

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Come, bow down and worship, kneel to the Lord, our maker.
All This is our God, our shepherd, we are the flock led with care.
Leader We have gathered to praise our gracious God.
All Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! —based on Psalm 96:6-7

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF PRAISE

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.

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

JESUS’ NAME / R. DELMORE

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader Christian, what is your confession of sin?
All Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus’ powerful name, (silence) Amen.

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**)
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**)

BRIDGE

*See the cross, the empty grave
The evidence is endless
All my sin rolled away
Because of You, oh Jesus*

ENDING

Why should I fear, the evidence is here

Holy is Your name
Holy is Your name

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Christians, lift up your heads!
Know that the LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

All Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the peace of Christ be with you.

All And also with you!

Leader Therefore, let us greet one another.

Children ages 2 to 5th grade are invited to participate in our children’s program during the sermon; children return for Communion.

SONG OF FAITH

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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader Christians, what do you believe?

All In tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, and sword, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For we are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. —from Romans 8:35-39

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Empower the church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide so that, united in your truth and love, the church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit together at one table, and serve you in one common ministry. (*silence*)
Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Leader Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition and to bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for peace and justice, that all your children may dwell secure, free of war and injustice. (*silence*)
Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Leader Sustain those among us who need your healing touch. Make the sick whole, give hope to the dying, comfort those who mourn, and uphold all who suffer in body or mind, not only those we know and love but also those known only to you, that they may know the peace and joy of your supporting care (*silence*)
Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer. (continued)

Leader Strengthen this congregation in its work and worship. Fill our hearts with your self-giving love, that our voices may speak your praise and our lives may conform to the image of your Son. Nourish us with your Word and sacraments, that we may faithfully minister in your name and witness to your love and grace for all the world. (*silence*)
Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Leader O God, in your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you’re visiting with us for the first time, please fill out an information card (available at the welcome table) and drop it into the offering box or give it to a church staff member. For more announcements, see the back of the bulletin or visit our website.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43 (ESV)

³⁶ Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹ So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

Leader This is the word of the Lord!

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Ben Ewen

Sermon Title: “The Power to Raise”

RESPONSE OF FAITH AND OFFERTORY

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: 16 N Marengo Ave Ste 609, Pasadena, CA 91101; or give via our app (iOS and Android) or website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.

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 appropriate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.*

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Leader Therefore we declare the great mystery of our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament

**All Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

Leader These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

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

TAKE MY LIFE / F. HAVERGAL

<p>1. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, for Thee. Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The one who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he'll do it! Alleluia!

All **Alleluia! Amen!**

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

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

<p>ADVENT CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY LENT EASTER PENTECOST ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>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.</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **City Group Leadership Training | August 18** - If you've ever been curious about how to lead a group, please attend. We will discuss groups for the upcoming term and review the new content for the fall. For more details, email ben@gracepasadena.org.
- **City Groups Fall Term** - CGs will return for 10 weeks from the summer hiatus September 15 through November 23. If you haven't yet joined a group, email ben@gracepasadena.org for more info.
- **New Members Class | October 6** - Join us for a five (5) week course on membership at Grace Pasadena. The class will start October 6 and end November 3. Please sign up by emailing ben@gracepasadena.org.
- **Youth Group Hangouts!** Every Thursday evening the youth group hangs out doing different activities such as movie and board game nights, meals together, and the occasional pool, beach or mountain adventure. If you want to know what we're up to or want to participate, visit our website under "Youth" (updated weekly) or email Bailey at bailey@gracepasadena.org!
- **Dinner at the Stones** - John and Marisa would love to have you over for dinner! Sign up for an available date via this link: <https://subspla.sh/rbz2w39/> or scan the QR code below.



Dinner at the Stones



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

MATTHEW 25:35-40

"As a God of compassion, he provides for and protects those who are shunned or mistreated by society. He identifies with the poor, the widow, the orphan, the foreigner. He calls his people to do the same. In our own society these marginalized people may include the abused, the addict, the homeless, the divorced. Christians and the church are to go to these people in compassion, identifying with their poverty and homelessness. Remembering the depth of our own need, we go as ministers of a loving and generous Lord who redeemed us."

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GIVING & BUDGET

	<u>JAN-JUN 2024</u>	<u>JUL 2024</u>
GIVING AS OF 8/1/2024 _____	\$232,506	\$25,349
BUDGETED GIVING _____	261,450	46,200
DIFFERENCE _____	-28,944	-20,851
BUDGETED EXPENSE _____	\$389,993	\$69,871

For 2024, the budgeted contribution from reserves is \$140,408 (or 14% of reserves as of Jan 1).



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ORDINARY TIME