

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader In our anguish we cried to the LORD,  
and he answered by setting us free.  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
**All his love endures forever. Alleluia!**

Leader The LORD is our strength and our song;  
he has become our salvation.  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
**All his love endures forever. Alleluia!**

Leader We will not die but live,  
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
**All his love endures forever. Alleluia!**

Leader The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;  
**All The LORD has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader Christ is risen!  
**All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

**All:** Glorious Lord of life, we praise you!  
By the mighty resurrection of your Son  
you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him.  
Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ’s rising from the dead  
may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen! Alleluia!**

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

SING TO THE LORD (PSALM 96) / MUSIC: B. CHADWICK

Sing to the Lord a new song  
Sing to the Lord, all the earth  
Sing to the Lord a new song  
Sing to the Lord, all the earth

For great is the Lord  
Most worthy of praise  
For great is our God  
Most worthy of praise

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*

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*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All:** Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.  
We confess that we remain captive  
in our thoughts, words, and deeds.  
Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;  
new love where we have turned hard-hearted;  
new generosity where we have become selfish;  
forgiveness where we have been hurt;  
restoration with those whom we have wounded;  
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit  
where we are prisoners of ourselves.  
Fill us with your kindness to overflowing. **Amen.**

SONG OF ASSURANCE

CHRIST IS RISEN / M. MAHER

1. Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
We fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us, freely You bled, for us

**REFRAIN**  
Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave

2. Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bow to none but heaven’s will  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer’s crown  
No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign  
Forever let Your church proclaim

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

**BRIDGE**  
Oh death! Where is your sting?  
Oh hell! Where is your victory?  
Oh Church! Come stand in the light  
The glory of God has defeated the night  
Oh death! Where is your sting?  
Oh hell! Where is your victory?  
Oh Church! Come stand in the light  
Our God is not dead,  
He’s alive, He’s alive

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader “Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your vic-  
tory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the  
power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ. — 1 Cor. 15:55-57

**All Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Parents: Samuel and Helen Park  
Baptizands: Silas and Eleanor*

- Do you acknowledge Silas’ and Eleanor’s need of Jesus and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- Do you claim God’s covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do your own?
- Do you promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before Silas and Eleanor a godly example, that you will pray with and for him/her, that you will teach him/her the doctrines of our faith, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s provision, to bring him/her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question for the Congregation:

- Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?  
*(The congregation replies: We do!)*

*Let us remember our own baptisms and confess our faith. Brothers and Sisters,  
in whom do you believe and trust?*

**All:** I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**Together And also with you!**

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 Deut. 10:12-22; 1 Jn. 3:16-18 (ESV)

<sup>Deut. 10:12</sup> And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heartand with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> and to observe the Lord’s com-  
mands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

<sup>14</sup> To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. <sup>15</sup> Yet the Lord set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. <sup>16</sup> Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. <sup>18</sup> He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> And you are to love those who are foreign-  
ers, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. <sup>20</sup> Fear the Lord your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. <sup>21</sup> He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. <sup>22</sup> Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

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<sup>1 Jn 3:16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE Marc Choi  
“Resurrection Welcome”

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.

**PRAYER:** Are you in need of prayer? Leaders of Grace are ready to pray with you. Today, find a pastor or leader after the service. Share your needs as you feel comfortable. If you do not want to share, simply say you need prayer and leave it at that.

**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.

SONGS OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

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.

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

All

As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world.  
And may that same Christ, who lives forever and is the source of our new life, keep your hearts rejoicing and grant you peace this day and always.  
Christ is risen!  
**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!**

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

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

“The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word *pentekoste* means “fiftieth”). The Easter season is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love— the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy...”

– from “Seeking God’s Face” by Philip Reinders

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **4/23:** NEW Adult Formation series begins. Join us for four Sundays (4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/21) about the ways the story line of Scripture is reflected in stories and films.
- **5/6:** Beautification & Gardening Project at Elizabeth House
- **5/13:** Men’s Pickleball & Cookout from 10-2PM

Scan the QR code below for more details, other announcements and contact information!



KIDS’ CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

Parents and guardians, please use the QR code below to check in your kids for children’s church. Likewise, when kids return to the service, use the same QR code to check out your kids. This helps teachers and our children’s ministry director know your kids have been safely received. To check-in and -out the old fashioned way, please find Abbey at the children’s table.



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 ‘22	JAN-MAR ‘23*	APR ‘23*
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$546,803	\$104,508	\$9,908
BUDGETED GIVING _____	501,000	117,000	39,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+45,803	-12,492	-34,092

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“We become neighbors when we are willing to cross the road for one another...”

There is a lot of road crossing to do. We are all very busy in our own circles. We have our own people to go to and our own affairs to take care of. But if we could cross the road once in a while and pay attention to what is happening on the other side, we might indeed become neighbors.”

HENRI NOUWEN | BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

“[The seven last sayings] from the cross on that strange, terrible, Good Friday paint a beautiful multifaceted picture of Jesus as the great host of heaven. They also present us with an urgent challenge this Easter: Will we join with Jesus to invite others—outsiders, enemies, and strangers—into our homes and our hearts in anticipation of our eternal hope?”

KRISH KANDIAH | CHRISTIANITY TODAY, 3/18

“I think to truly feel whole — it’s not about acquiring something that we don’t have. It’s about remembering who we fundamentally are.”

DR. VIVEK MURTHY | ON BEING, 4/23

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 16, 2023