PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 99:1-2

Leader The LORD reigns,
let the nations tremble;
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.

All **Great is the LORD in Zion;**
he is exalted over all the nations.

SONGS OF PRAISE

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS / *Words: Ps. 24, Music: G. Weisel*

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near,
the Savior of the world is here.

2. A helper just, he comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.

3. O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King in triumph comes!

4. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heav'n's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. So come, my Sov'reign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

WHO YOU SAY I AM / *Ben Fielding, Reuben 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
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
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

CONFESSION OF SIN — from the Book of Common Prayer

Leader Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

All **For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS — 1 John 1:9

Leader If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

GIVE ME JESUS / *African American Spiritual*

1. In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise,
give me Jesus

Chorus
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus

2. When I am alone
When I am alone
When I am alone,
give me Jesus

3. When I come to die
When I come to die
When I come to die,
give me Jesus

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **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.*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — from the Book of Common Prayer

Leader Show us your mercy, O Lord; And grant us your salvation. Clothe your ministers with righteousness; Let your people sing with joy. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; For only in you can we live in safety. Lord, keep this nation under your care; And guide us in the way of justice and truth. Let your way be known upon earth; Your saving health among all nations. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; Nor the hope of the poor be taken away. Create in us clean hearts, O God; And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE OFFERING & 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 place your offering in the blue box at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings; mail your offering to 254 N Lake Ave #287, Pasadena, CA 91101; or scan the QR code to give via our app (iOS and Android) or website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.

OFFERING SONG

WHO ELSE (LIVE) / *Gateway Worship*

1. I am an instrument of exaltation
And I was born to lift
Your name above all names
You hear the melody of all creation
But there's a song of praise
that only I can bring

Chorus
Who else is worthy? Who else is worthy?
There is no one, only You, Jesus
Who else is worthy? Who else is worthy?
There is no one, only You, Jesus

2. You are the infinite God of the ages
Yet You chose to make
my heart Your dwelling place
You healed my brokenness,
showed me Your glory
So I have songs of thanks
not even angels sing

Bridge
Lamb of God, anointed one
who was and is and is to come
Seated on the throne above
Holy, Holy
Righteous one who shed His blood
to prove to us the Father's love
Jesus Christ be lifted up
Holy, Holy

SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

[1] Paul, Silas and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace and peace to you.
[2] We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. [3] We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
[4] For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, [5] because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.
[6] You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. [7] And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. [8] The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, [9] for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, [10] and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE — Jeremiah Yang

"Turn, Serve, and Wait"
Sermon Series: *Faith, Love, and Hope: The Book of I Thessalonians*

MUSICAL REFLECTION

** Parents should pick up their children participating in our children's program during this time.*

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 and return to your seat. Communion will be taken together after the Song of Communion.*

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 SONG

HAST THOU HEARD HIM, SEEN HIM, KNOWN HIM? / *Ora Rowan*

1. Hast thou heard Him, seen Him,
known Him?
Is not thine a captured heart?
Chief among ten thousand own Him;
Joyful choose the better part.

Chorus
Captivated by His beauty,
Worthy tribute haste to bring;
Let His peerless worth constrain thee,
Crown Him now unrivaled King.

2. What can strip the seeming beauty
From the idols of the earth?
Not a sense of right or duty,
But the sight of peerless worth.

3. 'Tis that look that melted Peter,
'Tis that face that Stephen saw,
'Tis that heart that wept with Mary,
Can alone from idols draw.

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Leader — Let us 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.

CLOSING SONG

'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS (TRUST IN JESUS) / *Louisa M. R. Stead*

Chorus
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

2. Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace

3. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me,
Will be with me to the end.

BENEDICTION — Numbers 6:24-26

Leader — "The LORD bless you
and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace."

All — **Thanks be to God, Amen!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Ministry Outing - Escape Room | Friday, October 23

Fall Festival | Sunday, October 25, after the service on the patio | scan the QR code to register

Congregational Dinner | Sunday, November 8 | scan the QR code to RSVP

Advent Choir | if interested, email Noah at music@gracepasadena.org

Discipleship Classes | Sunday mornings through November 29, at 8:45 am in the library

Ordinary Time Prayer Guide | Pick up a hard copy on Sunday mornings or scan the QR code for a digital version.

Psalms Jesus Sang - an album for Grace Pasadena by Grace Pasadena | available on Apple Music and Spotify

GRACE PASADENA'S MISSION STATEMENT

Grace Pasadena exists to ***Experience*** & ***Extend*** the life-giving grace of God

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-SEP 2026	OCT 2026
GIVING & INCOME* as of 10/16/2026	**$419,968**	**$18,574**
BUDGETED EXPENSE	**534,150**	**57,651**
DIFFERENCE	**-114,182**	**-39,077**

* includes general offerings, ministry specific giving, and interest income
2026 Full Year Budget: $715,228

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"All things were created, including you and me, for Jesus. We are created for him. That means we were all created with an intention and purpose, not for ourselves or for the worship of any other god, but for Jesus."

"We don't work for salvation, but we work from our salvation."

"Let us not weary in doing good."

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