

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

LeaderPraise the LORD.
Sing to the LORD a new song,

Allhis praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

SONGS OF PRAISE

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS / PETER SCHOLTES

1. We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity
will one day be restored.

2. We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land.

3. We will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
We will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity
and save each man's pride.

CHORUS
And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US / D. THRUPP

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

2. We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

3. Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
We will early turn to Thee;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
we will early turn to Thee.

4. Early let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

CONFESSION OF SIN

A Nigerian Christian Prayer

LeaderFather, who formed the human family
to live in harmony and peace,
we acknowledge before you
our divisions, quarrels, hatreds,
injustices, and greed.
May your church demonstrate before the world
the power of the gospel to destroy division,
so that, in Christ Jesus,
there may be no barriers of wealth or class,
age or intellect, race or color,
but all may be equally your children,
members one of another
and heirs together of your everlasting kingdom.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

1 Peter 2:9-10

LeaderBut you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's
special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called
you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a
people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not re-
ceived mercy, but now you have received mercy.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

BUILD MY LIFE / PAT BARRETT, BRETT YOUNKER, KARL MARTIN, KIRBY KAPLE, MATT REDMAN

1. Worthy of every song
we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise
we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You

2. Jesus, the Name above
every other name
Jesus, the only One
who could ever save
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

CHORUS
Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
Show me who You are and fill me
With Your heart and lead me
In Your love to those around me

BRIDGE
I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LeaderMay the peace of the Lord be always with you.

AllAnd 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

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926–2024)

LeaderO God, whose will it is
that all your children should be one in Christ,
we pray for the unity of your Church.
Pardon all our pride
and our lack of faith, understanding, and charity,
which are the causes of our divisions.
Deliver us from narrow-mindedness,
from bitterness,
from prejudice.
Save us from considering as normal
that which is a scandal to the world
and an offence to your love.
Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace
among all those who call upon you
and confess the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

TRINITY SONG / SANDRA MCCracken

VERSE
Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, three-in-one
Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, three-in-one

REFRAIN
Come with your peace,
with your invitation
Bind us together in Holy Love
Come with your peace,
with your invitation
Bind us together in Holy Love

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:15-35

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. ¹⁸ “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” ²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” ²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. ²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. ²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’ ³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

ReaderThis is the word of the Lord.

AllThanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

“How Should Followers of Jesus Live Together?”
Sermon Series: *Encounters With Jesus*

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

GOD’S TABLE / BRAD 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

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

AARON’S BLESSING / MUSIC: FERNANDO 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

BENEDICTION

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!

Numbers 6:24-26

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women’s Bible Study | Wednesday mornings and evenings | Scan the QR code for more information and to register

City Group Pool Party | September 13, pm in La Canada

Potluck and Chili Cook-Off | September 27, after the service | Scan the QR code to sign up for a dish

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 Noah Sierota and the Grace Pasadena Worship Team | 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-JUL 2026	AUG 2026
GIVING & INCOME* AS OF 9/3/2026	\$333,544	\$37,985
BUDGETED EXPENSE	416,822	59,669
DIFFERENCE	-83,278	-21,684

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



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“Forgiveness ... is a form of voluntary suffering. In forgiving, rather than retaliating, you make a choice to bear the cost.”

TIM KELLER (1950–2023)

“Thus your goods are no longer your own, but your neighbor’s. God could indeed have kept his own, for he owed you nothing. Yet he gives himself wholly unto you, becomes your gracious Lord, is kind to you, and serves you with all his goods, and what he has is all yours—why then will you not also do likewise?”

MARTIN LUTHER (1483–1546)

“You can’t be generous with food that’s not even yours.”

ODYSSEUS | CHRISTOPHER NOLAN’S THE ODYSSEY (2026)

ORDINARY TIME | PROPER 18
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026