

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Let us join our voices to praise the spotless Lamb, Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us from sin and death.

All We, whom he has redeemed, will sing praises and shout for joy this hour.

Leader In Christ the Lamb we have redemption through his blood and the forgiveness of our sins because of the riches of his grace.

All Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.

Leader Let us praise the One who provides a way when there is no way!

All Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

— based on Rev. 5:12-14; Gen. 22:18

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

SING TO THE LORD (PSALM 96) / MUSIC: B. CHADWICK

Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord, all the earth
Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord, all the earth

For great is the Lord
Most worthy of praise

For great is our God
Most worthy of praise
Let the whole earth sing
To the Name above all names

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness extends to the skies.
Your righteousness towers like the mountains, your justice is deeper than the sea.
All find protection under the shadow of your wings.
We feast on the abundance you provide.
You are the source of all life, and in your light, we see light. Amen.

—based on Ps. 36:5-6

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

PROVIDE FOR ME / R. DELMORE

Maker of the heavens	You will save me in times of trouble
Maker of the earth	You will hold me in times of doubt
I look up to the mountains	You will provide for me
Where does my help come from?	Lover of my soul
It comes from You, it comes from You	You will provide for me
It comes from You	
My strength and my shield	

RECKLESS LOVE / C. ASBURY

1. Before I spoke a word
You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath
You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

CHORUS
Oh the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God, oh it chases me down fights til I’m found leaves the ninety-nine I couldn’t earn it and I don’t deserve it still You give Yourself away
Oh the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God

2. When I was Your foe
still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth
You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

BRIDGE
There’s no shadow You won’t light up
Mountain You won’t climb up —
Coming after me
There’s no wall You won’t kick down
Lie You won’t tear down —
Coming after me

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Righteous God, in Christ you became sin for us.
You took what we are so that we might become what you are.
But we confess that often we ignore our sin.
We confess that too often we do not confess.
We keep silent about the sin that clings to us.
But our sins are too great a burden for us.
Forgive us. In Christ take away our iniquity.
You are our stronghold, our hiding place.
May we confess our sins, that we might then rejoice and be glad in you and in the righteousness that flows over us as a mighty stream of grace.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

BE THOU MY VISION / TRANS. MARY E. BYRNE

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night; Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my Light.	3. Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart; High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true Son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.	4. High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach Heaven’s joys, O bright Heaven’s sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” — Eph. 2:8

All Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Merciful Father, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Savior. May this congregation extend your grace to our neighborhoods boldly and humbly. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Gracious Lord, give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find your way of freedom and life. We pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in Israel and Gaza, in Ukraine and Russia, and in every place where your peace has been shattered; strengthen and encourage them, and may they be instruments of your healing and restoration. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Holy Spirit, touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain, that, raised from death to life in Christ, their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy. We pray for social workers, counselors, nurses, doctors, and all who care for the suffering; tend to their needs as they tend to the needs of so many and let them know you are with them. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

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 READING

Genesis 22:1-19 (ESV)

¹ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.”⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”⁸ Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

¹⁵ And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.” ¹⁹ So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

Leader This is the word of the Lord!

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Ben Ewen

“The Grace of Provision”
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

YOU'RE NOT ALONE / J. TWEEDY & M. STAPLES

You're not alone
I'm with you, I'm lonely too
What's that song
Can't be sung by two
A broken home, a broken heart
Isolated and afraid
Open up this is a raid
I wanna get it through to you
You're not alone
You're not alone, every night
I stand in your place
Every tear on every face
Tastes the same

A broken dream, a broken heart
Isolated and afraid
Open up this is a raid
I wanna get it through to you
You're not alone
An open hand, an open heart
There's no need to be afraid
Open up this is a raid
I wanna get it through to you
You're not alone
I wanna get it through to you
You're not alone
I'm gonna get it through to you
You're not alone

MORE LOVE TO THEE / E. PRENTISS

1. More love to Thee, O Christ,
more love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make
on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

2. Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

3. Then shall my latest breath
whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry
my heart shall raise;
Still all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader As you leave this place today,
may you know the hope to which God has called you,
experience the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,
and trust his incomparably great power for us who believe.

All Thanks be to God! Amen!

—based on Eph. 1:18-19

THE GRACE PASADENA APP

Use the app to listen to sermons, access an audio Bible, view and register for upcoming events (including City Groups), set up giving and more! Use the QR codes below.



For Android Phones



For iOS Phones

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **11/19:** The Session of Grace Pasadena is calling a congregational meeting on 11/19 after the service for the purpose of voting for new church officers and leaders. Members will vote for elders, wise counselors, deacons, and deaconesses. Bios of the candidates will be available starting on 10/22. (Regular attendees of Grace are welcomed to attend the meeting but cannot vote.)
- **11/26:** We're helping sponsor a toy store at the Door of Hope Christmas Festival. To participate, grab a ticket and instructions at the Mercy Table, and bring gift donations to church. We'll collect toys until 11/26.
- **12/3:** Save the date! Families are invited to pre-service Advent/Christmas celebration. More details to come!
- **12/17:** Join us at our regular time (10am) for a special all-church worship service.
- **12/24:** All are invited to a pre-service fellowship hour starting at 9am and the Christmas Eve service at 10am. More details to come!
- **12/31:** No Sunday service.
- **1/7/24:** Sunday service resumes.

**Looking for a way to love our neighbors? Consider joining the Park Ministry after the service.*
**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

	IAN-OCT '23*	NOV '23*
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$389,220	\$6,910
BUDGETED GIVING _____	425,000	44,000
DIFFERENCE _____	-35,780	-37,090

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“Abraham’s obedience demonstrated that he recognized that God was the Lord of the promise. Abraham could have no power over the fulfillment of the promise, no power over life and death, apart from God’s granting it to him or requiring it from him. Here Abraham demonstrated what it meant to fear God, here readers learn what is at the heart of true worship.”

ALLEN ROSS

“In the context of the whole Bible, the lasting punch of Genesis 22 is not the greatness of Abraham’s faith, or his preparedness to sacrifice Isaac, but the contrast between Abraham’s son, who was spared, and God’s son, Jesus, who was not spared. God did indeed himself provide the sacrifice, but that sacrifice was God himself.”

CHRISTOPHER WATKIN

“It’s clear to me that Karma is at the very heart of the universe. I’m absolutely sure of it.

And yet, along comes this idea called Grace to upend all that ‘As you reap, so will you sow’ stuff. Grace defies reason and logic. Love interrupts, if you like, the consequences of your actions, which in my case is very good news indeed, because I’ve done a lot of stupid stuff.

The point of the death of Christ is that Christ took on the sins of the world so that what we put out did not come back to us, and that our sinful nature does not reap the obvious death. That’s the point. It should keep us humbled....it’s not our own good works that get through the gates of heaven...”

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