children are welcome in our worship service and we highly encourage their participation throughout the entire service. However, we do offer the following for kids birth - 4th grade:

#### NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

Sunday school 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)

Children in 1st-4th grades are welcome to participate in "Worshipers in Training" which meets during the second half of our worship service (children are dismissed after the scripture reading).



**2024 GIVING** Year to Date: \$288,383 +/- Budget: \$-4,885

LAST WEEK Attendance: 739 Giving: \$30,534

## 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 we approach the end of the beatitudes, our Lord gives the penultimate description of the citizens of his kingdom as peacemakers. And while peace is a term that the world uses quite frequently, the worldly understanding of it certainly lacks the fullness of what Christ means by it. So as God's people, we go forward as His representatives of the kind of peace he offers.

**Discussion Questions** 

- 1. How were you challenged last week with our Lord's call to be *pure in heart*? In what ways do you need to grow?
- 2. Throughout these last few weeks, we have seen that *blessed* can be rightly understood as *the good life*. How have these beatitudes changed your expectations of what life should be about?
- 3. In the fullest sense, what does it look like to be a peacemaker? In what ways does the world's understanding of peace fall short?
- 4. Being a person who invites conflict or avoids conflict are part of the same problem. Which one do you tend to error toward?
- 5. In this beatitude, being a peacemaker is connected with being called *sons of God.* Why? What would've been understood by being called a son? How does this relate to God?
- 6. Read 2 Cornthians 5:17-21. Where is your heart in regard to your calling to be ministers of reconciliation?

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 3** Matthew 5:9

Pastor Mike Matheson

SERMON N O T E S

Memorize the Beatitudes together.

This week: Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

**TRUE PEACE** 

Next Week: <u>Matthew 5:10</u>

# MISSIONS



## SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN: INFO SESSION

#### Today, March 3 // 11am // Room A18

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the different roles you can serve in and how the process of supporting families work in Safe Families. There is a place for each person to serve in this partnership by directly caring for families in our community, as well as supporting other Grace volunteers as they connect with families and care for their children. Can't make it? Contact Amy Wolfe at <a href="mailto:amywolfe84@gmail.com">amywolfe84@gmail.com</a>.

## Holy Week Services & Activities

Holy Week commemorates the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry and helps prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' triumph over sin & death on Resurrection Sunday.

> March 24: Palm Sunday 9:30am Worship Service

March 27: Sense of Holy Week 5pm - 9pm Open House Style Activity for families & groups

March 28: Maundy Thursday 6:30pm Communion Service, followed by a meal (*no childcare*)

> March 29: Good Friday 6:30pm Service (*no childcare*)

March 31: Resurrection Sunday 9:30am Worship Service

# **GRACE HAPPENINGS**

### GUATEMALA MEDICAL/DENTAL Short term trip recap

Today, March 3 // 12pm // Commons Come hear stories, view the video, and learn more about the trip!

#### **MISSION PRAYER HOUR**

March 4 // 7-8pm // Room A29 *The prayer of a righteous man is* powerful and effective. James 5:16 Join us in powerful and effective prayer as we seek to Make Christ Known among the nations. We will pray for the Kyrgyz people in Kyrgyzstan, a Kyrgyz pastor, Bakyt who hopes to visit Grace this fall, the "G" family in Central Asia, and our new Local Partnership with the International Community Center where Grace members are building relationships with Muslim refugees through teaching English and citizenship.

Scan the QR code or email globalteam@graceinracine.com for more info.

## SENIOR ADULT BIBLE BRUNCH

Resumes on Thursday, April 11 at 10:30am.

A March start date was planned, but was changed to April due to scheduling conflicts.

#### **GRIEFSHARE**

#### Begins Saturday, March 16, 2024 Meets from 9am - 11am

GriefShare is a 13 week grief support group program that brings together those walking through one of life's most difficult experiences, and helps them process the loss of a loved one in a friendly, caring environment. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Join us as we look to the Lord for healing, care, and comfort. Space is limited so scan the QR code and register today.

#### **2024 MEN'S RETREAT**

Register Now! April 19–20, 2024 Grand Geneva Resort & Spa Men of all ages are invited to gather in Lake Geneva and discuss what it looks like to depend on the Lord and walk confidently in our God given mission as his sons. Stop by the table or scan the QR code to register.

## AT THE BOOKSTALL

Stop by The BookStall today to pick up a copy of the book referenced in today's sermon:

*The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict* by Ken Sande // \$8 each

