

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers and sisters dwell in unity!

All **It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!**

Leader It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

All **As people made one by the Holy Spirit,
let us put away all malice and all deceit
and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.
Let us with one voice praise the Lord!**

— from Psalm 133; 1 Pt. 2:1

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS / WORDS: Ps. 24, MUSIC: G. WEISEL

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!

2. A helper just, He comes to thee;
his chariot is humility;
his kingly crown is holiness;
his scepter, kindness in distress!

3. O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes,
to whom this King in triumph comes!

4. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart!
The Word made flesh descends to dwell
with joy for you who His mercies tell.

5. So come, my Lord, and enter in,
let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on
until Thy glorious victories won!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All: Jesus Christ, we praise you!
You come to transfigure us
and renew us in the image of God: shine in our darkness.
Jesus Christ, light of our hearts, you know our thirst:
lead us to the wellspring of your gospel.
Jesus Christ, light of the world, you shine in every human being:
enable us to discern your presence in each person.
Jesus Christ, friend of the poor:
open in us the gates of simplicity so that we can welcome you.
Jesus Christ, gentle and humble of heart:
renew in us child-like faith.
Jesus Christ, you send your church to prepare your path in the world:
open for all people the gates of your kingdom
and fill their mouths with songs of redemption and salvation. **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

HE IS LORD / J. BARNETT

I will call on the name
of the Lord, my God
I will lift up my voice
to give praise to my King

*He’s the light in the darkness
He’s the calm in the storm
He’s the hope of the righteous
He is Lord, He is Lord*

There is peace in the presence
of the Lord, my God
There is power in the blood
of the Lamb that was slain

*Every knee will bow,
every tongue confess that He is Lord
Every knee will bow,
every tongue confess that He is Lord*

BUILD MY LIFE / M. REDMAN; P. BARRETT

1. Worthy of every song
we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise
we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You

2. Jesus, the Name above
every other name
Jesus, the only One
who could ever save
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of everlasting love,
we confess that we have been unfaithful
to our covenant with you and with one another.
We have worshiped other gods:
money, power, greed, and convenience.
We have served our own self-interest
instead of serving you and your people.
We have judged others harshly
and neglected humble self-examination.
We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God,
and bring us back into the fullness
of our covenant with you and one another.
Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**
(Silence is kept together.)

SONG OF ASSURANCE

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

Glory be to the Father,
Glory be to the Son,
Glory be to the Holy Ghost! (2x)

As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be:
world without end, world without end;
Amen, amen!

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope,
this is God’s Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we
are loved. This word of grace is true and made fully known in the life,
death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This gift we have from God.

All **Thanks be to God!**

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. Middle School students are also invited to join Pastor Ben for Sunday School.*

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

**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 address: 16 N Marengo Ave Ste 609, Pasadena, CA 91101; or give via our website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.*

CHORUS

*Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
Show me who You are and fill me
With Your heart and lead me
In Your love to those around me*

BRIDGE

*I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 7:1-6 (ESV)

¹ “Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. ³ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.

⁶ “Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE

Brannin Pitre

*“The Perceptive Heart”
Sermon Series: The Sermon on the Mount*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Father God, you have called us into your family as your children.
May our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ be strengthened
by your grace. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader You have called us to be a temple where your Spirit can dwell. Give
us clean hands and pure hearts so that our lives will reflect your
holiness, truth, and justice. Shape in us undivided hearts free of
hypocrisy. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in
darkness come to you. May our lives shine as a witness to the
gracious presence of Christ. Give us clear eyes to see your presence
and the ways you want us to join your work of love and redemption.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader You have called us to be members of Christ’s body, to share in his
sufferings and the sufferings of those he loves. We ask for your
comfort and healing power to bring hope to those in distress. For
this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

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

TAKE MY LIFE / F. HAVERGAL

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, for Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from Thee.
4. Take my will and make it Thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne.

5. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee.

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader

May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us,
and the love of God, which enables us to love all,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
which unites us in one body,
make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Go in peace to love and serve your God and neighbor.

—based on 2 Co. 13:13

All

Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- 7/22: Door of Hope Summer Carnival at Maranatha High School. Help serve lunch or station an activity/craft booth. Email mercy@gracepasadena.org to sign up or for more info.
- Scan the QR code below for more details, other announcements and contact information!



“Grace frees us from having to earn God’s acceptance by meeting others’ expectations, and it also frees us from the unholy pride and prejudice of determining others’ acceptance by God on the basis of our own wisdom.”

BRYAN CHAPPELL | HOLINESS BY GRACE

“Sin plays havoc with our spiritual vision. Although we are able to see the sin of others with specificity and clarity, we tend to be blind to our own. And the most dangerous aspect of this already dangerous condition is that spiritually blind people tend to be blind to their blindness.”

PAUL TRIPP | DANGEROUS CALLING

“Wisdom is skill in the art of living life with each component under the dominion of God... Wisdom includes the ability to use the best means at the best time to accomplish the best ends. It is not merely a matter of information or knowledge, but of skillful and practical application of the truth to the ordinary facets of life.”

KENNETH BOA

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-JUN ‘23*	JUL ‘23*
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS	\$214,517	\$1,130
BUDGETED GIVING	249,000	44,000
DIFFERENCE	-34,483	-42,870

* as of 7/7/2023; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost Sunday until the start of Advent. From the Latin “*ordus*” we look to the Spirit to re-order our lives according to the love of Jesus Christ. As the season of the Spirit, we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus’ followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn’t offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. It is a season in which we learn to recognize the presence of God in the day-to-day. The color of the season is green, symbolizing new life.



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ORDINARY TIME