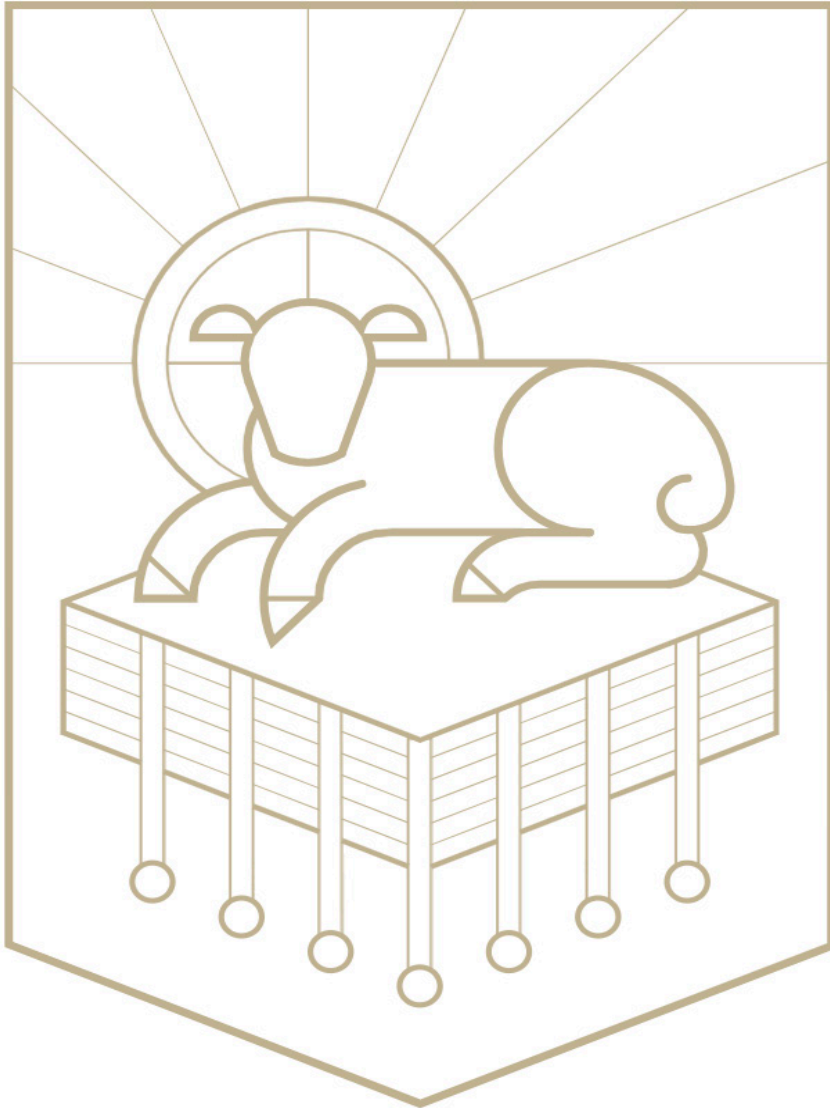




GRACE + PEACE
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Sixth Sunday in Eastertide
May 5, 2024



Welcome | Grace + Peace is a gospel formed family for the city. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, whether skeptical, curious, or a committed follower of Jesus Christ, there is room for you.

Nursery | Nursery for children ages birth through 4 years old is available during the entire worship service. Babies and toddlers are in two separate rooms. To get to the nursery, you will exit out the back of the sanctuary and go through the glass double doors on the left. From there, you will walk down the ramp and take a right when you get to the end of the sidewalk. Enter through the double glass doors where you will find our Nursery Coordinator sitting at a table ready to check in your child and show you to their rooms. Children ages 0-2 will be in Room S102 and children ages 2-4 will be in room S101. Many parents choose to pick up their child just prior to communion for the last part of the worship service. This is a great way to introduce them to worshipping corporately. You may also opt to have your child remain in nursery for the duration of the service, as childcare is provided the entire time.

Family Room | We have a room set up in Stedman Hall for families if you would like a more private place to comfort your babies. To get to the family room, you will exit out the back of the sanctuary and go through the glass double doors on the left. From there, you will walk down the ramp and take a right when you get to the end of the sidewalk. Enter through the double glass doors where you will find our Nursery Coordinator sitting at a table ready to direct you to the room which will also be marked with a sign. A live stream will be running so that you may continue to listen and participate in worship.

Children's Ministry | Children in Pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to attend our "Grapes + Peas" class. Children in Grapes + Peas participate in the first part of worship with their family, are dismissed during the sermon for a lesson, and return with their teachers to the sanctuary before communion. For first-time visitors, please escort your child with us to the classroom so we can introduce ourselves.

Preparation for Worship

Prelude | *Morning Has Broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Author: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931.

Welcome

Call to Worship | *Psalm 86:8-10*

Celebrant: There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

*People: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.*

Celebrant: For you are great and do wondrous things

People: You alone are God.

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Worship | *A Thousand Hallelujahs*

Refrain:

*With a thousand hallelujahs we magnify Your name
You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise
Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours
A thousand hallelujahs, and a thousand more*

Who else would rocks cry out to worship?
Whose glory taught the stars to shine?
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing
But this joy is mine

Refrain

Who else would die for our redemption?
Whose resurrection means I'll rise?
There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done
But I have eternity to try

Refrain

Praise to the Lord, to the lamb, to the King of Heaven
Praise for He rose, now He reigns. We will sing forever

Refrain

Words and Music: Brooke Ligertwood, Phil Wickham, Scott Ligertwood, 2023.

Song of Worship | 139

You heard my first heartbeat before I could breathe
Before my first cry You knew me
You knit me together when I was conceived
When I was designed You knew me

Refrain:

*I could run away or hide beneath the sea
You'd still hear my prayers
I could climb the peaks or dive beyond the deep
You are always there*

You know what I wonder before I can speak
Before my first thoughts You know me
You see what I'm dreaming when I go to sleep
When I'm waking up You know me

Refrain

You crafted the heavens and care for my soul
In all of Your ways You're holy
When I'm lost in darkness and far from my home
Your hand guides my way and holds me

Refrain

Words and Music: Chad Gardner and Brian Eichelberger

Confession of Sin | *based on 1 John 1:8-9*

Celebrant: God's Word assures us:

People: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Celebrant: In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

[Silence for self-examination and personal confession.]

Assurance of Pardon | *Romans 6:3-4*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Celebrant: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed; Alleluia!

Baptism and New Member Welcome

Covenant Promises of Baptism | *Romans 8: 14-17, ESV*

All who follow the leading of God's Spirit are God's own sons. Nor are you meant to relapse into the old slavish attitude of fear—you have been adopted into the very family circle of God and you can say with a full heart, "Father, my Father". The Spirit himself endorses our inward conviction that we really are the children of God. Think what that means. If we are his children we share his treasures, and all that Christ claims as his will belong to all of us as well! Yes, if we share in his suffering we shall certainly share in his glory.

Profession of Faith | *Apostle's Creed*

All: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The holy catholic Church;
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen.*

Membership Vows

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

We do.

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

We do.

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

We do.

Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

We do.

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

We do.

Celebration of New Members

Jay & Tonya Foulkrod

Claire Frankenfield

Kaelyn Holliday

Ellie Stackhouse

Naveen Swami

Baptismal Vows

Having heard God's gracious promises to us in Christ, do you desire that Isla be baptized?

We do.

As members of Christ's body, the church, do you receive the teaching of the Christian faith, which we confess in the Apostle's Creed?

We do.

Do you acknowledge Isla's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

We do.

Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?

We do.

Do you now unreservedly dedicate Isla to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

We do.

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting Joel and Louise in the Christian nurture of Isla?

We do.

Banner Verse | *Matthew 11:28-30*

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Sacrament of Baptism | *Caroline Isla Pinckney***Jesus Loves Me**

Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so

Prayer of Blessing and Thanksgiving

Song of Response | *The Pillars of the Earth*

He raises up the poor from the dust
And lifts the needy up from the ash
He raises them to sit with the princes, esteemed
And inherit an honored seat.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's
And on them he has set the world.

Words: 1 Samuel 1:8. Music: Mac Meador, 2020.

Grapes + Peas Blessing

At this time children from Pre-K through 2nd grade may come up to the front of the sanctuary to be prayed over. After the prayer, they will meet their teachers at the door in the front right corner of the sanctuary to walk to their classroom in the Stedman Hall for a short lesson. Pre-K through Kindergarten will meet in Room S106, and 1st through 2nd grade will meet in Room S105. They will return just before communion. For first-time visitors, please escort your child with us to the classroom so we can introduce ourselves.

Passing of the Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

New Testament Reading | *Revelation 20, ESV (Pew Bible page 1040)*

¹ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. ² And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³ and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

⁷ And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. ⁹ And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, ¹⁰ and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Celebrant: This is the Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon Series: Revelation: Seeing and Believing
Sermon: The Gospel According to Revelation | *Rev. John Sweet*
Sermon Notes:

[Please pass the blue sign-in pads on the left end of the row at this time.]

Offertory | *Morning Has Broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

Author: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931.

Celebration of Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and singing,

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

Arrangement: David Lutes and David Breeding.

Words of Institution

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant: Let us now proclaim the mystery of the faith:

*People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.*

Prayer of Consecration

Table Blessing

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you, and feed on him by Faith, with thanksgiving.

Table Welcome

We welcome all baptized Christians who believe in the Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ to participate in the Communion meal. This includes all Christians, whether members here or not. Children who have been baptized and interviewed by the elders of this church or the ruling body of another church are also welcome to the table. If you're still investigating Christianity, not sure what you believe, or simply choose not to participate in the Eucharist, you may either remain in your seat or come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Note: Grape juice is provided in the center of each tray. All bread is gluten free.

Prayer of Searching for Truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Believing:

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

Prayer of Struggling Against Sin:

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen.

Communion | *Poor Sinners Dejected With Fear*

Poor sinner, dejected with fear,
Unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear,
Nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace
Is able and willing to save;
A sweet and a permanent peace
He'll freely and faithfully give.

Come just as thou art, with thy woe,
Fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, "Go",
But surely will take out thy stain
A fountain is opened for sin,
And thousands its virtues have proved
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein,
And wash thee from filth in His blood.

The soul that on Jesus relies,
He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives
More blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep,
Nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep;
They're His, and He will hold them fast.

Words: William Gadsby. Music: MPJ Music, 2001.

Communion | *This Is My Father's World*

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done:
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and Heav'n be one.

This is my Father's world. I walk a desert lone.
In a bush ablaze to my wondering gaze God makes His glory known.
This is my Father's world, a wanderer I may roam
Whate'er my lot, it matters not,
My heart is still at home.

Music and Words: Maltbie D. Babcock 1901.

Sending Song | *Hear the Call of the Kingdom*

Hear the call of the kingdom,
Lift your eyes to the King.
Let His song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God rich in mercy
Came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the Kingdom
To be children of light,
With the mercy of heaven,
The humility of Christ,
Walking justly before Him,
Loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through us.

Refrain:

*King of Heaven we will answer the call
We will follow bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.*

Hear the call of the Kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness
And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in Him

Refrain

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend (Thank You Music), 2006.

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant: Christ is risen!

People: *He is risen indeed; Alleluia!*

Benediction | *based on Hebrews 13:20-21*

May the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

People: *Alleluia! Amen.*

Sending

Celebrant: Go forth, remembering who you are and to whom you belong.

People: *With God's help, we will!*

Calendar

This Week

5/5	10:45 am	Sunday Worship Service*
5/5	12:15 pm	G+P Birthday Celebration @ Gym
5/5	3 pm	Grace Teens Student Ministry Meeting @ Gym
5/6	7 am	Men's Morning Bible Study @ Central Market
5/6	8 pm	Contemplative Prayer Meeting @ Church Office
5/9	9 am	Joy Club @ G102
5/10	7 am	Women's Psalm Prayer Group via Zoom ⁺

May

18	9:30 am	King's Crafters: Knitting and Crochet Club @ Office Library
26	6:30 pm	Grace Teens Movie Night Fundraiser

**Note: Sunday morning worship services stream live on YouTube at 10:45 am*

+Reach out to Jeanette Sands at jeanette.sands@gmail.com for the link

Announcement Highlights

Graduation Sunday, May 19th

Calling all graduates! We want to celebrate you during our worship service on Sunday, May 19th. Please email Laura Perez (laura@graceandpeaceaustin.com) if you are graduating this year with details on where you're graduating from, what degree you're completing (if applicable), and what your next steps are.

Grace Teens Movie Night Fundraiser

Church, join us **May 26th at 6:30PM** for a movie night fundraiser. All proceeds will go towards our Student Ministry Summer Retreats and provide scholarships for those who would otherwise not be able to participate! If you cannot attend please consider giving towards the Student Trip Fund through our giving page on the website or the QR code below. Thank you for your support!



Announcements

Contemplative Prayer Meeting | Please join us **tomorrow at 8pm** for a short time (30-45 min) to intentionally pause from the busyness and anxiety of our weeks, and make time to be still, quiet our thoughts, and open ourselves to God's presence and action within. All are welcome!

Promotion Sunday | Sunday, May 26th is Promotion Sunday. This means 4 year olds that will be starting Pre-K 4 in the fall are invited to join our Grapes + Peas PreK/ Kinder class, graduating Kindergartners will move up to the 1st/2nd grade class, those finishing up 2nd grade are invited to our 3rd-5th grade group, and graduating 5th graders are now part of our student ministry that meets on Sundays from 3-5 PM.

Vacation Bible School | Registration is open for VBS, happening **June 24-27 from 9am-12pm**. This is for all rising Kinder-5th graders, Youth Helpers (6th-12th grade), and Adult Volunteers! RSVP by scanning the QR code below and reach out to Laura Perez (laura@graceandpeaceaustin.com) with any questions. We can't wait to welcome you to a fun week of VBS this June!



Announcements

Men's Morning Bible Study | Guys, we'd love for you to join us **Monday mornings at 7:00am** as we apply the gospel to our lives using the sermon discussion questions and pray for one another. We meet every week at Central Market (North Lamar) in the upstairs cafe area! For more info email Eric Buescher (edbuescher@hotmail.com).

Women's Prayer Group | Hello Ladies! Please join us in praying through the Psalms, **Friday mornings at 7:00am** on Zoom. We spend 30 minutes praying through the Psalms of the day and individual prayers and petitions. It is a delightful and refreshing way to start your Friday! Reach out to Jeanette Sands at jeanette.sands@gmail.com to RSVP and get the Zoom link.

The King's Crafters: Knitting and Crochet Club | Join us for fellowship and crafting on the third Saturday of every month in the Library. All skill levels welcome, whether you're an expert or have never picked up a needle or hook in your life! Contact Alisha Ligon for more information. **This month's meeting: May 18th at 9:30am**

Sermon Series Scripture Readings

5/5/2024 Revelation 20

5/12/2024 Revelation 21

5/19/2024 Revelation 22

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Giving to Grace + Peace

You can give in several ways, including online through our secure website, graceandpeaceaustin.com/give. If you choose to give online, paying by bank versus credit/debit is preferred to avoid fees coming out of your tithe.

Connect on a Deeper Level

Our Parish Groups are a great way to get to know people in the church.

To get connected with one of these groups, reach out to

Avery Kelly: avery@graceandpeaceaustin.com

Grace + Peace Prayer List

If you have a prayer need and/or would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact Laura Perez: laura@graceandpeaceaustin.com

Facility Requests

If you would like to rent any of our rooms, please go to: graceandpeaceaustin.com/facilityrequest

Discussion Questions

1. Understanding the thousand years as symbolic of the current age until Christ's return means the saints (i.e. us) are to be reigning with Jesus now on earth (20:4-6). How does this bring you comfort as we face difficulty in this life, or as we face our own sin? How does it change the way you consider using resources to participate in the gospel impacting every "tribe tongue and nation" (e.g. giving your time, skills, finances, etc.)?
2. In 20:7-10 we're given another glimpse at the anticlimactic attempt by Satan to wage war against God, in which He is easily defeated. Although this final defeat isn't until the end, what kind of encouragement can the church as a whole gain from it?
3. The final verse of chapter 20 brings a challenge and comfort: God takes sin seriously and judges it accordingly, but the gospel implication is those who are found in the book of life will be judged by Christ's work instead of their own. Do you need more of that challenge to take sin more seriously? Do you need the comfort of resting in Christ's work? And what are some ways we can communicate this challenge/assurance in word and deed to those around us?



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Diaconate Contact Info: If you or someone you know has a need (big or small!) or crisis, the G + P Diaconate wants to help care for you. Please email us at activedeacons@graceandpeaceaustin.com. You may also seek us out to speak with one of us directly. The Diaconate members are:

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| Margaret Brown | Mary Kate Peters |
| Robert Douglass | Mark Schwarz |
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