

We are a family, building Christ-centered homes who impact their world.

# GraceFirst Worship Service 5/18/25

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Missions Spotlight: Dominican Republic report

Call to Worship: Matthew 23:8-12

Offering

Hymns of Praise

Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> grade kids participating in Children's Church dismissed

Scripture: Isaiah 46:3-13

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Genesis 40, "The Dreams of the Chiefs"

Hymn of Commission - #373

Benediction

"Throughout the Bible, the story of God doing things are not the way humans would do them or want them done. God almost never takes the shortest route between point A and point B. The reason is that such efficiency, the efficiency of speed and directness, is not what God is about. His purpose is to sanctify the traveler, not speed him between A and B. Frustrating human efficiency is one of God's primary means of sanctifying grace." - John Piper

If this is your first time at GraceFirst, we hope you'll give us the chance to get to know you better by filling out a Connection Card from the pew rack in front of you, then drop it off at the Welcome Center as you leave and pick up a small gift.

Wireless access: Username=GraceFirstGuest; Password=Psalm145:9

## Looking ahead

TODAY Concert of Prayer 6:00 pm

**MAY** 

22-26 Youth to Camp Eagle Rock

- 26 Church Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day
- 27 Ladies' Lunch Out 11:30 am ¦ Red Robin, 13th & Webb
- 28 Men's Ministry 6:30 pm ¦ BBQ at the Rappards' (rescheduled from 5/8)

JUN

- 2-6 VBS 9 am - 11:30 am
  - 4 No Youth Group
- 10 Men's Lunch Out 11:30 am ¦ Old Chicago, E. Kellogg
- 15 & All-adult Sunday School 22 9:00 am
- 29- Sunday School Break AUG 3
  - 29 All-church Picnic
    5:30 pm | The church will
    provide chicken and drinks.
    Each family should bring a
    side dish or dessert to share.
    | Need a coordinator.

#### Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:00 am

Worship, 10:15 am

Pastor Tim will continue in the series on Joseph.

Visit our website www.gracefirst.church

#### VBS • June 2-6

Kids' registration is now open for VBS. To register, go to <a href="www.myvbs.org/GraceFirstChurch">www.myvbs.org/GraceFirstChurch</a>. Invite a friend! If you have any questions about volunteering, contact Amy Kusmaul.

**Volunteers** can still register at the above link, as well.

#### **Giving Report**

May 11: \$ 11,941 4-wk avg: \$ 8,463 YTD Giving: \$ 207,787

#### Our Elders

Mark Goldberg, Chairman Dave Sitz, Vice-Chairman Sean Jahansooz, Secretary Lowell Bergen Kevin Angell Mike Kuss Pastor Tim Cho

### "The Dreams of the Chiefs" Genesis 40 (39:19-40:23)

Pastor Tim Cho May 18, 2025

Q: Where is God when we do what is right but get what is unfair?? Big Idea: Even when life seems unfair, God is accomplishing His plan as He personally guides us.

1. The 2 chiefs under a chief (vv. 1-4)
God seeks your faithfulness while He actively works.

2. The 2 dreams of 3 (vv. 5-22)

God is the provider of the means to our success.

3. The 1 true Chief behind all the chiefs (v. 8, 23)

God is the true chief who will exalt His humble servants to glory.

#### **Pray for our Church Family**

John Ruhl Janet Hunter Laurel Tiger

For additional prayer needs, pick up the prayer sheet at the Welcome Desk by the main entrance.

#### Recommended Reading for Apr - June (All books listed are in the library):

- 1. The Providence of God:
  - a. Gregg Allison, Historical Theology, Ch. 13: Providence, 277-297.
  - b. John Frame, No Other God: A Response to Open Theism, Ch. 5: Is God's Will the Ultimate Explanation of Everything, 57-87.
  - c. Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology, Ch. 16: God's Providence, 420-444.
  - d. Charles Swindoll, Joseph: A Man of Integrity and Forgiveness.
- 2. God's Providential History:
  - a. Henry Morris, The Genesis Record, Ch. 22: Israel in Egypt The Children of Israel, 627-668.
  - b. Bruce Shelly, Church History in Plain Language 5<sup>th</sup> Ed., Ch. 6: The Rules of Books Formation of the Bible, 69-79.
- 3. Personal Response to God's Work:
  - a. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship, Ch. 2: The Call to Discipleship, 56-78.

GraceFirst Sermon Plans		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
5/25/25	Gen. 41, "Joseph the Dream Interpreter"	Pastor Tim
6/1/25	Gen. 42, "Joseph's Brothers"	Pastor Tim
6/8/25	Gen. 43-45, "Joseph's Identity Revealed	Dr. Jahansooz
6/15/25	Gen. 46-47:12, "Jacob's Journey"	Pastor Jake
6/22/25	Gen. 47:13-27, "Joseph's Rule"	Pastor Tim
6/29/25	Gen. 47:18-50:14, "Jacob's Blessing &"	Pastor Tim