



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Peace Sunday

**PRELUDE** .....Refugee | Worship Team

### GATHERING

**Welcome** .....Pastor David Flowers

*In Christ There Is No East Or West*

*Your Peace Will Make Us One*

**Immigrants' Creed** .....Pastor Melissa Lowther

**Offering** .....Salaam / Peace

### HEARING THE WORD

**Sermon** .....Matthew Soerens

### RESPONDING

**Ingathering Offering** .....Brantley Gasaway

*Let Us Be Known By Our Love*

### SENDING

**Benediction**

## SERMON [granthamchurch.org/sermons](http://granthamchurch.org/sermons)



## Welcoming the Stranger

Deuteronomy 10:17-19  
Matthew 25:31-46

Issues of refugees and immigration are obviously political, economic and cultural issues — but sometimes we miss that they are also biblical issues, with profound ramifications for God's mission. What does the Bible say about these issues facing our nation and the church of Jesus Christ? In today's message, guest speaker Matthew Soerens of World Relief explores various biblical principles that can shape how we think about and respond to issues of refugees and immigration.

### Peace Sunday 2026-Welcoming the Stranger

For Peace Sunday, Matthew Soerens, author and Vice President of Advocacy and Policy at World Relief, will help us thoughtfully engage the topic of immigration through a biblical lens. Drawing from his book, *Welcoming the Stranger*, Matthew will share how followers of Jesus are called to respond with compassion, justice, and hospitality. Together, we will reflect on what it means to love our neighbors in a politically polarizing and divided world. May we be challenged, encouraged, and equipped for faithful witness.

## 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/discipleship](http://granthamchurch.org/discipleship)).

### WORSHIP RESOURCES [granthamchurch.org/sermons](http://granthamchurch.org/sermons)

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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## EVENTS [granthamchurch.org/events](http://granthamchurch.org/events)



### TODAY

College Student Lunch .....after service  
Evening Youth Fellowship .....6PM

### THIS WEEK

Grandmothers In Prayer.....THUR, APR 23, 9:30AM  
Men's Bible Study.....FRI, APR 24, 6:45AM

### NEXT SUNDAY April 26

Learning Communities.....9AM  
Children's Choir .....10AM  
Spring Celebration Worship Service.....10:30AM  
Kids Own Worship .....10:45AM  
Fellowship Meal .....after service  
Spring Reporting Council .....12PM  
Evening Youth Fellowship .....6PM

### SAVE THE DATE

Women On The Journey .....WED, APR 29, 6:30PM  
Hymn Sing .....SUN, MAY 3, 4PM  
Moms Together & Grandmothers in Prayer Tea ...WED, MAY 6, 9:30AM  
Blood Drive .....MON, MAY 11, 11AM-7PM

## STAFF [granthamchurch.org/staff](http://granthamchurch.org/staff)

David Flowers .....senior pastor Sam Mummert...child team coordinator  
Melissa Lowther .....discipleship pastor Linda Worman ...office administrator  
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Chrissy Hoffner .....youth pastor Mike Ryan .....head custodian

## GIVING, ATTENDANCE, & VIEWS

### GENERAL FUND GIVING

Year to Date Budget \$277,149  
Year to Date Giving \$302,924

### LAST WEEK

Giving \$30,732  
Attendance 353  
Livestream 148