



April 9, 2023

***The Encouragement
Of Easter***



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Welcome to Grace!

We at Grace Church of Central Point would like to welcome you to our service today! Please join us as we seek to grow in the Lord's grace and knowledge with worshipful music and study in His Word.

OUR TIME OF WORSHIP

Please remember to silence your cell phone

HE AROSE, UP FROM THE GRAVE
HE LIVES

OPENING PRAYER

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / OFFERING
OFFERING

AT THE CROSS (LOVE RAN RED)
JESUS PAID IT ALL

SCRIPTURE READING

O PRAISE THE NAME
SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE – PASTOR MARK PITROFF

CLOSING – BECAUSE HE LIVES

In Service to Him

Interim Pastor – Mark Pitroff
Assistant Pastor – Howard Glosser
Music Coordination – Roy A Bates, Jim Hibbs
Music – Roy A. Bates, Jim Hibbs
Usher – Ron Walch
K to 5th & Children's Church – Kim Pence & Mary Pitroff
Teens – Jim Hibbs, Roy A Bates
Overcomers – Danielle Hvall
Adult Sunday School – Steve Ashton

This Week at Grace

<u>Today</u>	Morning Prayer9:30 am Sunday School Today.....10:00 am Worship Service.....11:00 am (Worship Service is also live stream on Facebook) (Audio Sermon is also available by phone 541-727-0939)
<u>Tuesday</u>	Women's Bible Study.....10:00 am (Genesis) Men's Bible Study.....5:30 pm (Daniel)
<u>Wednesday</u>	Mid-Week Prayer meeting.....6:30 pm
<u>Thursday</u>	Women's Bible Study.....6:30 pm (Galatians)

Bible Bookmarks for April are Available

The Bible Bookmarks can help you accomplish the goal this year of reading through the Bible. Pick one up off the back counter or on our website www.gracechurchcp.org/resources

Church Prayer Chain

If you have a request for the prayer chain or you would like to be added to the Grace church prayer chain, please contact Cathleen Winchell at prayer@gracechurchcp.org or use the prayer form on our website or call (520) 599-1803.0

Trustee Meeting

Sunday April 16 @ 1:00 pm.

Notice of Upcoming Special Called Business Meeting and Vote

Sunday, April 30 following morning service. Special Business meeting to discuss upgrading of our video security system and a vote on same. Please plan on joining us for this important meeting. This meeting will also be live streamed and remote voting will be made available.

THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF EASTER 1 Peter 1:3

Now we live with a wonderful expectation because Jesus Christ rose again from the dead. ^{NET}

1. GOD HAS A P _____ FOR MY LIFE

God has made us what we are in Christ. God made us to do good works, which He planned in advance for us to live our lives doing. Ephesians 2:10 ^{NET}

For I know the plans I have for you, " declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God & are fitting into His plans. Romans 8:28 ^{1A}

II. GOD HAS P _____ FOR MY LIFE

I can do everything God asks me to with the help of

Christ Who gives me the strength and power.

Philippians 4:13 ^{1A}

God will strengthen you with His own great power so that you will not give up when troubles come. Col. 1:11 ^{NET}

God never grows faint or weary... He gives power to those who are tired & worn out; those who wait on the Lord will find new strength. . . . Isaiah 40:28-30 ^{NET}

Some people have missed the most important thing in life – they don't know God! 1 Timothy 6:21 ^{1A}

HOW WILL I RESPOND?

Give yourselves completely to God...

to be used for His good purposes. Romans 6:13 ^{1A}

We can come before God's throne where we can receive mercy and grace to help us when we need it.

Hebrews 4:16 ^{NET}

What Are Your Next Steps?

To Establish a SPIRITUAL BASE For Your Life:

1. **BELIEVE** Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and showed He was God by coming back to life.

And it is this Good News that saves you if you firmly believe it ... that Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said.

'He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, as the Scriptures said. 1 Corinthians 15:2-4

2. **ACCEPT** God's free forgiveness for my sins.

We are made right in God's sight when we trust in Jesus

Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done. Romans 3:22

3. **SWITCH** to God's plan for my life.

At last the time has come! He announced. The Kingdom of God is near! Turn from your sins & believe this Good News! Mark 1:15

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect His will really is.

Romans 12:2

4. **EXPRESS** my desire for Christ to be the director of my life

For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

If you are willing to take these 4 steps,

then pray this simple prayer:

Dear God, I believe You sent Your Son, Jesus, to die for my sins so I can be forgiven. I'm sorry for my sins. I want to live the way You want me to. Thank You, Jesus, that You died on the cross and arose from the dead to make that possible.