

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader We gather in the presence of our God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
What do we ask of our God today?

All **Teach us, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and we will keep it to the end.**

Leader Give us understanding, that we may keep your law and observe it with our whole hearts.

All **Lead us in the path of your commandments, for we delight in it.**

Leader Incline our hearts to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!

All **Turn our eyes from looking at worthless things; and give us life in your ways.**

Leader Confirm to your servants your promise, that you may be awed.
Turn away the reproach that we dread, for your rules are good.

All **Behold, we long for your precepts; in your righteousness give us life!**
—from Psalm 119:33-40

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS / WORDS: Ps. 24, MUSIC: G. WEISEL

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!

2. A helper just, He comes to thee;
his chariot is humility;
his kingly crown is holiness;
his scepter, kindness in distress!

3. O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes,
to whom this King in triumph comes!

4. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart!
The Word made flesh descends to dwell
with joy for you who His mercies tell.

5. So come, my Lord, and enter in,
let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on
until Thy glorious victories won!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All: We thank you, O God,
for our baptism into Christ’s death and resurrection.
In the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters.
In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil in the water of the flood,
and by your saving ark you gave a new beginning.
In the night of trouble you led Israel through the sea.
In the water of the Jordan, our Lord was baptized.
In the baptism of Christ’s death and resurrection,
you have set us free from sin and death and opened up the way to eternal life.
May Christ, who sank deep into death and was raised Lord of life,
keep us in the grip of his hand now and always.
May your Spirit separate us from sin and mark us with a faith
that can stand the light of day and endure the dark of night.
To you be all honor and glory, dominion and power, now and forever,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

JESUS’ NAME / R. DELMORE

So beautiful, no name is higher
So wonderful, is Jesus’ name
Is Jesus’ name

Holy is Your name,
Holy is Your name

And every knee will bow
In heaven and the earth
And every eye will see
The measure of Your worth
There is no one like You
Risen Son of God

ROCK OF AGES / A. TOPLADY

1. Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood
from Thy wounded side which flowed
*be of sin the double cure,
save from wrath and make me pure!*

2. Could my tears forever flow?
Could my zeal no longer know?
For these sins what could atone?
Thou must save and Thou alone!
*In my hand no price I bring,
simply to the cross I cling!*

3. While I draw this final breath,
and my eyes shall close in death;
when I rise to worlds unknown,
and behold Thee on Thy throne:
*Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God and Father of lights, you are the giver of all that is good.
Today we thank you for your gifts, but we also confess that sometimes
we love your gifts more than we love you.
We confess wanting more and more:
food, clothes, status, power, money, and knowledge.
Forgive us for not being content and thankful.
Forgive us for thinking little of the fullness of life you freely give
and turning instead to empty visions and promises of the good life.
Forgive our selfishness and reorder our desires.
By your Spirit, help us to love you more than everything else
and to share your abundant life with our neighbors.
We pray in the name of Jesus, in whom we are buried and raised
and by whom we are made truly alive **Amen.**
Community Silence

SONG OF ASSURANCE

PENSIVE, DOUBTING, FEARFUL HEART / J. NEWTON

1. Pensive, doubting, fearful heart,
hear what Christ the Savior says;
every word should joy impart,
change thy mourning into praise.
Yes, He speaks and speaks to thee,
may He help thee to believe;
then thou presently will see
thou has little cause to grieve.

2. Fear thou not, nor be ashamed;
all thy sorrows soon shall end,
I, who heaven and earth have framed,
am thy Husband and thy Friend;
I, the High and Holy One,
Israel’s God, by all adored,
as thy Savior will be known,
thy Redeemer and thy Lord.

3. For a moment I withdrew,
and thy heart was filled with pain;
but my mercies I’ll renew;
Thou shall soon rejoice again;
though I seem to hide my face,
very soon my wrath shall cease;
‘tis but for a moment’s space,
ending in eternal peace.

4. Though afflicted, tempest tossed,
comfortless awhile thou art,
do not think thou can be lost,
Thou art graven on my heart;
all thy wastes I will repair;
Thou shalt be rebuilt anew;
and in thee it shall appear
What the God of love can do.

WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE

Leader Turn to Jesus Christ and receive his good words. Truly, truly he says to you: “I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” Be at peace! —Jn 10:7-10

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. 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.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 2:8-15 (ESV)

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE

Brannin Pitre

*“Treasures In The Shipwreck Of Our Lives”
Sermon Series: Hidden With Christ*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Leader Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life, raise us who trust in him from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above and be renewed in the image and glory of our Creator. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Lord Jesus Christ, who is seated above all power and dominion and rulers and authorities, teach the nations to walk in the way of peace and to seek after mercy and justice, that the poor might be satisfied with good things and wars might cease from the face of the earth. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Most Holy Spirit of God, who gives light and life to your people, may your presence abide among all your saints. Comfort all who are afflicted and weighed down with sorrow, heal all those who suffer in body or in soul, and grant faith to all who are tried by tribulations. 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 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

TAKE MY LIFE / F. HAVERGAL

1. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, for Thee. Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee; swift and beautiful for Thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee; filled with messages from Thee.

4. Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne; it shall be Thy royal throne.

5. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee; ever, only, all for Thee.

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always. — from Phil. 4:7

All Thanks be to God! Amen!

ABOUT THE NEW BANNER

You may have noticed the new banner featured in the background of our recent worship services. It is the creation of daughter/father art collaborators Clare and Tim Hawkinson. Taking as a starting point Clare’s interest in traditional filet crochet textiles, the piece upscales this delicate handiwork and is rendered in Tim’s less-than-traditional materials -- industrial netting and plastic table cloths from Party City. Grace Pasadena’s familiar logo is framed by a traditional border which would have been common in 18th and 19th century crochet.

Clare is a college freshman, studying studio art at the Rhode Island School of Design. Tim is an artist who lives and works in Altadena.

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	

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	24,760
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,000	345,000	39,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+20,889	-10,473	-14,240

¹as of 10/21/2022; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors



(626) 653-6036 (voicemail or text) | info@gracepasadena.org | www.gracepasadena.org

Mailing/Office Address:
16 N Marengo Ave Ste 609
Pasadena, CA 91101

Music lyrics printed by permission: CCLI #2816052
Scripture quotations are from the Holy Bible, English Standard Version
© 2001 Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers
Used by permission. All rights reserved.



“For if human flourishing requires us to love with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, what happens when nothing in our lives develops those capacities? With what, exactly, will we love?”

ANDY CROUCH | THE LIFE WE’RE LOOKING FOR

“Some days I wish our Eucharistic meal in church were a bit more like a real meal, thick slices of focaccia and glasses of cabernet. But I have come to appreciate the small wafer, the small sip of wine. In the Holy Eucharist, we take a miniature sip of wine and a small bite of wafer, and we call this God’s abundance. I believe by regularly proclaiming that God’s abundance can be found in something small, we are gradually retooling our understandings of what is truly necessary for life.”

LAUREN WINNER | WEARING GOD

ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 23, 2022