

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Brothers and sisters, who calls you today?
Together Jesus Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of creation, the one through whom all things were created and in whom all things are held together!

Leader This is our God!
He is our Redeemer, Brother, and Friend who delights to draw near and reveal himself to us.

**Together Let us worship together!
Let us sing songs of praise and thanksgiving!**

– from Col. 1

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: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
we, your saints, give you praise and give thanks to your holy name!
We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!
We may cry through the night,
but your joy comes with the morning.
You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.
You turn our mourning into dancing!
Our lips cannot be silent!
O God, our Savior, bind our hearts to you
and may we give thanks to you forever! **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

O, GREAT IS OUR GOD / THE SING TEAM

1. O, great is our God,
So we should worship greatly
No song is too loud,
No orchestra too stately
To hail the majesty of our King
So lift your voices loud as we sing!

2. O, great is our God,
So let our songs be endless!
So awesome His ways, how could we
Comprehend them?
So we will make it known to our kids
And we will sing
About the gracious gifts You give!

CHORUS

*We will sing Your praise,
And pour forth Your fame
We will bless Your name,
Let every one give thanks,
Because our God is great!*

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE / W. CHALMERS SMITH

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting,
and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

3. To all, life Thou givest,
to both great and small,
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all,
We blossom and flourish
as leaves on a tree,
And wither and perish,
but naught changeth Thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory,
Thou dwellest in light,
Thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight,
All laud we would render,
O help us to see 'tis only the splendor
of light hideth thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you
and for ignoring your immensity and greatness of your faithful love.
Lord Jesus, forgive us for forgetting that you alone are the head of the Church
and hold the nations and our lives together by your grace.
Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing
the power of your comfort and guidance and squandering your gifts.
We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God,
has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and half-hearted repentance.
Have mercy upon us and bring us new faith, hope, and love. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Community Silence

SONG OF ASSURANCE

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS / J. SCRIVEN

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer.
O, what peace we often forfeit,
O, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE

Leader All the prophets testify about Jesus Christ that everyone who believes
in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through
him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things
in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.
Believe and be at peace! *—from Acts 10:43; Col. 1:19-20*

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.) A nursery is available for the littlest ones.*

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.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:15-23 (ESV)

¹⁵ He [Jesus Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invis-
ible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created
through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold
together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the
firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him
all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to
himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of
his cross.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he
has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy
and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the
faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard,
which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul,
became a minister.

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Marc Choi

*“Imagining the Face of Jesus Christ”
Sermon Series: Hidden With Christ*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*With confidence, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our church, city, and world
to God with one heart and voice:*

Leader Lord of our doubts, our fears often loom larger than you. Give us
eyes to see the depth, height, and width of your great love for us
and the world you made; may we experience the embrace of your
strong arms so that we might know your sustaining presence. For
this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Lord of our chaos, our broken world spirals out of control. Give us
eyes to see your presence in all things and new imagination for the
resurrection life you are bringing. Give us courage to move into the
dark places, and may we walk in your justice, love, and humility.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Lord of our heartbreak, we pray for our brothers and sisters in deep
waters: refugees, the poor, the weak, the lonely, the suffering; for
those without homes or separated from loved ones. We lament
loss and disruption, and we weep with those who weep. *(silence)*
As you were to the disciples, be immediately near to them and
establish them in the good news of your love; restore joy and
flourishing. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer and fix our eyes on you. 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 band. Participate as you feel comfortable.*

CHILDREN: *Children who are baptized, can profess faith in Jesus Christ in an age appropri-
ate 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

OH HAPPY DAY / E. HAWKINS

Oh happy day! Oh happy day!
When Jesus washed
Oh when He washed
When He washed
All my sins away

Oh happy day
He taught me how to walk
Right and pray, right and pray!
And live rejoicing every day,
Every day!

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 May Christ be with you, before you, behind you,
in you, beneath you, above you;
may Christ be on your right and on your left;
may Christ be with you when you lie down, sit down, and arise;
may Christ be in the heart of everyone who thinks of you,
in the mouth of everyone who speaks of you,
in every eye that sees you, and in every ear that hears you.
May you have eyes to see Christ in all things
and be drawn more deeply into the love of the Triune God.
— adapted from a prayer attributed to St. Patrick

All **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **10/2:** College Students Gathering @ 12PM
- **10/8:** Women's Fall Retreat
- **10/9:** Practicing the Presence @ 8:45AM
- **10/23:** Faith & Work Collective for the Caring Professions @ 8:45AM
- **10/28:** Grace Book Club @ 7:30PM ("The Life We're Looking For" by Andy Crouch)

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

	<u>JAN-DEC '21</u>	<u>JAN-AUG</u>	<u>SEP '22'</u>
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	488,889	297,063	36,374
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,000	306,000	39,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+20,889	-8,937	-2,626

¹as of 9/29/2022; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors



"When I look into the Face of Jesus, and see there the very face of God, I know that I have not seen that face elsewhere and cannot see that face elsewhere. And secretly, in the hour of meditation, when we try to look into God's face, still it is the face of Christ that comes up before us. What Jesus was on earth God is forever"

H. R. MACKINTOSH

Lord, let your face be lined.
Lord, let your hair be gray with patience.
Holy Father, let your cheeks be silver with long growth
as you put up with me and put up with me.
Lord, let your face be a blazon of parts
in which I can name you sufficient
to be seen in your unseen presence.
Lord, let your face be lined with the knowledge
of my sins. Let your brow be increased in forgiveness.
Lord, let your eyes be clear of lightning
and your foggy voice unboss itself of thunder.
Lord, let your face be lined
and your massive chest be peaceful in breathing,
the falling and rising that is my slow way to you.

NICHOLAS SAMARAS | "THE PSALM OF YOUR FACE"

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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