

# SUNDAY MORNINGS @ GRACE

## Adult Ministry

Adult Sunday School: Meets in the lower level at 9:15a.m.

## Children's Ministry

Gracekids (1st– 3rd Grade) & Gracelittles (PreK-K) Children's Church: Offered during the sermon in the lower level. The children are dismissed at the end of announcements.

Gracebabies (0-3 years old) Nursery: In the lower level and is provided the entire service beginning at 10:15AM.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Events

Easter Egg Hunt

Following the Easter service

Women's Retreat at YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park April 19th - April 21st

- **GraceKids Easter Egg Hunt**—All kids are invited to join us for an egg hunt TODAY following the 10:30pm service! Children may gather in the lower level following the service.
- **Elder, Deacon, and Deaconess Nominations** – Nominations close April 7, email Josh Ooms (joshooms1@gmail.com) with your nominations.
- **Grace Women's Retreat** – Register TODAY for the April 19-21 Women's Retreat! Grab more info in the foyer or contact [gracewomen@gracefortcollins.org](mailto:gracewomen@gracefortcollins.org).
- **ChurchSuite** – Email [admin@gracefortcollins.org](mailto:admin@gracefortcollins.org) to be added to the online directory!

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# GRACE CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN

*Loving God - Loving People - Loving Life*

## VISION

Grace Church is an authentic community knowing and making known the love, hope, joy and freedom of Jesus. Through a gospel saturated message, Grace Church will embrace the city and the world with authentic relationships, loving leadership, engaging worship and a robust world and life view!

## MISSION

**Loving God** ❖ Out of a belief in the gospel, we are called to love God through engaging worship and vibrant discipleship. God's glory, not our preferences, will guide decisions we make. His beauty, majesty and holiness will overwhelm and govern our lives. We desire to spread His fame in Fort Collins and beyond!

**Loving People** ❖ Out of a belief in the gospel, we are called to love others. As a community, we are to live out the gospel through truth, love, hospitality, and kindness. We are not solely about the individual, but the body. We move into, not out of, the city and the world. Through the gospel, God blesses and makes us a blessing. Christ meets our needs that we may serve God and others!

**Loving Life** ❖ Out of a belief in the gospel, we will passionately live out the gospel life where we live, work, and play. We are called to enter work by taking the "formless" and "raw" places of the world and cultivating them. We will celebrate what God has done in creation literally eating and drinking to the glory of God! There will be a sense of longing in our midst as we wait for the new heavens and the new earth.

## GRACE GROUPS

Some churches have small groups, or community groups, or life groups - ours are called Grace Groups. These gatherings take place at various times throughout the week across the greater Fort Collins region. Each group strives to show hospitality, build friendships, and strengthen our ability to carry each other's burdens. To put it another way, Grace Groups exist to grow disciples of Jesus Christ who love each other, our neighborhoods, and our world. Please reach out to Glenn Nelson ([glennmail97@gmail.com](mailto:glennmail97@gmail.com)) or Steph Mikkelsen ([admin@gracefortcollins.org](mailto:admin@gracefortcollins.org)) to find a group.



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**March 31, 2024**

**Easter Sunday**

## WELCOME AND REFLECTION

*Death has become like a tyrant who has been completely conquered by the legitimate monarch; bound hand and foot the passers-by sneer at him, hitting him and abusing him, no longer afraid of his cruelty and rage, because of the king who has conquered him. So has death been conquered.*

- Athanasius

## PRAISE THE LORD

† Call to Worship

Matthew 28:5-6, 8-9

*"Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen" ...8 [The disciples] departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy.9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped.*

† Hymn of Worship

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

1. Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

† Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## RENEWAL

Scripture Reading Hebrews 2:14-15

**14** Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,**15** and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious heavenly Father, even though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you call us not to fear. We confess however, that we fear many things, and we especially fear death. We confess, Lord, that this makes us act like slaves instead of your sons and daughters. Forgive us for fearing death Lord. Build faith in our hearts so that we might believe Jesus destroyed the devil, by rising from the grave. Amen.**

Silent Confession

*We would like to offer a full minute for you to enter into this sacred space with God. As he meets you here, may you be renewed in his presence.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† Scripture Reading Romans 4:23-25

Righteousness...will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, **25** who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

† Hymn of Response “We Abide in You”

1. We are the vineyard you have planted  
Tend our leaves and wild branches,  
We abide, we abide in you. We abide we abide in you.

*Chorus: Where can my soul find living water? Apart from you we bear no fruit!  
O plant my feet down by the river. We abide, we abide in you.*

2. Fruit growing from our strength and labor  
Rain on us with grace and favor,  
We abide, we abide in you. We abide, we abide in you. *(Chorus)*

† Scripture Reading Psalm 7:1-7

O Lord my God, in you do I take refuge;  
save me from all my pursuers and deliver me,  
2 lest like a lion they tear my soul apart,  
rending it in pieces, with none to deliver.

**3 O Lord my God, if I have done this,  
if there is wrong in my hands,**

**4 if I have repaid my friend with evil  
or plundered my enemy without cause,**

**5 let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it,  
and let him trample my life to the ground  
and lay my glory in the dust. *Selah***

6 Arise, O Lord, in your anger;  
lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies;  
awake for me; you have appointed a judgment.

7 Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about you;  
over it return on high.

† Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end, Amen.

## OFFER YOURSELF TO THE LORD

Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings Galatians 5:13-14

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Musical Reflection

Prayer

*~Children’s church is not provided on the fifth Sunday of the month so that children can participate in the worship service with their families~*

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes. 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).

The grass withers, the flowers fade,  
**but the word of our God will stand forever.**

Isaiah 40:8

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon

“Who took Him from the tomb?  
Rev. Gavin Lymberopoulos

## THE BREAD AND WINE

Prayer of Preparation

Institution of the Lord’s Supper

† Hymn of Worship “In Christ Alone”

1. In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

† Hymn of Blessing and Sending “Our Great God”

1. Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown  
Your boundless love, unfailing in grace and mercy shown  
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone  
*Chorus: Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
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2. Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm  
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, His pleasure is our harm  
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God *(Chorus)*
3. Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word *(Chorus)*

† Benediction

† *Congregation Standing*

**Bold= Congregational Response**