

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All **My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

All **I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

All **Blessed are we who take refuge in God!  
Blessed are we who know Jesus Christ,  
in whom we are knit together in love  
and receive all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge!**

—based on Ps. 34:1-8; Col. 2:2

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS / E. MOTE

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus’ blood and righteousness!  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

4. When He shall come  
with trumpet sound,  
O, may I then in Him be found!  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All: God, our Father, we praise you:  
through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things.  
You gladly revealed your salvation to all the world  
by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
Through your Holy Spirit  
you bring us together into a new family  
and give us a share in your life and love.  
Fill us with the vision of your glory,  
that we may be drawn more deeply into the mystery of your love  
and know more and more the riches you give to us. **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS / T. CHISHOLM

1. Great is Thy faithfulness,  
O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions they fail not;  
as Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

3. Pardon for sin  
and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence  
to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today  
and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine,  
with ten thousand beside.

2. Summer and winter  
and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars  
in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness,  
mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided,  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

EVIDENCE / J. BALDWIN

1. All throughout my history  
Your faithfulness has walked beside me  
The winter storms made way for spring  
In every season, from where I’m standing

2. Help me remember when I’m weak  
Fear may come but fear will leave  
You lead my heart to victory  
You are my strength  
and You always will be

CHORUS  
I see the evidence of Your goodness  
All over my life, all over my life  
I see Your promises in fulfillment  
All over my life, all over my life

BRIDGE  
See the cross, the empty grave  
The evidence is endless  
All my sin rolled away  
Because of You, oh Jesus

ENDING  
Why should I fear, the evidence is here

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of love, we are sorry for the many times  
we have left you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires;  
for the times we have hurt the members of our families by ignoring their needs;  
for the times we were unkind and impatient  
with those who needed our time and concern;  
for the times we were too slow to defend the weak and vulnerable  
and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.  
Reconciling God, we are sorry for the times we refused to forgive others.  
We humble ourselves before you and ask for forgiveness. **Amen.**

Community Silence

SONG OF ASSURANCE

HOLY FOREVER / C. TOMLIN

1. A thousand generations  
falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who’ve gone before us  
and all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

2. If you’ve been forgiven  
and if you’ve been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom  
and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We’ll sing the song forever and amen

CHORUS  
And the angels cry, Holy  
All creation cries, Holy  
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever  
Hear your people sing, Holy  
To the King of Kings, Holy  
You will always be, Holy, Holy forever

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.

All Thanks be to God!

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

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. Our nursery, located behind the check-in table, is available for children ages 0-23 months (drop off only). A wiggle area for toddlers 2+ and their parents/guardians is available in the lounge area next to the double glass doors leading to the back patio.

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](http://www.gracepasadena.org/give).

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:24-2:5 (ESV)

<sup>1:24</sup> Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup> of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery hid- den for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

<sup>2:1</sup> For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, <sup>2</sup> that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. <sup>5</sup> For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Marc Choi

“Plausible Arguments”  
Sermon Series: Hidden With Christ

PRAYERS OF RESPONSE & CONFESSION OF FAITH

In silence, let us gather our prayers for ourselves, our church, and world.

Leader Triune God, teach us to see you in the beauty of the world. Awaken  
praise and thanks for all that you have made. For this, O Lord, we  
pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Let your love be stronger than the anger and sorrow in the world.  
Give peace to your church, peace between countries, peace in our  
homes, and peace in our hearts, minds, and bodies. For this, O  
Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Come near to everyone who is in trouble or afraid, cold or hungry,  
or anyone who doesn’t know what to do. Show them your help and  
your love; bring the lost home to you. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader In prayerful silence, let us continue offering our , thanksgivings,  
and laments to our God. (silence)

All Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, fix our eyes on you as we wait for  
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

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

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 In your journeys to and fro God direct you;  
in your happiness and pleasure God bless you;  
in care, anxiety, or trouble God sustain you;  
in peril and in danger God protect you.  
May your hearts always be encouraged, knit together in love,  
and filled with the knowledge of Jesus Christ.  
The grace of God be with you all, now and always.

All Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **10/23:** Faith & Work Collective for the Caring Professions @ 8:45AM  
College Movie Night at 6:30PM
- **10/28:** Grace Book Club @ 7:30PM (“The Life We’re Looking For” by Andy Crouch)
- **11/6:** “Practicing the Presence” at 8:45AM
- **11/11:** Monthly Women’s Bible Study at 6:30PM

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 ‘21	JAN-SEP	OCT ‘22¹
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	488,889	334,527	16,423
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,000	345,000	39,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+20,889	-10,473	-22,577

¹as of 10/14/2022; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors



“When we speak of wisdom, we are speaking about Christ. When we speak about virtue, we are speaking about Christ. When we speak about justice, we are speaking about Christ. When we are speaking about truth and life and redemption, we are speaking about Christ.”

ST. AMBROSE OF MILAN

“The Bible is primarily a book not of information but of formation, not merely a book to be analyzed, scrutinized, and discussed but a sacred book to nurture us, to unify our hearts and minds, and to serve as a constant source of contemplation.”

HENRI NOUWEN | *SPIRITUAL FORMATION*

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  
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