

The background is a rich, textured painting in an impressionistic style, likely by J.M.W. Turner's 'Rain, Steam, and Great Bridge' or a similar work. It depicts a lush green vineyard with people working among the vines. Some figures are holding red umbrellas, suggesting a rainy or overcast day. The sky is a deep, swirling blue. The overall mood is one of active labor in a beautiful, natural setting.

# THE KING

& HIS AUTHORITY

MATTHEW 19 - 23

TO KNOW CHRIST AND  
TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN



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## WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

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### VISITING GRACE?

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary where you can receive a Bible if you need one, ask any questions about Grace, and take home a gift. Visit [graceinracine.com](http://graceinracine.com) or scan the QR code on the next page to fill out a Connect Card online.

If you have something that is weighing you down today, please come down front after service and we will pray with you. You can also share your request on the connection card and our prayer team will lift your need up to the Lord.

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRE-SERVICE

["Made Alive"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Chris Amundson

### PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Psalm 145:10-12](#)

["Let Everything \(Praise The Lord\)"](#)

["Behold Our God"](#)

### RENEWAL

Prayer Of Renewal

Pastor Chris Amundson

["I Want To Know You"](#)

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 20:1-16](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["The Lord's Prayer \(It's Yours\)"](#)

Benediction

*We invite you to stay after the service for fellowship.  
Refreshments are available in The Commons.  
Our Prayer Team is available in the front of the sanctuary.*

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## CARE MINISTRY

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**CELEBRATE RECOVERY (CR)** Meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Loft. CR is a safe place to find support if you are struggling with a difficult season of life. CR is not just for addicts; it is for all of us who need to go deeper in Christ when life gets hard. Don't struggle alone - please join us for hope and encouragement every Tuesday evening. Contact Gabe Stalker at [celebraterecovery@graceinracine.com](mailto:celebraterecovery@graceinracine.com)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

We want to uphold you in prayer during times of need:

- Fill out a connect card online or from the seatback in front of you.
- Come down front after service Sunday morning and we will pray with you.
- Email [prayer@graceinracine.com](mailto:prayer@graceinracine.com)

We have a dedicated prayer team that prays over each request.

Additionally, our staff meets each week to pray over all of the needs of our congregation.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Children are welcome in our worship service, and we highly encourage their participation throughout the entire service.

**Follow-Along Sheets:** Stop by the Info Center for an activity sheet for your child's use during the service.

**Scribble Paper:** Paper is available in the pews for doodling & coloring. *Please refrain from use of the Connect Cards for doodle purposes.*

### NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

Sunday school is available during the entirety of the worship service for children aged birth – Kindergarten. Children ages 2 - Kindergarten will also have an age-appropriate Bible lesson each week.

### WORSHIPERS IN TRAINING (WIT)

Children in 1st-4th grades are welcome to participate in "Worshippers in Training" which meets during the second half of our worship service (children are dismissed before the teaching portion of worship).



## 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.

After last week's interaction with the rich young man, Jesus gives a parable concerning reward in the kingdom. He presents a story that is meant to prompt a reaction as he speaks of a master that approaches work and reward in an unorthodox manner. What we are taught is that our Lord approaches things differently than we would and that the economy of the kingdom is not the same as that of the world.

### Discussion Questions

1. Review: What did last week's passage (19:16-30) teach us concerning the risk and reward in following Christ?
2. In the immediate context, who is Jesus speaking this parable to? How does this parable connect with last week's passage on the rich young man?
3. If you put yourself in the position of the laborers who had worked all day, would you feel the same way as them about getting equal payment as those who came late? Why?
4. What does this parable teach us about the nature of the kingdom and of the master?
5. In what ways do you sometimes begrudge the Lord's generosity (20:15)? How does this parable serve as a warning to us?
6. How does this parable shape the way that we make Christ known to others? Why is this such good news to the world around us?

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

[Matthew 20:1-16](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

YOU'RE RIGHT,  
IT'S NOT FAIR

Next Week: [Matthew 20:17-28](#)



## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 793  
Giving: \$55,298

### 2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,418,914  
+/- Budget: \$-114,535

## LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

One way that we engage our community is through our local partnerships that are designed to build relationships with people within our local community. Partnering with these organizations and groups offers us a way to be intentional about serving those outside the church with the hope that we can make Christ known through our neighborhoods, our communities and our city.

### Grace Girls and Guys

Do you have two hours a week to spare to point children to Christ? Grace Guys and Grace Girls is an after school program held at Julian Thomas Elementary school every Wednesday from 3:30pm to 5pm and is in need of adults and teenagers who love Jesus and want to *Make Him Known* to volunteer to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Stop by the Local Partnership table for more information or email Local Partnership Leader [juliana.toutant@gmail.com](mailto:juliana.toutant@gmail.com) or Local Partnership Coordinator Karen Sytsma [localoutreach@graceinracine.com](mailto:localoutreach@graceinracine.com).

### Safe Families For Children

#### *Who Dunnit Dinner Theater and Fundraising Event*

Friday, October 3 // 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm // Cost: \$40  
Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring Street, Mount Pleasant.

Safe Families For Children is focused on creating a circle of support around families who have nowhere to turn when facing difficult circumstances.

Join the fun at the 1980s themed Who Dunnit Dinner Theater! Prizes will be handed out for best 80's hair and best 80's outfit!

Scan the QR code for more information.



Scan here for sign-ups, and more info on items listed in the Worship Guide.

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### ONE-TO-ONE BIBLE READING

Learn how you can begin One-to-One Bible Reading. Stop by the table where we will provide you with more information and get you started. One-to-One Bible reading is reading through and discussing a book of the Bible with another person on a regular basis for a specific determined length of time.

### GUATEMALA FUNDRAISER

**Sun., October 5 // 12:30-4:30pm**

7930 Botting Rd, Caledonia

All are invited to the FUNdraiser to support the 2026 Guatemala healthcare trip.

Music, food, horse rides, bouncy castle, crafts & more!

### TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Stop by the table outside the sanctuary or scan the QR code to learn how you can be part of the Transportation Ministry and provide rides to services and events at Grace.

### STUDENT MINISTRY

#### Movie Night

**Friday, October 10 // 7pm**

All students in grades 6 - 12 are invited to a movie night featuring: *The Prince of Egypt*. Bring a friend and join us for the movie, snacks, & discussion.

Jr. High pick up time is 9pm.

High schoolers can stay after for a bonfire.

Scan the QR code for more info.

## CLASSES

Our classes are designed to help you know and follow Christ more faithfully by developing a deeper understanding of God and his Word. These classes are aimed to help you grow regardless of where you are in your walk with Christ. Read about them below and then scan the QR code to register.

**The following classes meet Sunday mornings for 4 weeks**

**Begin: Sunday, October 5 // 11:15am**

#### **Reading the Psalms and Prophets // Teacher: Ryan Boyer**

Reading Scripture can be a challenge and reading biblical poetry and prophecy even more so. This class will provide tools and strategies to make reading these books more rewarding.

#### **Landmarks of Faith: Knowing Where the Bible Happened**

**Teacher: Pastor Chris Amundson**

One of the reasons that we know we can trust the Bible is because it records events that happened in real time and in real places. But if we are not familiar with the landmarks, regions, and cities that are consistently referred to, our desire to read the Scriptures can be easily frustrated. This class walks through the basic geography of the Bible in order to develop another tool for more confident reading.