

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Let us worship God,
All for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.
Leader Listen, listen to me,
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.
All We have come to hear the Word God has sent.
Leader God’s Word will not return empty
but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.
All Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills will sing;
the trees of the field will clap their hands.
Leader Let us sing to the One who sets us free from sin and death!
—based on Is. 55:2, 11-12; Jn. 4:24

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING / C. BATEMAN

1. Come, Christians, join to sing;
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
to us He’ll condescend;
His love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again;
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven’s blissful shore,
His goodness we’ll adore,
singing forevermore,
Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

**All Lord God, we gather in this place
not because we are deserving of your love
and not because we have lived faithfully before your face.
We gather here because you have called us.
You loved us before we could love you.
You have given your Son for our salvation.
For this we join all creation in blessing you, praising you, thanking you.
Holy, holy, holy, are you Lord God Almighty!
You are great, and greatly to be praised.
As we offer our praise, we long for you to mold us in the image of
your Son, whose death and resurrection give us hope.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

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

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*

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING / R. ROBINSON

1. Come Thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I’m fixed upon it,
mount of Thy redeeming love!

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by Thy help I’m come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood

3. Oh to grace how great a debtor,
daily I’m constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to Thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart, oh take and seal it;
seal it for Thy courts above

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses. In every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God. —based on Heb. 4:15-16

Together **Gracious Father, in our weakness we have failed to walk with your Son in his way of selfless love;
we have not resisted temptation and have given ourselves to actions and attitudes that harm ourselves and our neighbors.
Lord, we are asleep. Wake us up!
Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love.
We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Silence is kept together

SONG OF ASSURANCE

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.

WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE

Leader Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, we are forgiven! Let us praise God for his indescribable gift! —based on Joel 2:13; 2 Cor. 9:15

All Thanks be to God!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Eleanor Jeanne Huxell

Questions for Caroline and Blake Huxell, Eleanor’s parents:

- Do you acknowledge Eleanor’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- Do you claim God’s covenant promises on Eleanor’s behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
- Do you now unreservedly dedicate your daughter to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question for the Congregation:

- Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child? (see next page)

Let us remember our own baptisms and confess our faith. In whom do you believe? I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **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 LESSON

Luke 22:39-53 (ESV)

³⁹ And he [Jesus] came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” ⁴¹ And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” ⁴³ And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵ And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?” ⁴⁹ And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³ When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Ben Ewen

Sermon Series: Walking with Jesus to the Cross and Resurrection
Sermon Title: Waking Up To The Good News

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. 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

JESUS PAID IT ALL / E. HALL

1. I hear the Savior say,
“Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all.”

2. Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed me white as snow

3. Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots
And melt the heart of stone
4. For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim
I’ll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb

5. And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save”
My lips shall still repeat

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

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Go in peace to love and serve our Lord.

All

Thanks be to God! Amen!

—Gal. 1:2-5, NIV

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

ORDINARY TIME

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus’ passion and celebrating Jesus’ resurrection. The season is 40 days long and its theme is repentance. Purple is the traditional color used during the season.

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Movie Night:** College students and movie lovers are invited to a viewing and discussion of “Castaway”. See Pastor Ben for details.
- **Lenten Prayer:** All are invited before Sunday service at 9:15am on 2/25, and 3/3 for a time of prayer for Grace, one another, and our world. On 3/10, we’ll gather to pray specifically for the healing of body, mind, relationships, and any conflict. We’ll meet in the Cliff Benedict room. See Pastor Marc for more information.
- **Lenten Service:** We’re looking for a few more hands to help clean Door of Hopes new house on 3/2. We’re also assembling hygiene care packages for our unhoused neighbors on 3/17. Email mercy@gracepasadena.org if you’d like to contribute supplies like soap, sanitizer, socks, etc...
- **Holy Week:** Stay tuned for details about Holy Week at Grace!
- **Easter Sunday:** Do you have experience arranging flowers or decorating? Or enjoy putting together charcuterie, cheese, and veggie boards? Or have good lifting form and are happy to move tables, chairs, or other equipment? Or like helping throw a party? Then, we’d love your help for our Easter Sunday Celebration! Email info@gracepasadena.org to volunteer.

**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

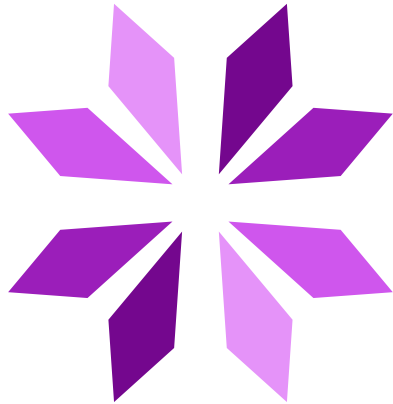
	JAN-DEC ‘23*	JAN ‘24*	FEB ‘24*
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$555,909	\$32,320	\$19,764
BUDGETED GIVING _____	557,000	--	--
DIFFERENCE _____	-1,091	--	--

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“A silly idea is current that good people do not know what temptation means. This is an obvious lie. Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is... A man who gives in to temptation after five minutes simply does not know what it would have been like an hour later. That is why bad people, in one sense, know very little about badness. They have lived a sheltered life by always giving in.”

C.S. LEWIS | *MERE CHRISTIANITY*

Lent offers a beautiful opportunity to discover the mystery of Christ within us. It is a gentle but also demanding time. It is a time of solitude but also community, it is a time of listening to the voice within, but also a time of paying attention to other people’s needs. It is a time to continuously make the passage to new inner life as well as to life with those around us.

When we live Lent attentively and gently, then Easter can truly be a celebration during which the full proclamation of the risen Christ will reverberate into the deepest place of our being.

HENRI NOUWEN | *CALLED TO LIFE, CALLED TO LOVE*

It is good to be last not first,
Pending the present distress;
It is good to hunger and thirst,
So it be for righteousness.

It is good to spend and be spent,
It is good to watch and to pray:
Life and Death make a goodly Lent
So it leads us to Easter Day.

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI | *“LENT”*

THE 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024