

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Come, seek the Lord while he may be found.  
Come, call upon him while he is near.  
Hurry and come as you are!

All **We hear the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd;  
we cast aside all that hinders us;  
we receive our God with joy!**

Leader Salvation has come to you and your house and to the world!

All **Through our worship may we announce good news to all:  
We are reconciled, redeemed, and renewed!** – based on *Is. 55:6; Lk. 19*

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

*O, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES / C. WESLEY; B. CHADWICK*

1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer’s praise;  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of His grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of Thy name!

*REFRAIN*  
*Hallelujah,*  
*I will sing my great Redeemer’s praise!*

3. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
’tis music in the sinner’s ears,  
’tis life, and health, and peace.

4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean,  
his blood availed for me. (*REFRAIN*)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

**All:** Lord God, we gather in this place because you have called us in love; 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, Lord God Almighty! You are great, and greatly to be praised. As we offer our praise, we long to see Jesus and to be made like him, whose death and resurrection give us hope. By your Spirit, make new room in our hearts for the joy of your salvation! **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

*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

*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*

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

5. He speaks and listening to His voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe!

6. Hear Him, ye deaf,  
his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind behold your Savior come,  
and leap, ye lame, for joy. (*REFRAIN*)

WHO YOU SAY I AM / B. FIELDING & R. MORGAN

1. Who am I that the highest King  
would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me, oh His love for me

*Chorus 1*  
*Who the Son sets free*  
*Oh is free indeed*  
*I’m a child of God, yes I am*

2. Free at last, He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me, yes,he died for me

*Chorus 2*  
*Who the Son sets free*  
*Oh is free indeed*  
*I’m a child of God, yes I am*

*Bridge*  
*I am chosen, Not forsaken*  
*I am who You say I am*  
*You are for me, Not against me*  
*I am who You say I am*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All:** God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. As we receive your welcome, give us courage to name the wrongs we have done in our thoughts, words, and deeds; and show us how we might right our wrongs. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **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 The Lord of promise has declared: “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”

Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God’s promises are “Yes.” Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!  
—based on *Ezk. 36:26; 2 Cor. 1:20*

All **Thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY MOMENT

*As Lenten fasting turns us towards God, it also creates space for others and moves us towards them. Fasting always leads to open hearts and lives because it re-orientes us to God and his love, which by nature, must be shared. Listen to ways you might be able to share God’s love with others through our city ministry partners.*

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. Middle School students are invited to join Pastor Ben.*

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

**Luke 19:1-10 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> He entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup> So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. <sup>7</sup> And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” <sup>8</sup> And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE

**“Zacchaeus”**  
*Sermon Series: Characteristics of Change*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again. Like Zacchaeus, give us hearts that long to see you: meet us in our desire and show us that you are never far away. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Set your world free from war, bitterness, and hatred. May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world. May our leaders submit to your peace. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader By your Spirit, heal those who feel the pain and uncertainty of illness in the heart, mind, or body, as well as those upended by snow, rains and floods. Strengthen us to offer them our time and care and comfort. We pray also for those struggling with work: bless the work of their hands! For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer. 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. 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

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

MORE LOVE TO THEE / E. PRENTISS

1. More love to Thee, O Christ,  
more love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make  
on bended knee.  
This is my earnest plea:  
More love, O Christ, to Thee;  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

2. Once earthly joy I craved,  
sought peace and rest;  
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.  
This all my prayer shall be:  
More love, O Christ to Thee;  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

3. Then shall my latest breath  
whisper Thy praise;  
This be the parting cry  
my heart shall raise;  
Still all my prayer shall be:  
More love, O Christ to Thee;  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader May the God of love, who shared his love, strengthen us in our love for others. May the Son who shared his life grant us grace, that we might share our life. And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us empower us to be only and always for others.

All Thanks be to God! Amen!

LOVING OUR CITY & NEIGHBORS

The season of Lent calls us to find ourselves by turning to God and to others. If you’re already not familiar with our city ministry partners, would you take some time this Lent to learn about them and consider how you might join their work of loving our neighbors right here in our city? In the same way, could you get to know our Park Ministry and consider how you might support it? Information and opportunities are available at the Mercy Table in the lobby. Let’s keep a holy Lent together!

- **Door of Hope:** visit <https://doorofhope.us>
- **Elizabeth House:** visit <https://www.elizabethhouse.net>
- **Olive Crest:** visit <https://www.olivecrest.org>
- **Pasadena Park Ministry:** email Kelly at [mercy@gracepasadena.org](mailto:mercy@gracepasadena.org)

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT  
CHRISTMAS  
EPIPHANY  
**LENT**  
EASTER  
PENTECOST  
ORDINARY TIME

From the church’s earliest days, Lent was a time of preparation for Easter, or the Resurrection. It was celebrated not on Sunday, the Lord’s Day, but also in a special festival of the Resurrection. As we look forward to the Resurrection, Lent is traditionally focused on repentance. Speaking biblically, to repent means to make a change in our attitudes, words, and lifestyles. The Christian life in its totality is a life of repentance. Each day, we are to turn away more and more from sin and self-centeredness and more and more towards our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to experience true freedom and rest.

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **3/10:** Women’s Monthly Bible Study
- **3/19:** Baptism + Lord’s Supper Workshop for Parents/Families @ 9:15AM  
Chili Cook-Off after the service!
- **3/18:** Youth Group Knott’s Berry Farm trip
- **3/20:** College Faith and Film night
- **4/2:** Start of Holy Week  
4/2: *Palm Sunday Service*/Congregational Meeting to approve 2023 budget  
4/7: *Good Friday Service* @ 6PM  
4/9: *Easter Celebration* in the Park @10AM
  - Children’s Easter Extravaganza before the service, time TBD
  - Church + Community Potluck after the service  
(sign up here to bring something: [bit.ly/3kE8SyP](https://bit.ly/3kE8SyP))

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

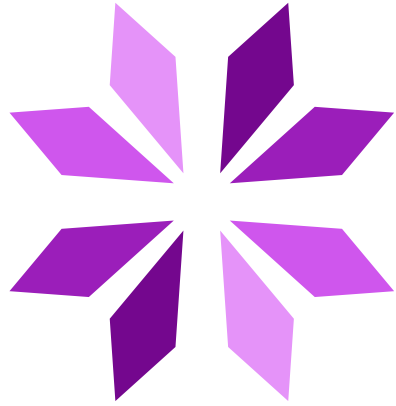
**Outward-Facing Community** – We seek the betterment of our city as we extend God’s grace by loving our neighbors as ourselves

**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>IAN ‘23*</u>	<u>FEB ‘23*</u>
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	<b>\$546,803</b>	<b>\$28,162</b>	<b>\$28,242</b>
BUDGETED GIVING _____	<b>501,000</b>	<b>39,000</b>	<b>39,000</b>
DIFFERENCE _____	<b>+45,803</b>	<b>-10,838</b>	<b>-10,758</b>

\* as of 3/2/2023; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors



“And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 (NIV)

“There is a beautiful transparency to honest disciples who never wear a false face and do not pretend to be anything but who they are.”

BRENNAN MANNING | *THE RAGAMUFFIN GOSPEL*

“Christ’s humanity is meant to speak to our humanity. We can in fact imagine that if someone we loved very deeply was restored to us, the joy in his or her voice would anticipate and share our joy. We can imagine how someone bringing us wonderful news might say our name tenderly to soften the shock of our delight.

MARILYNNE ROBINSON | *WHEN I WAS A CHILD I READ BOOKS*

THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 5, 2023



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