

Seventh Sunday in Eastertide May 12, 2024



Welcome Grace + Peace is a gospel formed family for the city. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, whether skeptical, curious, or a committed follower of Jesus Christ, there is room for you.

Nursery Nursery for children ages birth through 4 years old is available during the entire worship service. Babies and toddlers are in two separate rooms. To get to the nursery, you will exit out the back of the sanctuary and go through the glass double doors on the left. From there, you will walk down the ramp and take a right when you get to the end of the sidewalk. Enter through the double glass doors where you will find our Nursery Coordinator sitting at a table ready to check in your child and show you to their rooms. Children ages 0-2 will be in Room S102 and children ages 2-4 will be in room S101. Many parents choose to pick up their child just prior to communion for the last part of the worship service. This is a great way to introduce them to worshipping corporately. You may also opt to have your child remain in nursery for the duration of the service, as childcare is provided the entire time.

Family Room We have a room set up in Stedman Hall for families if you would like a more private place to comfort your babies. To get to the family room, you will exit out the back of the sanctuary and go through the glass double doors on the left. From there, you will walk down the ramp and take a right when you get to the end of the sidewalk. Enter through the double glass doors where you will find our Nursery Coordinator sitting at a table ready to direct you to the room which will also be marked with a sign. A live stream will be running so that you may continue to listen and participate in worship.

Children's Ministry | Children in Pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to attend our "Grapes + Peas" class. Children in Grapes + Peas participate in the first part of worship with their family, are dismissed during the sermon for a lesson, and return with their teachers to the sanctuary before communion. For first-time visitors, please escort your child with us to the classroom so we can introduce ourselves.

Preparation for Worship

Prelude | How Long?

Words and music: Isaac Wardell, 2016.

Welcome

Call to Worship | based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

Celebrant:	Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.
	The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.
People:	We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.
Celebrant:	We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.
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People: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth. Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Worship | Holy, Holy, Holy,

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and are, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber. Music: John B. Dykes.

Confession of Sin

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

[Silence for self-examination and personal confession.]

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Assurance of Pardon | 1 Peter 2:24, NRSV

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

Celebrant: Christ is risen! People: He is risen indeed; Alleluia!

Song of Response | Blessed are the Merciful

Blessed are the merciful Blessed are the merciful Blessed are the merciful For they shall receive mercy, mercy

Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us

Lord have mercy on us Show Your mercy through us Lord have mercy on us Show Your mercy through us Mercy

Words and Music: Isaac Wardell, Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach, 2019.

Grapes + Peas Blessing

At this time children from Pre-K through 2nd grade may come up to the front of the sanctuary to be prayed over. After the prayer, they will meet their teachers at the door in the front right corner of the sanctuary to walk to their classroom in the Stedman Hall for a short lesson. Pre-K through Kindergarten will meet in Room S106, and 1st through 2nd grade will meet in Room S105. They will return just before communion. For first-time visitors, please escort your child with us to the classroom so we can introduce ourselves.

Passing of the Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you. *People: And also with you.*

New Testament Reading *Revelation 21, ESV (Pew Bible page 1041)*

¹Then 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. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ 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. ⁴ 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."

⁵ 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." ⁶ 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. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸ 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." ⁹ 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." ¹⁰ 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, ¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵ And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. ¹⁶ The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. ¹⁷ He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. ¹⁸ The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Celebrant: This is the Word of the Lord *People: Thanks be to God!*

Sermon Series: Revelation: Seeing and Believing Sermon: The Great Garden-City | *Rev. Avery Kelly* Sermon Notes: [Please pass the blue sign-in pads on the left end of the row at this time.]

Offertory | How Long?

How long? Will You turn Your face away? How long? Do You hear us when we pray? On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way - How long?

How long 'til Your children find their rest? How long 'til You draw them to Your breast? We go on holding to Your promises - How long?

Refrain: 'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye 'Til we see our home descending from the sky Do we wait in vain? Jesus, give us hope again!

How long 'til Your word will still the storm? How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm? How we groan 'til You snatch us from the thorns - How long?

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race. How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs. Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses! How long?

Refrain

Words and music: Isaac Wardell, 2016.

Ordination and Installation of Avery Kelly

Charge: Rev. John Sweet | John 21:15-19

Vows

- 1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- 2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
- 3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?
- 4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
- 5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
- 6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
- 7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

Questions to the Session

- 1. Do you, the session, continue to profess your readiness to receive Avery Kelly?
- 2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?
- 3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
- 4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

Prayer of Ordination and Pronouncement

Profession of Faith | Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. *People:* And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; *Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,* Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, *Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,* And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. *I believe in the Holy Spirit;* The holy catholic Church; *The communion of saints;* The forgiveness of sins; *The resurrection of the body;* And the life everlasting. Amen.

Celebration of Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* And with your spirit.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. *People:* We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. *People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.
Celebrant: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God.
Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and singing,

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

Arrangement: David Lutes and David Breeding.

Words of Institution

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant: Let us now proclaim the mystery of the faith: *People:* Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

Table Blessing

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you, and feed on him by Faith, with thanksgiving.

Table Welcome

We welcome all baptized Christians who believe in the Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ to participate in the Communion meal. This includes all Christians, whether members here or not. Children who have been baptized and interviewed by the elders of this church or the ruling body of another church are also welcome to the table. If you're still investigating Christianity, not sure what you believe, or simply choose not to participate in the Eucharist, you may either remain in your seat or come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Prayer of Searching for Truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Believing:

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

Prayer of Struggling Against Sin:

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen.

Note: Grape juice is provided in the center of each tray. All bread is gluten free.

Communion | Jesus, Savior Pilot Me

Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea; Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal. Chart and compass came from thee; Savior, pilot me.

Though the sea be smooth and bright, Sparkling with the stars of night, And my ship's path be ablaze With the light of halcyon days, Still I know my need of Thee; Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild; Boisterous waves obey Thy will, When Thou sayest to them, "Be still!" Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, And the fearful breakers roar 'Twixt me and Thy peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on Thy chest, May I hear Thee say to me, "I will pilot thee."

Words: Edward Hopper, 1871. Music: John Edgar Gould, 1871.

Communion | *The Sands of Time are Sinking*

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks; The summer morn I've sighed for. The fair, sweet morn awakes: Dark, dark had been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand, And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The king there in His beauty, without a veil is seen: It were a well-spent journey, though seven deaths lay between: The Lamb with His fair army, doth on Mount Zion stand, And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land

O Christ, He is the fountain, the deep, sweet well of love! The streams on earth I've tasted more deep I'll drink above: There to an ocean fullness, his mercy doth expand, And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear Bridegroom's face; I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace. Not at the crown He giveth but on His pierced hand; The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.

O I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved is mine! He brings a poor vile sinner into His house of wine I stand upon His merit, I know no other stand, Not e'en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel''s land.

Words: Ann R. Cousin, 1857. Music: Phillip Palmertree, 2001.

Sending Song | Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms; Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Words: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887. Music: Anthony J. Showalter.

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant: Christ is risen! People: He is risen indeed; Alleluia!

Benediction | based on Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

Sending

Celebrant: Go forth, remembering who you are and to whom you belong. *People:* With God's help, we will!

Calendar

This Week

5/12	10:45 am	Sunday Worship Service*
5/13	7 am	Men's Morning Bible Study @ Central Market
5/16	9 am	Joy Club @ G102
5/17	7 am	Women's Psalm Prayer Group via Zoom⁺
5/18	9:30 am	King's Crafters: Knitting and Crochet Club @ Office Library

May

26	6:30 pm	Grace Teens Movie Night Fundraiser @ Gym
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June

2	9:30 am	VBS Volunteer Training @ S104
7	7 pm	Marriage Works
8	10 am	Men's Brunch @ TBD
9	9:30 am	VBS Volunteer Training @ S104
9	12:30 pm	Made for People Book Study Lunch (RSVP required)
9-16		High School Colorado Retreat
15	9:30 am	The King's Crafters @ Office Library
16	12:30 pm	Young Adults Info Session
21	6:30 pm	Dinner for Eight
23	10:45 am	Family Service (no Grapes + Peas)
24-27	9 am	Vacation Bible School
29	TBD	Parish Group Takeover
30	10:45 am	VBS Kids Singing in Worship
30	12:30 pm	Welcoming El Shaddai Well with Josh Eby

*Note: Sunday morning worship services stream live on YouTube at 10:45 am +Reach out to Jeanette Sands at jeanette.sands@gmail.com for the link

Announcement Highlights

VBS Volunteers Needed

We are in need of more adult volunteers to serve as group leaders for VBS, happening June 24-27 from 9am-12pm. Your role would be to lead a group of kids between stations and help keep them engaged, no teaching required! Please sign up by scanning the QR code below or through our website and reach out to Laura Perez with any questions.



Compassion International

Eugene Park will have a table set up in the gym during hospitality today to share about Compassion International. Compassion is an international Christian ministry that has been partnering with local churches in poverty-stricken countries since 1952 to provide children in poverty with physical, emotional, and spiritual nurturing. Each person gets paired up with a child in a developing country, whom they commits to sponsor through a monthly donation. The sponsor and the child also exchange letters and get to build a deep, personal relationship with each other. Stop by the table to chat with Eugene to learn more.

Announcements

Graduation Sunday | Calling all graduates! We want to celebrate you during our worship service next **Sunday**, **May 19th**. Please email Laura Perez if you are graduating this year with details on where you're graduating from, what degree you're completing (if applicable), and what your next steps are.

Promotion Sunday | Sunday, May 26th is Promotion Sunday. This means 4 year olds that will be starting Pre-K 4 in the fall are invited to join our Grapes + Peas PreK/ Kinder class, graduating Kindergartners will move up to the 1st/2nd grade class, those finishing up 2nd grade are invited to our 3rd-5th grade group, and graduating 5th graders are now part of our student ministry that meets on Sundays from 3-5 PM.

Grace Teens Movie Night Fundraiser | Church, join us **May 26th at 6:30PM** for a movie night fundraiser. All proceeds will go towards our Student Ministry Summer Retreats and provide scholarships for those who would otherwise not be able to participate! If you cannot attend please consider giving towards the Student Trip Fund through our giving page on the website. Thank you for your support!

Summer Book Study | Join us this summer for a book study through Made for People by Justin Whittle Earley. It's a book that explores the struggles of loneliness and encourages us into deeper community using helpful wisdom for developing committed friendships. We'll meet over lunch after church on the Second Sunday of each month (6/9, 7/14, 8/11) for a discussion. Please RSVP with the QR code below so we can be sure to order enough food. We are asking for a \$15 donation to help supplement the cost of lunch. Reach out to Avery if you have any questions.

Dinner for Eight | We are excited to continue deepening our G+P family relationships with our next "Dinner for Eight" on **June 21st**! Adults are invited to join a meal hosted by a G+P parishioner. The idea is to get you to a dinner with G+P folks you may not know well yet. If you are coming as a married couple, please make sure you both sign up. We ask that you please contribute \$10 per person toward the cost of the dinner. Hosts, will be reimbursed after the event. **RSVP using the QR code below**.



Summer Save-the-Dates

June 7: Marriage Works at 7 PM **June 8:** Men's Brunch at 10 AM June 9: *Made for People* Book Study Lunch at 12:30 PM (RSVP required) June 9-16: High School Colorado Retreat June 15: The King's Crafters at 9:30 AM June 16: Young Adults Info Session at 12:30 PM June 21: Dinner for Eight at 6:30 PM June 23: Family Service (no Grapes + Peas) June 24-27: Vacation Bible School from 9 AM - 12 PM June 29: Parish Group Takeover June 30: VBS Kids Singing in Worship June 30: Welcoming El Shaddai Well with Josh Eby at 12:30 PM July 10: Grace Teens Barton Springs Swimming + Bible Study at 11 AM July 12: Young Adults Christmas in July Party at 7 PM July 14: Student Lead Sunday July 14: Made for People Book Study Lunch at 12:30 PM (RSVP required) July 20: The King's Crafters at 9:30 AM July 20: Community Movie Night at 6 PM in Gym July 26: Grace Teens + All Saints + Providence Gathering July 28-August 12: Summer Art Exhibit July 31-August 4: Middle School Retreat August 11: *Made for People* Book Study Lunch at 12:30 PM (RSVP required) August 11: Grace Teens Pool Party at 3 PM at The Brown's August 16: Musician's Showcase 7-8:30 PM in Sanctuary August 17: The King's Crafters at 9:30 AM August 18: Parish Group Lunches at 12:30 PM

August 25: Volunteer Appreciation + Fall Kick-off Potluck at 12:30 PM

Sermon Series Scripture Readings

5/12/2024 Revelation 21 5/19/2024 Revelation 22

MAY 12, 2024

Giving to Grace + Peace

You can give in several ways, including online through our secure website, graceandpeaceaustin.com/give. If you choose to give online, paying by bank versus credit/debit is preferred to avoid fees coming out of your tithe.

Connect on a Deeper Level

Our Parish Groups are a great way to get to know people in the church. To get connected with one of these groups, reach out to Avery Kelly: *avery@graceandpeaceaustin.com*

Grace + Peace Prayer List

If you have a prayer need and/or would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact Laura Perez: *laura@graceandpeaceaustin.com*

Facility Requests

If you would like to rent any of our rooms, please go to: graceandpeaceaustin.com/facilityrequest

Discussion Questions

- 1. Verse 8 should challenge us who feel too comfortable in our sin, and comfort us who feel constantly overwhelmed by our sin. What in this verse stirs your heart to persevere and continue in faithfulness? What is this verse leading you to repent of or consider more seriously?
- 2. The church as the gathering of saints in community is the closest experience we have to the new Jerusalem on this side of eternity. How should that reality change the way we interact with each other in the church? How should it affect the way you prioritize the church in your life?
- 3. We do not make the new heavens and new earth ourselves. We don't build God's kingdom, God does, but we are called to live in anticipation of it. Imagine, what would it look like for God's kingdom to come where you work? To your favorite part of town? In your neighborhood? How does that vision change the way you interact with the people you encounter in those spaces?

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Diaconate Contact Info: If you or someone you know has a need (big or small!) or crisis, the G + P Diaconate wants to help care for you. Please email us at activedeacons@ graceandpeaceaustin.com. You may also seek us out to speak with one of us directly. The Diaconate members are:

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