

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader This is what our God, the creator of everything seen and unseen, says to you, his people: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.”

All **For he is the LORD, our God, the Holy One of Israel, our Savior. Let us praise his glorious name!**

—based on Is. 43:1-3, NIV

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING / WORDS: ST. FRANCIS

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, O, praise Him! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O, praise Him! O, praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!	3. And all Ye men of tender heart, forgiving others take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care, O, praise Him! O, praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav’n along, O, praise Him! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice O, praise Him! O, praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!	4. Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O, praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one! O, praise Him! O, praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF PRAISE & ADORATION

All Loving God, you have been generous and marvelously kind. You demonstrate your love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us! Seal this truth in us by your Holy Spirit and give us new wonder, faith, and gratitude. We worship and adore you. **Amen.**

— based on Ro. 5:8

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

JESUS’ NAME / R. DELMORE

So beautiful, no name is higher So wonderful, is Jesus’ name Is Jesus’ name	Holy is Your name Holy is Your name
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*And every knee will bow
In heaven and the earth
And every eye will see
The measure of Your worth
There is no one like You
Risen Son of God*

EVIDENCE / J. BALDWIN

1. All throughout my history Your faithfulness has walked beside me The winter storms made way for spring In every season, from where I’m standing	BRIDGE <i>See the cross, the empty grave The evidence is endless All my sin rolled away Because of You, oh Jesus</i>
CHORUS <i>I see the evidence of Your goodness All over my life, all over my life I see Your promises in fulfillment All over my life, all over my life</i>	ENDING <i>Why should I fear, the evidence is here</i>

2. Help me remember when I’m weak
Fear may come but fear will leave
You lead my heart to victory
You are my strength
and You always will be

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name’s sake.
Yet we have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.
As we remember your faithful mercy and love,
made fully manifest in the cross of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.
Grant us now, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the grace to die daily to sin,
and to rise daily to new life in Jesus, who lives and reigns with you,
and in whose strong name we pray. **Amen.**

(Silence is kept together.)

SONG OF ASSURANCE

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS / T. CHISHOLM

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.	2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
CHORUS <i>Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed Thy hand hath provided, great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!</i>	3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Re-ceive the forgiving love of God.

All **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Father of every good gift, we pray for all in need because of famine, flood, or earthquake, that they may know the hope of your faithfulness through the help of others. Give your people your own heart of compassion.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader Jesus Christ, through whom all things were made, we pray for the land, the sea, the sky— for your whole creation, which longs for its redemption. We pray that we may live with respect for your creation and use your gifts with reverence.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy Spirit, our consolation, we pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear, or loss, that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of others, or known to you alone, may receive strength and courage.

All **God of compassion, we offer to you all our needs and commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

Together **And also with you!**

** Children ages 2 to 5th grade are invited to participate in our children’s program during the sermon; children return for Communion.*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**If you’re visiting with us for the first time, please fill out an information card (available at the welcome table) and drop it into the offering box or give it to a church staff member. For more announcements, see the back of the bulletin or visit our website.*

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

**During the offertory, we consider all that we have and all that God may be asking us to give. Please take this time to ask God how you might give of your financial gifts, personal time and even vocational calling. There are different ways to give. You may mail your offering to our office: 16 N Marengo Ave Ste 609, Pasadena, CA 91101; or give via our app (iOS and Android) or website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Gen. 6:5-7:1; Luke 19:41-42**

Gen. 6:5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. 7 So the Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. 9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. 13 And God said to Noah, “I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. 15 This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. 16 Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. 17 For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. 19 And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. 21 Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them.” 22 Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

7:1 Then the Lord said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation.

Luke 19: 41 And when he [Jesus] drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, 42 saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.”

Leader This is the word of the Lord!

All **Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE

Marc Choi

“The Heart of God > The Flood”
Sermon Series: Genesis

COMMUNION

GUIDELINES: The sacrament of Communion is also called the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist. It is the family meal for those who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. The invitation is from Jesus Christ alone, not from this church or any minister. If you are baptized and can call yourself a Christian, come to the table.

DIRECTIONS: When instructed, please come forward to receive Communion. Receive the bread and juice from the servers. Pre-packaged elements, which are gluten-free are available in the line closest to the stage. Participate as you feel comfortable.

CHILDREN: Children who are baptized, can profess faith in Jesus Christ in an age appropriate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.

COMMUNION PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

For those searching: 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 lead me to the reality of who you are. Give me not only understanding, but also an experience of your love and presence. Amen.

For faith and belief: Lord Jesus, I am weak and sinful, but you call me beloved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death and offering forgiveness and renewal. I hear you calling, and so I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord. Amen.

For those struggling with sin: Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may 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 ask for help, and to follow you faithfully in life. Amen.

SONGS OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

GOD’S TABLE / B. COLEMAN

We will come to God’s table
And there remember God’s mercy

We will come to God’s table
And there remember the cross

We will come to God’s table
And there remember God’s family

We will come to the table of the Lord

AARON’S BLESSING / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you

And be gracious to you
And be gracious to you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you

May He keep you in perfect peace
May He keep you in perfect peace

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. When you are weak or feel the weight of sin and evil, remember what Jesus has said: “I am with you always, to the end of the age.” — 1 Cor. 16:13-14, Mt. 28:20

All **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **10/15:** Adult Discipleship Seminars! This fall, we’re exploring the different genres of Scripture and how knowing the genres can deepen our understanding of God’s words to us and its beauty. The two remaining seminars will meet on 10/15, and 10/22. We meet at 8:45am in the Cliff Benedict Room. See Pastor Marc for more information.
- **10/15:** Interested in our Park Ministry and in others ways to love our city? Join others for lunch at the church office after the service at 12:30. Email mercy@gracepasadena.org to RSVP or for more information.
- **10/21:** Women’s Fall Retreat from 9am-6pm. Email women@gracepasadena.org for more information about the retreat.
- **10/22:** College Reformation Costume Party at 7pm! College-aged students are invited to come dressed to protest and enjoy food, trivia, and other good fun. See Pastor Ben for more information.
- **10/27:** Youth Group Costume Party at 7pm. Get your best costume on and compete for least scariest, punniest, funniest, or weirdest costume. Invite friends! See Pastor Ben for more information.

If you are in any kind of need, please email mercy@gracepasadena.org or talk to a deacon or other leader of Grace. You are not alone; we are here to help!

Scan the QR code below for more details, other announcements and contact information!



GRACE PASADENA’S VISION STATEMENT

Grace Pasadena exists to **Experience & Extend** the life-giving grace of God

- **As** we grow in the knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ
- **In** every sphere of life
- **For** our neighborhoods, city and the world

GRACE PASADENA’S CORE VALUES

God-Centered Worship – We seek to be transformed in worship as we experience the wonder of God and respond appropriately

Gospel-Driven Identity – We seek a personal experience of the gospel that both humbles us, and assures us that we are more deeply valued and loved by God than we can possibly imagine

Outward-Facing Community – We seek the betterment of our city as we extend God’s grace by loving our neighbors as ourselves

Kingdom-Minded Movement – We seek to extend the Kingdom of Jesus Christ by creating community and global partnerships that can reach and serve those in need

GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-SEP ‘23*	OCT ‘23*
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$347,886	\$6,327
BUDGETED GIVING _____	381,000	44,000
DIFFERENCE _____	-33,114	-37,673

* as of 10/6/2023; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors



“The story of Noah is also the story of God, who goes on caring for his world when the world has given up caring for him.”

FREDERICK BUECHNER | *WISFUL THINKING*

“The worldling blesses God while he gives him plenty, but the Christian blesses him when he smites him: he believes him to be too wise to err and too good to be unkind; he trusts him where he cannot trace him, looks up to him in the darkest hour, and believes that all is well.”

C.H. SPURGEON | *A HAPPY CHRISTIAN*

“I will have nothing to do with a God who cares only occasionally. I need a God who is with us always, everywhere, in the deepest depths as well as the highest heights. It is when things go wrong, when good things do not happen, when our prayers seem to have been lost, that God is most present. We do not need the sheltering wings when things go smoothly. We are closest to God in the darkness, stumbling along blindly.”

MADELEINE L’ENGLE | *TWO-PART INVENTION*

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