

Message Notes

ARISE is a an intentional call to action for Point of Grace to be transformed as individuals and as a church body, to literally “become light” and “shine” for God’s glory in key areas of personal and church life. Point of Grace embraced Part One of ARISE in the Spring of 2010 by surrendering to God’s transforming work in the area of financial giving. In this phase of ARISE God is calling us to transformation in the areas of Service, Community, Prayer and Worship!!

Isaiah 60 ¹ "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

Luke 2:21-40

²¹ On the **eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child**, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived. ²² When the time came for the **purification rites** required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary **took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord** ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”^[a]), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”^[b] ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was **waiting for the consolation of Israel**, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the **Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah**. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ **Simeon took him in his arms and praised God**, saying:

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss^[c] your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my **eyes have seen your salvation**, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a **light for revelation to the Gentiles**, and the glory of your people Israel.”

³³ The child’s father and mother **marveled at what was said about him**. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is **destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel**, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the **thoughts of many hearts will be revealed**. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.” ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four.^[d] She **never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying**. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Romans 12:1-2

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

John 3:16-18

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

Romans 10:9-10

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Acts 4:12

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Genesis 3:15

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring ^[a] and hers; he will crush^[b] your head, and you will strike his heel.”

John 8:12

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

**We worship through our _____ --- _____
people connecting to a _____ God**

Worship radically _____ the way we live our lives

**The reality of God and His _____ are at the
heart of worship. We take _____,
trusting in who God is and what He has said.**

**Worship focuses on the _____ and message of
_____**