

**Grace Covenant Church**  
**The Lord's Day, 10/18/20**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

This Lord's Day vesper, the adults and teens will have a devotional lesson and then we will enter into a season of prayer. The children will learn about Jesus in their discipleship classes: "Israel's Unfaithfulness" (Judges 1-3). The elders encourage you to incorporate the lesson passage in your family worship.

We will transmit the morning service and the vesper by FM radio (89.7) to the parking lot for those who are not able to join us in the building. We have designated two overflow rooms as 'mask required' to accommodate those who need to wear a mask. Please consider your brother when using the mask only room by keeping your mask on and distancing.

We will be taking a GCC family picture today. Please meet out in front of the church building directly after morning service with your mask.

Our annual Reformation Day Celebration will be held here at the church on **Friday, October 30th, at 6:00pm**. Please sign up in the foyer to RSVP and plan to bring a Reformation-era inspired dish to share. We are still in need of volunteers to help with the activities.

The young adults' group will meet for a night of fellowship and prayer on **Saturday, October 31st, at 6:00pm** at the Eavey home. Pizza will be provided. Please RSVP and bring a side, desert, or drink.

There will be a CPP (Child Protection Policy) meeting on **Sunday, November 8th, at 4:00pm**. This meeting is for those who have not previously attended a CPP meeting. Please contact Tara Schultz (gccvb.ats@gmail.com) if you plan to come.

Home Groups meet this week (10/19 - 10/23).

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

PASTOR KEN OCHSENREITHER

Psalm 145:18; Isaiah 12:4

The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Therefore, let us give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.

**TIME OF CONFESSION**

PASTOR KEN OCHSENREITHER

Philippians 4:1-9

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

PASTOR KEN OCHSENREITHER

Romans 4:5-8

And to the one who does not work but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

**THERE IS A HIGHER THRONE**

There is a higher throne  
than all this world has known.  
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue  
will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand,  
made faultless through the Lamb;  
Believing hearts find promised grace;  
Salvation comes.

Hear heaven's voices sing;  
Their thund'rous anthem rings  
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies;  
Their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, pow'r,  
strength, thanks, and honor are  
to God our King, who reigns on high  
forevermore.

And there we'll find our home,  
our life before the throne.  
We'll honor Him in perfect song,  
where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye  
as thirst and hunger die.  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;  
We'll reign with Him.

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**RESPONSIVE READING**

**GEORGE ALTAMERO**

Revelation 21:1-11

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

***And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,***

"Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God.

***He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."***

And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

***And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.***

The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

***But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."***

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

***And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. Amen!***

**AMAZING GRACE**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Twas grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

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### **COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love has blest me;  
Thou has brought me to this place;  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God.  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen  
How I'll sing Thy sov'reign grace.  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,  
Take my ransomed soul away;  
Send Thine angels now to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

PASTOR JOSHUA HENSON

**OFFERTORY**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

PASTOR JOSHUA HENSON

"It's the End of the World as We Know It, and I Feel Fine!" 2 Peter 3:8-18

**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

PASTOR JOSHUA HENSON

**VESPER**

**ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME**

All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all.

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**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

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"Aleph: Recovering Happy, Pt. 2,"

Psalm 119:4-8

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