

Grace Covenant Church

**“To the
Praise
of
His
Glorious
Grace”**

Ephesians 1:6

Welcome to Grace!

May God bless you this morning as we worship Him together! We extend a special welcome to those who are with us for the first time and are glad you are here!

Nursery service is available for children ages 3 and under. The nursery is located on the northeast corner of the main level. Go through the double doors across from the Sanctuary into the Fellowship Hall, then through the double doors on the far side of the hall to the right.

Restrooms are located in the office wing on the east side of the Sanctuary (access at end of narthex).

Blue **Communication Cards** are available on the back table in the Sanctuary to help us connect with our **visitors and newcomers** and receive **updates and requests for information or prayer** from any who have need. Please place completed forms in the basket on the back table.

Large print bulletins and Spanish bulletins are available in the narthex for those who would like one. **Live Spanish translation** of the service is available also. Please see the instruction sheet with the QR code in the narthex.

*You are invited to stand as you are able for starred parts of the service.

Submission to God

August 30, 2026

Gathering Time

Welcome

Piano Prelude (*please be seated and prepare for worship*)

*Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3

*Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
(Repeat Chorus)

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
(Repeat Chorus)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn of Praise

There Is Joy in the Lord

There is joy in the Lord, there is love in His Spirit,
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.
There's a fountain that flows like a river from heaven,
Abounding in love to my soul.

Chorus

All blessing and honor are His, all glory and power are His.
Let all wisdom and strength be the Lord's in this place.
Let all glory be given to Him.

There is joy in the Lord, there is love in His Spirit,
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.
There's a fountain I know ev'ry time I am near it,
My heart overflows to the Lord.

(Repeat Chorus)

There is joy in the Lord, there is love in His Spirit,
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.
There's a fountain that flows like a river from heaven,
Abounding in love to my soul.

Preparation for Confession

Psalm 14:1-3 (NIV)

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

Private Confession of Sin

Declaration of Grace

Ezekiel 36:25-27

*Hymn of Gratitude

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side the Saviour, He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With ev'ry breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
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Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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The Community of Grace

Offering (*see community page for electronic giving options*)

*Offertory Response

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. Amen.

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*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Series: Good News to the World

Sermon Text: Acts 22:22-23:5

"The Real Law-Keepers" - Pastor Todd Bowen

*Hymn of Response

All to Jesus I Surrender

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
May I ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

Chorus

I surrender all (I surrender all), I surrender all (I surrender all).
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now.
(Repeat Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me, may I know Thy pow'r divine.
(Repeat Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me.
(Repeat Chorus)

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*Benediction

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Our Mission

Grace Covenant Church exists to *glorify God*

✝ By **exalting Him** in true worship,
✝ By **equipping His people** for ministry, and
✝ By **extending His kingdom** in
Central Nebraska unto the ends of the earth.

Our Identity

We are Evangelical (from *euangelion* in New Testament Greek – “good news”). We believe the Gospel, the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, God’s revealed and authoritative Word. The Gospel is central among the themes of Scripture, and is to be central in the worship, life, and ministry of our church.

We are Reformed. We hold to the great Biblical truths that were recovered in the Protestant Reformation. Our understanding of these truths is summarized in our doctrinal standards, the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms*. These truths are important in the teaching and leadership of our church.

We are Presbyterian. Our church is governed by elders (*presbuteros* in New Testament Greek), who shepherd and lead the congregation, and deacons, who serve in the areas of finances, property, and ministries of mercy. Our understanding of these Biblical offices and other matters of church government and worship are summarized in the *Book of Church Order* of our denomination, the *Presbyterian Church in America*.