

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader We will bless the Lord at all times,
All **God’s praise is always on our lips; in the Lord our souls shall make their boast.**
Leader The humble shall hear and be glad. Glorify the Lord with us.
All **Together let us praise God’s name.**
Leader Taste and see that the Lord is good.
They are happy who seek refuge in God.
All **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**
—based on Ps. 34; Ps. 19

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!
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!
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!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
how wonderful and awesome is your steadfast love!
In torrents and storms, your peace is stronger.
In rumbling thunder, your mighty voice guides.
In distress, your whisper breaks our hopelessness.
In death, you bring new life.
Give us ears to hear and eyes to see you;
fill our mouths with songs of grace and truth!
This is the day you have made and we rejoice in it! **Amen.** — based on Ps. 29; Ps. 118:24

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

PROVIDE FOR ME / R. DELMORE

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

LET THE PEACE OF THE CHRIST (COL. 3:15-17) / R. DELMORE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; to His peace you were called in one body
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So be thankful, yes, be thankful
Singing songs and hymns and spiritual songs, filled with thankfulness to God
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Everything you do in word or in deed, do it all in the name of the Lord
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Let the word of Christ richly dwell in you, as you counsel and teach one another
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With all wisdom, with all wisdom
Singing songs and hymns and spiritual songs, filled with thankfulness to God
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Giving thanks through Christ to God the Father

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, you have called us into your holy presence
and in your light, we see who we are:
we are lost, for we are a people of unclean lips
and dwell among a people of unclean lips.
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness; with you there is steadfast love;
with you is plentiful redemption; and you will redeem us from all our iniquities.
Just say the word, and we shall be healed. **Amen.** — from Is. 6; Ps. 130; Mt. 8
(Silence is kept together.)

SONG OF ASSURANCE

LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH / F. ORTEGA

Let the words of my mouth
Be pleasing to you, pleasing to you
The meditation of my heart
Be pleasing to you, pleasing to you
Oh Lord, my strength and my Redeemer
Oh Lord, my strength and my Redeemer

Whatever is true, whatever is pure
Whatever is lovely, whatever is worthy
Think on these things

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader In the quiet of this moment, receive these words: “For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, ‘In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.’” Turn to Jesus, receive his word of life, and be at peace!
All **Thanks be to God!** — based on Isa. 30:15a

GRACE RENEWAL STORIES

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

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:1-17 (ESV)

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.
How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.
¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.
Reader This is the Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God!**
MORNING MESSAGE Brannin Pitre
“Out Of What Fills The Heart”
James: The Gospel-Integrated Life
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

RISE UP / BIFROST ARTS

1. For the lonely and forgotten,
for the weary and distressed,
For the refugee and orphan,
and for all who are oppressed,
For the stranger who is pleading
while insulted and despised,
Will You rise? Will You rise?

CHORUS 1

Rise up! Rise up!
The earth will fear the Lord
when You avenge the poor.
May Your kingdom come . . .
O rise up!

2. As Your will is done in heaven,
Let it now be done below
Let Your daily bread be given,
Let Your kingdom come and grow
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us, we cry
Will You rise? Will You rise?

Final Chorus

Rise up! Rise up!
The earth will fear the Lord
when You avenge the poor.
And bare Your holy arm
to keep them safe from harm,
May Your kingdom come ...
O rise up!

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO / G. MATHESON

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and encouraging
one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual
songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
Go from here and bless the world with good words of the grace and
truth of Jesus Christ!
— based on Col. 3:16

All Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **8/13:** New to Grace? Interested in membership? Pastor Brannin will be leading our “Intro to Grace” class after the service at the church office. Lunch will be provided. Email info@gracepasadena.org with questions or to RSVP.
- **8/15:** Join others to view Tim Keller’s memorial service at 11:30am at the church office. The office will be open starting at 11am. (You can also find more information or watch from you own location by visiting: <https://timothykeller.com/service>)
- **8/20:** Calling all current and potential city group leaders and hosts! You’re invited to a brief info session about the upcoming year of groups. The meeting will start 15 minutes after the service at the church office. See Ben for more details.
- **8/27:** Current and potential volunteers for our Children’s Ministry are invited to a training session before the service at 8:15am. The training will take place on the patio and light refreshments will be offered. Email families@gracepasadena.org for more information.

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-JUN ‘23*	JUL ‘23*
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$214,667	\$52,588
BUDGETED GIVING _____	249,000	44,000
DIFFERENCE _____	-34,333	8,558

* as of 8/10/2023; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors



“What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them,
but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles
them.”

MATTHEW 15:11

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those
who love it will eat its fruits.”

PROVERBS 18:21

“Let the mouth also fast from disgraceful speeches and
railings. For what does it profit if we abstain from fish and
fowl and yet bite and devour our brothers and sisters?
The evil speaker eats the flesh of his brother and bites the
body of his neighbor. ”

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM | HOMILIES III

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT	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.
CHRISTMAS	
EPIPHANY	
LENT	
EASTER	
PENTECOST	
ORDINARY TIME	



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ORDINARY TIME