

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader God invites us into his healing presence with these words:
“I am the Lord, who heals you.”
All **Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated, and dead in our sin, we come hungering for health that only God can provide.**
Leader God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician.
All **We bow before him in faith, remembering his loving kindness!**
—based on Ex. 15:26; Is. 6:10

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

O, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES / C. WESLEY; B. CHADWICK
1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise;
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name!
REFRAIN
Hallelujah,
I will sing my great Redeemer’s praise!
3. Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
’tis music in the sinner’s ears, ’tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me. (*REFRAIN*)

PRAYER OF PRAISE & ADORATION

All: We give thanks to you, God our Father, for mercy that reaches out, for patience that waits our returning, for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners.
We praise you that in Jesus Christ you came to us with forgiveness, just as you promised from long ago.
We praise you that, by your Holy Spirit, you move us to repent and receive your love.
Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise.
We praise you, great God, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen!**

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE / C. BANCROFT
1. Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea;
A great High Priest, whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart.
2. When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me.
3. Behold Him there! The risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself, I cannot die; My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God

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.

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 only you and your people.
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

COME YE SINNERS / J. HART
1. Come ye sinners, poor and needy, bruised and broken by the fall!
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pardoning love for all.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing, doubt no more!
He is able, He is able;
He is willing, doubt no more!
2. Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all that He requires of sinners is to lean and trust on Him.
He will save you, He will save you,
’tis the Gospel’s constant theme!
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WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Hear these good and true words: Our Lord is the one who seeks after you, forgives you, and covers you with mercy and love. Do not hide from God and from each other in shame, but rejoice in the light of God’s grace and be at peace!
All **Thanks be to God!**
— based on Gen. 3:9, 21

MINISTRY MOMENT - OLIVE CREST David Kleinknecht

**Let’s welcome David Kleinknecht, the Community Engagement Director at Olive Crest LA, a Christian Ministry dedicated to transforming the lives of children and families in crisis through the healing power of God, family, and community.*

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 3:7-24

⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”
¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.
¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”
¹⁶ To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”
¹⁷ And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.
¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”
²⁰ The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
²¹ And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. ²² Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” ²³ therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.
Reader This is the Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE

Brannin Pitre

“Naked, Come to Thee for Dress”
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.

SONGS OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

HOPE IN THE NAME OF JESUS (EPH. 1) / MUSIC: B. CHADWICK; WORDS: B. CHADWICK, M. CHOI

1. We believe in the promise
In the mercy of his grace
(We’re) made alive in the Spirit
We no longer live in shame
(He) brought us out of the darkness
By his love we have been saved
We know the glory of heaven
Because He died and rose again

CHORUS
There is hope in the name of Jesus
There is power in his great love for us
There is hope in the name of Jesus
There is power in his great love for us

2. In God’s love we are chosen
Sons and Daughters of his grace
Born again in the Spirit
Firmly planted in our faith

In his love there is freedom
There is pow’r in Jesus’ name
Filled with the hope of heaven
Nothing can take his love away

BRIDGE
Open the eyes of our hearts,
That we may know
The mysteries of heaven
He has called us
He knows who we are
Jesus has shown
His power through the resurrection (x2)

DOXOLOGY / T. KEN

Praise God,
from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. Go in God’s peace to love and serve the world!

—2 Thess. 2:16-17, NIV

All

Thanks be to God! Amen!

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.

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

- **9/24:** Adult Discipleship Seminars! This fall, we’ll explore the different genres of Scripture and how knowing the genres can deepen our understanding of God’s words to us and its beauty. Seminars meet on 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, and 10/22. We’ll meet at 8:45am in the Cliff Benedict Room. See Pastor Marc.
- **10/8:** Park Ministry needs help preparing lunches and distributing lunches for this Sunday and many Sundays through December. If interested, contact our Park Ministry Team at mercy@gracepasadena.org.

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-AUG ‘23*	SEP ‘23*
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$304,199	\$29,101
BUDGETED GIVING _____	337,000	44,000
DIFFERENCE _____	-32,801	-14,899

* as of 9/21/2023; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors



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“For it is beyond doubt that there is nothing which more shocks our reason than to say that the sin of the first man has rendered guilty those, who, being so removed from this source, seem incapable of participation in it. This transmission does not only seem to us impossible, it seems also very unjust. For what is more contrary to the rules of our miserable justice than to damn eternally an infant incapable of will, for a sin wherein he seems to have so little a share, that it was committed six thousand years before he was in existence? Certainly nothing offends us more rudely than this doctrine; and yet, without this mystery, the most incomprehensible of all, we are incomprehensible to ourselves. The knot of our condition takes its twists and turns in this abyss, so that man is more inconceivable without this mystery than this mystery is inconceivable to man.”

BLAISE PASCAL | *PENSÉES*

“Grace does not destroy the will but rather restores it.”

ST. AUGUSTINE | *ON GRACE AND FREE WILL*

“Satan promises the best—but pays with the worst! He promises honor—and pays with disgrace; he promises pleasure—and pays with pain; he promises profit—and pays with loss; he promises life— and pays with death. But God pays as He promises; all His payments are made in pure gold...”

THOMAS BROOKS | *HEAVEN ON EARTH*

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
ORDINARY TIME