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TO
EARTH

JOHN 1-6

Today's Worship Service

PRAISE

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Call To Worship Amy Wolfe, Interm Director of Worship Arts
["Our God"](#) Myrin, Redman, Reeves, Tomlin
Welcome & Announcements Pastor Mike Matheson

RENEWAL

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Prayer of Confession Clint Klepp, Elder
Assurance of Grace Clint Klepp, Elder
["Jesus Messiah"](#) Carson, Cash Reeves, Tomlin
["Better Than Life"](#) Ray

Offering

PROCLAMATION

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Reading of the Word [John 2:1-12](#) Karen Sytsma

Reader: *This is God's Word for us today.*

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Preaching of the Word Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. (Psalm 63:3)

["Jesus is Better"](#) Ivey, Land
["Nothing but the Blood"](#) Lowry
Benediction Pastor Mike Matheson

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.

Here we see the beginning of Jesus's public ministry and the first "sign" that John records Jesus doing. The purpose of the sign is to reveal Jesus' glory so that the disciples might believe (2:11; See also [John 20:30-31](#)). How does wine at a wedding do that?! It's all about symbolism; Jesus reveals himself here as the true Bridegroom who is going to bring about something new and better than ever for his people. If we see this right, we should never look at Jesus, or a wedding, the same way ever again.

Discussion Questions

1. Recall the last wedding you attended. What stood out to you about the reception party? How would a shortage of food or wedding cake impact you as a guest? How would a shortage affect you if you were the host?
2. What do you make of Jesus's interaction with his mother? Why do you think she tries to involve Jesus with this problem? Imagine you've just read this section for the first time. How would you understand Jesus's cryptic response to his mother (v. 4)?
3. What does Jesus's supplying the party with more wine communicate to us about who this Jesus really is? Why might this miracle make some believers uncomfortable? How instead are we to rightly understand this sign recorded by John?
4. How did the disciples respond to Jesus's miracle (v.11)? How does this build from Jesus's invitations to "come and see" (1:39) and "follow me" (1:43)? Why is believing necessary even after seeing?
5. How does Jesus point us to a wedding that is yet to come? How might this passage change your perception of weddings going forward? How does this bring you joy?

In-Sermon Focus Questions

These questions are designed to keep you engaged during the sermon.

1. What are some essential ingredients to a good campaign kickoff?
2. What verse(s) help us understand the purpose of Jesus's first sign?
3. Why is the setting of this miracle (at a wedding) significant?
4. What does wine symbolize ("make people think of") throughout the Old Testament?
5. What is Jesus revealing about himself by performing this as his first sign?

Sermon Notes

Preacher: Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon: Hometown Glory

Scripture: [John 2:1-12](#)

Date: February 16, 2020

For more information on this topic look into:

John: A 12-Week Study. (Knowing the Bible series) by Justin Buzzard

John 1-12 For You (God's Word for You) by Josh Moody

ESV Scripture Journal

Spring 2020 Classes

Following is the listing of classes offered for our Spring semester, which runs February through May. Childcare will be offered for classes that meet after service at 11:00 am.

To register for a class visit graceinracine.com and sign-up online - or - stop by the Information Center for registration form.

Learning to Defend your Faith (9 Weeks): In this 9 week course, we will look at ways to defend the Christian faith and the importance of a testimony. Learn how to respond to eight different objections to Christianity. We will be using Tim Keller's book, *The Reason for God*.

- **Meets:** Sundays at 8:15 am
- **Taught by:** Dr. Bob Gullberg and Leigh Hudson

Reading the Psalms and Prophets Better (12 weeks). God's Word is most rewarding in those "aha!" moments. His Word is alive, and you can overcome the struggle many have to be in it regularly and to understand it well. Come to be equipped to better understand Scripture, specifically in the Psalms and Prophets. This class will give you practical tools to use in personal study, group study, and reading one-to-one with others—tools that will help you find success and cultivate a hunger to keep learning.

- **Meets:** Sundays at 11:00 am
- **Taught by:** Pastor Ryan Boyer

Doctrinal Survey: What We Believe & Why We Believe It (12 weeks). With Grace Church's statement of faith as our outline, and the Scripture as our basis, we will discover why these truths are foundational to our faith. We will explore practical ways these truths impact our lives. We will also build a process for growing in our doctrinal understanding.

- **Meets:** Sundays at 11:00 am
- **Taught by:** Nick Ringger

TO KNOW CHRIST & TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

What we want to see and who we want to be.



GOSPEL

We want to be a gospel-centered church. The gospel is central in scripture, in history, and in our salvation. We also want it to be central in our thoughts, words and actions. The gospel is not only what saves us, but also what helps us continue to grow as we bring the gospel to bear on all of life, all the time. (1 Cor 2:2; 15:1-4; Gal 2:14; Col 2:6; Phil 1:27)



SCRIPTURE

We want to be a church that experiences the transforming power of God's word. Most of us want to experience real change, to grow in our love for God and others. The primary way that happens is by God speaking to us through His word in the Bible at every level: from Sunday morning, to small groups, to one-on-one discipleship, to regular personal Bible reading. Look at the book, it'll change your life. (Prov 2:6; Isa 55:10-11; Matt 4:4; 2 Tim 3:16)



PRAYER

We want everything we do to be saturated in prayer. Ultimately, we rely on God Himself to accomplish His mission and even to bring about our commitment to these values themselves. Passionate and humble prayer is how we express our dependence on him. We want to ask boldly and surrender completely. (2 Chron 7:14; Luke 22:42; Eph 6:18; Phil 4:6-7; Col 4:2; 1 Thess 5:17-18)



COMPASSION

We want to be a church that upholds and honors the dignity, value and worth of all human life, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status, or physical & mental abilities. Therefore we should seek the welfare of the city around us by blessing people, families and neighborhoods with mercy, compassion and justice. All people are image bearers. Every age, every stage. (Gen 1:26-27; Jer 29:7; Matt 22:37-39; James 1:27)



RELATIONSHIPS

We were created for community. Because God has reconciled us to one another, we want to put a priority on personal relationships, from membership, where we commit to one another as family, brothers and sisters in Christ, to group settings, where we have fellowship with one another, to one-to-one, where we can really know each other. Even as we reach out to the community around us, personal relationships are powerful vehicles for communicating the gospel. (Gen 2:18; John 13:34-35; Eph 2:19; Phil 2:5-11)



MULTIPLICATION

We see God's heart for multiplication from creation to the Great Commission. We also want to see God's heart for multiplication at every level of the life of our church, from multiplying growing disciples, to multiplying healthy leaders, and multiplying local churches. (Gen 1:28; Matt 28:18-20; Acts 11-21; 2 Tim 2:2)



GOD'S GLORY

We agree that the chief end of man is to enjoy God and glorify Him forever. This is why we gather on Sundays - to worship God and praise His glory. But we also want to bring glory to God from Monday to Saturday, as we submit every single aspect of our lives to the glorious rule and reign of God. We want to worship by bringing glory to God with every square inch of our lives. (Psalm 19:1; Isa 43:7; 1 Cor 10:31; Rom 12:1-2)

February Prayer Gathering

Sunday, Feb. 23, 5:05pm

Join us for a meal together in the commons and then move to the sanctuary for a time of prayer.

For the meal, we are having Pulled Pork and Italian Beef.

Bring food to share based on the 1st letter of your **last** name:

A-I: Vegetable or fruit tray

J-Q: Chips

R-Z: Pickles, pineapple or cheese (think sandwich toppings)

Prefer to bake? See the sign-up on Realm to bring cookies/bars

[We only need 3 more people to bring two dozen cookies]

Short-term Mission Trip to Mexico

Serve with Alyssa & Nef Rubio in Mexico in Aug. 2020! The focus of the trip is on VBS & construction. Information meeting on February 23 at 11am room A18. Contact Sheri Kobriger for more information:

slkobriger@gmail.com.

Visiting Grace?

If you're visiting for the first time (or two), please fill out a connection card in the seat back in front of you and stop by the Welcome Room after service - we'd love to connect with you. We're glad you're here!

Pre-Marital Classes

These classes are open to any couple considering marriage and required for all couples planning to be married at Grace. Classes will be held on two Saturdays in March from 9:00 to 1:30 (lunch included). The exact dates will be determined by the availability of those interested in participating. The fee for this course is \$40.00 per couple. To register, or for information contact Jim Olson 262.977.6531.

Thank You from Lois Prucha

Lois extends sincere thank you for prayers for her and her family during her recent surgery and all of the trials their family has had recently.

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Bob Sfasciotti, Ricardo Castillo

Due to the size of our church, we're not always aware of every need. Please help us by sending life updates to care@graceinracine.com. We would love to encourage you and pray.

Last Week: Sanctuary Attendance: 490 Children's Ministry Attendance: 106

Giving: Last Week: \$18,979 YTD: \$123,892 +/- Budget: -\$61,832