

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE.....Organ | Greg Lowther

GATHERING

Welcome.....Pastor David Perry

Mother's Day Prayer

For The Beauty Of The Earth.....Worship Team

Rejoice In All Your Works

New Member Recognition

Offering.....*Lord, Be My Rock* | Children's Choir

HEARING THE WORD

Sermon.....Pastor David Flowers

RESPONDING

King Of Kings

SENDING

Benediction

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The Resurrection of Jesus & God's Good Future

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-58

ROMANS 8:18-25

REVELATION 21:1-5

As Christians, we believe that Jesus was crucified and then raised to life in a glorious "spiritual" or "heavenly" body. This event happened in real time in the middle of human history, and we believe that it changed everything. But how? And what does it mean for us in the present and for where things are going in the future? In the second message of our series, Pastor David invites us to consider the significance of the resurrection and how it reveals what God plans to do with all of creation.

The Last Things *current series*

Eschatology is the study of "the last things" in Christian theology. The *eschaton* is about the biblical view of the future, which comes into sharp focus with Jesus and the New Testament. Where is everything going? What happens when we die? And what about heaven, hell, the end times, the second coming, the final judgment, and the resurrection? In this 7-week sermon series, we will explore *The Last Things* and how our knowledge of the future can deepen our trust in God in times of fear and uncertainty, ground us in the Christian hope, and help us to live in light of the last things.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

WANT TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

If you are interested in joining with others to share life and dive deeper into the sermon and what it means for our lives, go to our website to learn more about getting connected (granthamchurch.org/small-groups).

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Sermons are posted online every Monday along with small group discussion questions and other sermon resources (e.g. sermon slides, sermon audio, service video, etc.).

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THIS WEEK

Blood DriveTHUR, MAY 15, 11AM-7PM

Men's Bible StudyFRI, MAY 16, 6:45AM

NEXT SUNDAY May 18

Learning Community.....9AM

Children's Choir.....10-10:20AM

Worship Service10:30AM

Kids Own Worship11AM

Fellowship Mealafter service

Youth Group.....6PM

SAVE THE DATE

"Before Belief" discussionSUN, JUN 1, 12PM

Vacation Bible School Leader Training.....SUN, JUN 8, after service

Child & Baby DedicationSUN, JUN 15, 10:30AM

Vacation Bible SchoolMON-FRI, JUN 16-20, 9AM-NOON

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GIVING, ATTENDANCE, & VIEWS

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Year to Date Budget \$336,779

Year to Date Giving \$309,722

LAST WEEK

Giving \$18,245

Attendance 307

Livestream 159



Krista Reitnour

I grew up in a fearful home environment. My dad struggled with alcohol and a bad temper. I never knew whether he was going to act out of love or out of anger. In 9th grade, I experienced a devastating knee injury that ended my gymnastics career and revealed that my identity had been placed in being a high-level gymnast. I grieved the loss of my gymnastics career and grappled with my sense of worth. It was during this difficult time that God began to show Himself to me as the Perfect, Faithful Father who had chosen me as His daughter. His love was not based on anything I did, but

instead, was based on what He had done for me on the Cross. Unlike my earthly father, God was and would always be completely loving and faithful to me. Although I had previously prayed to ask "Jesus into my heart" around the age of six, it was during this difficult time in high school that I came to understand the depth of God's love for me to a greater extent, and I demonstrated my commitment to following Jesus by being baptized. As I reflect on my life with Christ over the years, the hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" comes to mind. God has shown Himself faithful time and time again, in big and monumental ways as well as in the small, minute details of my daily life, providing mercy, guidance, strength, and peace. I have sensed God's leading in bringing our family to Grantham Church five years ago. I have felt the love, embrace, and support of so many of you who attend Grantham Church. For years, I/we searched for a church that was "Third Way," "Centered Set," and focused on "leading people to the God who looks like Jesus." After all the searching, I/we have found this in Grantham Church, which happens to be just a short walk from our house. God is so good!

Matt Reitnour



I am a Christian today in large part because of my mother, an amazing, godly woman who has lived a life devoted to Christ and service to others. My mom raised four kids on her own (with the help of some wonderful people in our community), and encouraged each of us to put our faith in Jesus and be baptized as a public confession of this commitment, both of which I did as a young child. As I grew, I was blessed to observe the complete integration of faith and daily life in my mom, and I benefited from relationships with friends and mentors who loved Jesus. I was given a solid foundation, for

which I am immensely grateful. When I arrived at Messiah College in the fall of 1992, I had no idea that roughly 27 of the next 33 years would be spent attending and/or working at Christian institutions of higher education. The experiences I've had and the people I've worked with in these contexts have profoundly shaped my Christian faith and my desire to follow Jesus. More impactful still has been the privilege of navigating 16 years of joys and challenges with Krista (Best Teammate Ever), as we've sought to honor God with our marriage, and point our two kiddos to the God who looks like Jesus. Grantham Church has played a key role in the faith and life of our family, providing opportunities for connection, growth, and service. We feel blessed to be a part of this community, and my/our desire to seek church membership is a reflection of that.



Yolanda Moure

I was born in Puerto Rico. Raised in the Bronx, NY since age two. Brought up by a single parent, my mother was Catholic. I developed a drug addiction in my late twenties. I was in a very dark place in my life. For me, there was no way out of this addiction. I thought it was a way of life. Because of the circumstances I moved to PR to start a new life. But, I continued with my addiction. Then on the worst day of my life, God spoke to me.

It was the night before Easter Sunday. I heard several times, "go and convert." Honestly, I didn't know what that meant. Because it was Easter Sunday I went to a Christian church nearby. I didn't know anyone there. They started praying over people. I remember an elderly lady with long grey hair asked me if they could pray for me. I was prayed over. I fell to the ground, they continued praying. I felt this heat all over my body. That day God healed me from addiction. I no longer had desire for it. Right there I gave my heart to Jesus. Walked out of church a different person. I was then baptized in 1995. That was my life before God saved me from that dark space I was in. Thank you, Jesus! I moved to Pennsylvania, God led me to House of Worship in York, PA. I was a member. The pastor sold the building and moved to Florida. After that I had been in and out of churches. Now, here I am at Grantham, where I feel the love of God and have a family in Christ. I'm so grateful and honored to have Jesus in my life. He's my Lord and Savior.



Ada Rhoads

As I look back over my life, I recognize how God has brought me through many challenges (illnesses, surgeries, etc.), and also he has blessed me in many ways. Special blessings are my family. Over the years I have been part of and active in many denominations. I was baptized as an infant. My mother took us to church and Sunday School and encouraged Bible study. It took me a long time to think of God as a good

and loving Father, because my earthly father was not patient and was sometimes harsh and demanding.

When it became apparent to me that my current church denomination was straying away from Biblical teaching, I felt compelled to seek a Jesus-loving, Bible-teaching church. This search led me to Grantham BIC, where I feel as if God wants me to be part of the congregation, including being baptized as an adult, and continue to grow and become more like Jesus in thought, word, and deeds.



Courtney Martin

I was blessed to grow up in a Christian home with Godly wisdom surrounding me for my entire life. I was baptized by my youth pastor when I was in 11th grade and I was very active in the youth group. I continued my faith journey throughout college at IUP, where I was involved in Campus Crusade for Christ and went to church regularly throughout my time there. During my junior year of college I experienced my first bout of depression. I taught music for 11 years after

college, but I felt like something was missing. I've always known that the purpose and calling for my life was to be a wife and a mom, and I was just going through the motions of teaching.

After Kenton and I got married in 2016, I started experiencing strange, undiagnosed auto-immune-like symptoms. In February 2020 I was diagnosed with Lyme disease and struggled with Lyme-induced anxiety, on top of pandemic-induced anxiety, and my battle with depression returned. After extensive treatments, Lyme was eradicated in October 2020, and I felt healthy enough to start growing our family in 2022. After experiencing two miscarriages, a myomectomy in June 2023, and months of healing and testing, in November 2023 we found out I was pregnant again. Logan was born on July 1, 2024, and is our sweetest miracle and constant reminder of God's faithfulness.

Through the latter part of my life I have learned over and over of the goodness of God, and that sometimes you have to endure the roughest storms to get to the point where God has called you to be. The people from Grantham church helped us through our storm and that's why we are pursuing membership. We are thankful for our church family.

Kenton Martin

Church music was a central role in my childhood. My mother was an organist at various churches up until we planted roots at Akron Mennonite Church. It was there that I grew to know Christ and was baptized upon confession as a teenager.

After getting married, Courtney and I started looking for a church home in the Harrisburg region. I have Ken Martin to thank for recommending Grantham Church after auctioneering at an event in Akron.

The music and worship drew us in, and The Message kept us here. As a member I want to continue to contribute through music, and to raise Logan in the church family.



Derek Boyce

I first became a Christian when my childhood Sunday school teacher taught that if we wanted to go to heaven we needed to ask Jesus into our hearts. Like many others in my class who raised their hands that day, I continued to do everything I had done before, but with what I thought to be an automatic track to heaven. One evening in November 1995, my life would change forever. I was taken to the emergency room because of a severe asthma attack, unable to breathe with blue lips, barely conscious, and a deathly low blood oxygen level. The next thing I remember was the brightest of lights and the most soothing, caring voice telling me, "I don't know you. It is not time for you to be here." I knew my living savior Jesus Christ had spoken to me, and that I had been blessed with a chance to live for him. I began to learn what a relationship with Christ was about and that the abilities God had given me were to be used to further His kingdom, not my own ego. I found a young adult bible study and began to understand the importance of Christian fellowship and accountability. Having a core group of friends who held me accountable taught me humility. Through this Christian fellowship I met the next greatest gift God had for me, my wife. Before we were married, I publicly proclaimed my love for Jesus by being baptized. When I quit focusing on myself, I began to see all of the gifts God had provided throughout my life and how unappreciative I was for them. I now understand that God has a plan for everything. He has been with me every step of my life. When we began attending Grantham Church, I quickly noticed the ways God was working throughout the congregation. I appreciated the focus on living like Jesus and third way life, and want to publicly affirm my commitment to this congregation.



Sheri Boyce

At the age of 11, I attended a Christian camp where a speaker's message helped me realize that even though I had attended church since birth and knew lots of Bible stories, I had never intentionally recognized Jesus as my savior. I prayed the "sinner's prayer" that night, but my life didn't significantly change until high school, when I had some regular and intentional discipling by a youth pastor and several other adults who showed me what it really meant to live each day for Jesus. After graduating from

Messiah, I was heavily involved in young adult groups at the churches I attended. The friendships formed there were some of the deepest I've ever had, and I learned a lot about how life-giving it is to live in Christian community. During this time, I also chose to be baptized again since I now understood it to be a public declaration of faith, as opposed to my infant baptism that I didn't remember. I am still learning that it is much better to seek and trust what God has planned for me (on His time schedule) rather than telling God what I think His plan should be for me. It took some pretty painful experiences for that to start to sink in, but those experiences are now invaluable as I teach and mentor students at Messiah. I admit that I was the last in our family to agree to leave our previous church and come to Grantham 8 years ago, but I regularly see why God has placed us here and I look forward to continuing to be a part of this community.

Joan Smith



I grew up as an only child of very loving parents in Silver Spring, MD. My parents were very active in church and I attended regularly during my years at home. At the age of 7, I committed my life to follow Jesus and was baptized. I continued to be very active in church and youth group as I grew up and had wonderful teachers and friends there.

I left home to attend Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC. Although I went to church off and on during my college years, I realized I had more of a head

knowledge of Jesus rather than a heart knowledge of Him. After my first child was born, I wanted him to be raised in a church as I was, so I started attending Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC. There my relationship with Christ was strengthened. God blessed me with two wonderful sons and our family faithfully attended church during their years at home.

As I look back on my life, I have seen how God was continuously at work, even when I may not have been aware of it. He has guided me through ups and downs in my life, always leading me to the places He has wanted me to be. Three years ago, I began to split my time between NC and Mechanicsburg. That's when I began attending Grantham with my son's family, and I experienced what a true worship service is. In November I moved permanently to Messiah Village. I now want to join Grantham as a covenant member to show my commitment and support of the church and to become more involved in its ministries as I continue to follow and grow in Jesus here.

Adelaide Young



I'm excited to share with you the journey of my life through Christ. I always believed that the Lord saved me, and I would go to heaven. But I never really dug deep into my relationship with God. The last couple years the Lord has really spoken to me, and I have been growing in my relationship with Him. One way I have gotten closer to Jesus is through dance. I spend most of my week at dance practice, aside from school, and it provides me with a loving community and a space where I am free to let go. I use that time to release everything I am feeling

and bring it all back to God.

Also, I've been to Harvey Cedars which really changed my life around. Harvey Cedars is a beach camp where you dig deep into your connection with the Lord, and it helped me to stay guided on His path. Not only did this camp change my perspective, but it also encouraged me to be mindful of the people I'm around day to day. I am so fortunate to have a loving friend group to keep my mind right through many life struggles. I am excited to stay grounded in my faith and look forward to growing in it, through baptism and membership at Grantham Church.

Adrienne Pepitone



I grew up in the woods. My childhood was filled with sharp tongues, quick hands, and gin. I spent much of my childhood searching for unconditional love and spending my days wandering leaf-covered ground, finding soft spots of moss to sit on and toads to hold. The God I encountered in the woods was kind and good and a bit whimsical. The God taught in my home was not. I spent years unraveling the two—the God who created a fiddlehead and the God waiting to punish me. In my

teen years, a comforting warmth flooded over me during church. I felt God's unconditional love and acceptance, which I had desperately searched for elsewhere. I chose to lean into God's embrace, follow him, and be baptized in His name.

Sometimes, the two Gods of my childhood still get knotted up in my mind. But the God who looks like Jesus continues to pursue me, guide me, and untangle the knots. With the Spirit's guidance, I hope to become less of a hypocrite each day than I was the day before. Becoming a member of Grantham Church is a privilege and an opportunity for me to walk alongside others in a covenant relationship, following the God who reached down to a sad and lonely little girl in the woods.

Blaise Pepitone



God is so good. He has proven to me that He is the only way, the only truth and the only life. He is peace, He is joy, and I am thankful to call Him friend. He saved me from hell and He offered His Son to die as the ultimate sacrifice for my sins and for the sins of all. He was raised from the dead by His Father and that it clear to me after years of nightmares trying to figure it out.

I was introduced to Him in a miraculous way through my wife Adrienne. I thank Him for Adrienne. In 2010 I gave my life to Him because of how that event impacted my soul. Shortly after I was baptized with my Dad in the Chesapeake Bay in 2011. It hasn't been sunshine and roses. But through Him all things are possible. He saved my life, gave me a beautiful wife and three lovely children. That Him, is Jesus. It is also clear to me that Grantham BIC loves Jesus and is committed to Him. I am grateful to commit to Grantham through membership and I look forward to the future together a community.