

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!  
All We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!  
Leader We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,  
we will sing praises to you among the nations.  
All For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.  
Leader Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you! Great is your salvation!  
All Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!  
Glory to our God, whose image we bear!  
Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
All He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

—based on Psalm 108:1-4

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

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

Sing to the Lord a new song Let the whole earth sing  
Sing to the Lord, all the earth (2x) To the Name above all names  
For great is the Lord  
Most worthy of praise  
For great is our God  
Most worthy of praise

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All: Creator God,  
because you make us in your image, we praise you.  
Because you make artists of us all,  
giving courage to look again at what is taken for granted,  
grace to share your grace and truth with others,  
and vision to reveal the future already in being, we praise you.  
Because you form your Word among us,  
and in your great work embrace all human experience,  
even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song, we praise you.  
Yours is the glory. Amen! Alleluia!

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS / WORDS: M. BRIDGES; ARR.: F. ORTEGA

1. Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns, all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing, of Him who died for thee,  
and hail Him as thy matchless King, through all eternity.  
2. Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,  
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky, can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye, at mysteries so bright.

TREMBLE / MOSAIC

1. Peace, bring it all to peace  
The storm surrounding me  
Let it break at Your name  
Still, call the sea to still  
The rage in me to still  
Every wave at Your name

CHORUS

Jesus, Jesus  
You make the darkness tremble  
Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear  
Jesus, Jesus

3. Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife, for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
4. Crown Him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou has died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail through all eternity.

2. Breathe, then call these bones to live  
Call these lungs to sing  
Once again, I will praise

BRIDGE

Your name  
is a light that the shadows can’t deny  
Your name cannot be overcome  
Your name is alive forever lifted high  
Your name cannot be overcome

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of birth, God of joy, God of life,  
we come to you as a people hungry for good news.  
We have been so dead to miracles  
that we have missed the world’s rebirth.  
We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures  
and have overlooked the joy you offer us.  
We have been so concerned with making a living  
that we have missed the life you set among us.  
Forgive us, gracious God.  
By your Spirit, open our eyes and our hearts to receive your life;  
open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

Silence is kept together

SONG OF ASSURANCE

BE THOU MY VISION / TRANS. MARY E. BYRNE

1. Be Thou my Vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought,  
by day or by night;  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my Light.  
2. Be Thou my Wisdom,  
and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true Son;  
Thou in me dwelling,  
and I with Thee one.  
3. Riches I heed not,  
nor man’s empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart;  
High King of Heaven,  
my treasure Thou art.  
4. High King of Heaven,  
my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven’s joys,  
O bright Heaven’s sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader “Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your  
victory? 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!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

New Members: John Herwig; David Moelker  
Paul and Esther Schissler; Akio Yamada and Joey Fung

The Baptizand: Charlotte Marie Corey

Questions for New Members

- Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Questions for Anders and Ashley Corey, parents of Charlotte Marie

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

Question for the Congregation:

- Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting Anders and Ashley in the Christian nurture of Charlotte? (The congregation replies: We do!)

Let us all remember our own baptisms and profess our faith:

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!

\*Children from ages 2 to 5th grade are invited to join our children’s program.  
Children return for communion. See Abbey for more information.

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

Isaiah 53:1-3 (ESV)

- <sup>1</sup> “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,  
you who seek the Lord:  
look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.  
<sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
that I might bless him and multiply him.  
<sup>3</sup> For the Lord comforts Zion;  
he comforts all her waste places  
and makes her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Barry Corey

“Chiseled from the Rock”

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 and will be available at the front during communion. 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.

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

WE ARE NOT OVERCOME / BIFROST ARTS

**CHORUS**  
Because of His great love  
We are not overcome  
Because of His great love  
We are not overcome

1. Flesh will fail, bones will break  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake  
Night will fall, light will fade  
The Lord will give, and take away

2. Put no trust in the earth  
In the ground you stand upon  
Flowers fade into dust  
The Lord will make a place for us

3. Have no fear, for your life  
Turn your cheek, Turn your cheek  
Bear the yoke, love in death  
The Lord will give life and breath

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

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord.  
May Christ’s rising lift your spirits and gladden your hearts.  
May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing  
so that you may abound in hope.  
Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— bless you now  
and forever!  
Christ is risen!

All

**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

- **4/30:** Adult Formation series continues. Join us for the next two classes on 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!



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	\$19,463
BUDGETED GIVING _____	501,000	117,000	44,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+45,803	-12,492	-24,537

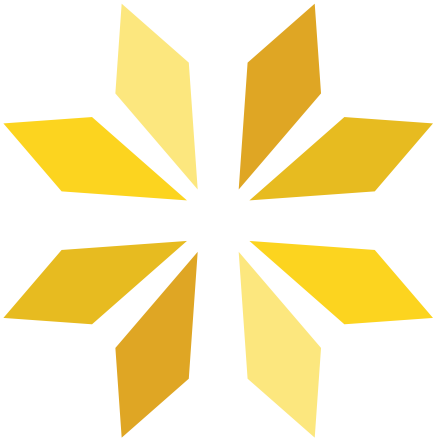
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“Being a Christian involves a personal, vital identification with Jesus Christ, and this union with Him is dramatically set forth in our baptism.”

JOHN STOTT | *Secret Church*

“We are not to reflect on the wickedness of men but to look to the image of God in them, an image which, covering and obliterating their faults, an image which, by its beauty and dignity, should allure us to love and embrace them.”

JOHN CALVIN | *Institutes of the Christian Religion*

“We are what we love. If we love God, in whose image we were created, we discover ourselves in him and we cannot help being happy: we have already achieved something of the fullness of being for which we were destined in our creation. If we love everything else but God, we contradict the image born in our very essence, and we cannot help being unhappy, because we are living a caricature of what we are meant to be.”

THOMAS MERTON | *A Book of Hours*

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 30, 2023