

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
All Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader Teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.
All Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Leader Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us.
All Let us sing to the one who establishes the work of our hands!

—from Psalm 90

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.

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.

CHORUS

On Christ the solid rock I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

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.

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.

PRAYER OF PRAISE & ADORATION

All: Praise be to you,
O LORD, God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.
Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.
Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.
In your hands are strength
and power to exalt and give strength to all.
Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name!

—1 Chron. 29:10-13 (NIV)

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

HE IS LORD / J. BARNETT

I will call on the name
of the Lord, my God
I will lift up my voice
to give praise to my King

Every knee will bow,
every tongue confess that He is Lord
Every knee will bow,
every tongue confess that He is Lord

He’s the light in the darkness
He’s the calm in the storm
He’s the hope of the righteous
He is Lord, He is Lord

There is peace in the presence
of the Lord, my God
There is power in the blood
of the Lamb that was slain

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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3. Lo! Th’ incarnate God ascended,
pleads the merit of His blood;
venture on Him, venture wholly;
let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus,
can do helpless sinners good.
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can do helpless sinners good.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Our lives are cluttered, Lord Jesus,
by too many things and too much to do.
We are driven by the need to succeed,
to be comfortable,
and to make a name for ourselves.
Lost in the clutter, we have been distracted from your love
and from loving others.
Forgive us, gracious Lord.
Reorder our lives by your grace
and teach us what is necessary, which is to sit at your feet.
In your name, we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept together.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

KYRIE ELESION / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Elei—son

Christe, Christe Eleison
Christe, Christe Eleison
Christe Eleison
Christe Elei—son

WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE

Leader Hear and receive these good words: “For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not
perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the
world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be
saved through him.

All Thanks be to God!

—from John 3:16-17

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. For more information about our Children’s Ministry,
please see our director, Caroline, or email her at families@gracepasadena.org.

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 Ecclesiastes 2:17-26; 4:4-8 (ESV)

^{2:17} So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, for
all is vanity and a striving after wind. ¹⁸ I hated all my toil in which I toil under
the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me,¹⁹ and who
knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I
toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned about
and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun,
²¹ because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and
skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This
also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What has a man from all the toil and striving of
heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³ For all his days are full of sorrow,
and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is
vanity.

²⁴ There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find
enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for apart from
him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶ For to the one who pleases him
God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the
business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This
also is vanity and a striving after wind.

^{4:4} Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from a man’s envy of his
neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind. ⁵ The fool folds his hands
and eats his own flesh. ⁶ Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil
and a striving after wind. ⁷ Again, I saw vanity under the sun: ⁸ one person who
has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes
are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, “For whom am I toiling and
depriving myself of pleasure?” This also is vanity and an unhappy business.

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

MORNING MESSAGE Brannin Pitre

“Chasing After Achievement”
Sermon Series: When All You Want Isn’t Enough

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 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 accept-
ed. 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 faith-
fully in life. Amen.

SONGS OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

JUST A CLOSER WALK TO THEE

1. I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

REFRAIN

Just a closer walk with Thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to Thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Thro' this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord,
none but Thee.

3. When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER/ MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

Glory be to the Father,
Glory be to the Son,
Glory be to the Holy Ghost! (2x)

As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be:
world without end, world without end;
Amen, amen!

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us,
and the love of God, which enables us to love all,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body,
make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
And in all that you do,
may the Lord establish the work of your hands!

—based on 2 Cor. 13:13; Ps. 90:17

All Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Week of 1/22:** City Groups Resume
- **2/12:** Super Cereal Bowl Family Event @ 9:15AM
- **2/22:** Ash Wednesday Service @ 7PM
- **2/24 - 2/25 :** Men's Retreat. Contact Pastor Marc for details.

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>IAN-DEC '22</u>	<u>DEC '22*</u>	<u>IAN '23*</u>
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$546,803	\$132,759	\$6,979
BUDGETED GIVING _____	501,000	78,000	--
DIFFERENCE _____	+45,803	+54,759	--

* as of 1/13/2022; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors; 2023 budget will be finalized and posted in the next few weeks



"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'"

"Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

"Power is life. And flourishing power leads to flourishing life. Of course, like life itself, power is nothing—worse than nothing—without love. But love without power is less than it was meant to be."

ANDY CROUCH

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

Epiphany follows Christ's birth and points us out from that moment to the world. The Magi traveled from afar to worship Jesus, and their eyes were opened to who God is and what he is doing. The Light is dawning in the darkness, drawing in all peoples. As Philip Reinders says: "Epiphany calls us to live God's mission, announcing the good news of Christ's arrival to every culture and to those who live across the street, bearing the light of Jesus to the nations and to those who share a home with us. We, the church, are sent out as the manifestation of Jesus to a watching world." May we, with eyes wide open, see and celebrate the fact that Jesus is the light of the world—and of our lives too.



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