

PRELUDE

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS / J. SCRIVEN

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!  
All People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
Leader They feast on the abundance of your house;  
All You give them drink from your river of delights.

Psalm 36:7-8

SONG OF PRAISE

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY / J. NEANDER

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, praise Him in glad adoration.	3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee! Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend thee.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth; shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been granted in what He ordaineth?	4. Praise to the Lord! O, let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him. Let the “Amen” sound from His people again, gladly for aye we adore Him.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Leader I will praise you my God and exalt your name forever. For the whole earth is full of your goodness, faithfulness, glory, and mercy. Therefore, bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Who is gracious concerning all your transgression and heals all your diseases. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in goodness. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our transgression and according to what we deserve. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, and as far as it is from the rising of the sun to its setting, so far his goodness and mercy surpass all our transgression. And as a father shows compassion to his children, so God has shown compassion to us. —from Heinrich Bullinger (1504–1575)

SONGS OF PRAISE

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. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are!	3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to Thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to Thee.
2. We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.	4. Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

CONFESSION OF SIN

All O Almighty and merciful Father, you pour your benefits upon us—  
forgive the unthankfulness with which we have requited your good-  
ness. We have remained before you with dead and senseless hearts,  
unkindled with love of your gentle and enduring goodness. Turn us, O  
merciful Father, and so shall we be turned. Make us with our whole  
heart to hunger and thirst after you, and with all our longing to desire  
you. Amen.

—from Anselm (1033–1109)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great  
mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resur-  
rection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can  
never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5  
who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the  
salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

MERCY / R. DELMORE

Mercy shines like the sun in the morning Chasing the dark into blue skies Giving me hope for the day A new song of praise And mercy, it falls like the rain upon me Taking away all my sorrows Covering all of my shame And now I can sing	Hallelujah I’m washed in the blood of the Lamb Hallelujah, I’m forgiven Yes, I’m forgiven
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PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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 give via our app (iOS and Android) or website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 9:1-13 (NIV)

1 David asked, “Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”  
2 Now there was a servant of Saul’s household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, “Are you Ziba?”  
“At your service,” he replied.  
3 The king asked, “Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God’s kindness?”  
Ziba answered the king, “There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet.”  
4 “Where is he?” the king asked.  
Ziba answered, “He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.”  
5 So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.  
6 When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor.  
David said, “Mephibosheth!”  
“At your service,” he replied.  
7 “Don’t be afraid,” David said to him, “for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.”  
8 Mephibosheth bowed down and said, “What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?”  
9 Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul’s steward, and said to him, “I have given your master’s grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. 10 You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master’s grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table.” (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)  
11 Then Ziba said to the king, “Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do.” So Mephibosheth ate at David’s table like one of the king’s sons.  
12 Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba’s household were servants of Mephibosheth. 13 And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusa-  
lem, because he always ate at the king’s table; he was lame in both feet.

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Jeff Sholar

Kingly Kindness

THE ORDINATION VOWS

Ty Gregory

- Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
- Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity
- Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
- Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the gospel of His Son?
- Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
- Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?
- Are you now willing to take the charge of this church, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call, and do you promise to discharge the duties of a pastor to them, with all fidelity, as God shall give you strength?

THE CONGREGATIONAL VOWS Rob Liu

- Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Nick Locke, whom you have called to be your pastor?
- Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?
- Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
- Do you promise to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

INSTALLATION PRAYER & LAYING ON OF HANDS Josh Brake

THE PRONOUNCEMENT Bob Street

I now pronounce and declare that Nick Locke has been regularly elected, ordained, and installed as pastor of this congregation, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such he is entitled to all support, encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHARGE TO THE MINISTER Rick Hivner

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION Peter Lanfer

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

ANCIENT DOORS / J. GARRELS

1. We seek Your face  
Your face we seek  
With all our praise  
And thanksgiving

2. Open the gates  
The ancient doors  
With unveiled face  
We see You, Lord

**Pre-Chorus**  
*Jesus, King of kings  
Jesus to You we’ll sing*

**Chorus**  
*We love You  
We love You  
We love You  
We love You*

3. Lord we bow down  
Before You  
Lord we bow down  
To worship You

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.

CLOSING SONG

AMAZING GRACE / J. NEWTON

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

2. ‘Twas grace that taught  
my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved!  
How precious did that grace appear,  
the hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers,  
toils and snares I have already come!  
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

4. When we’ve been there  
ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
than when we’ve first begun!

BENEDICTION

Leader Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

All **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Open Tables | College students**, interested in connecting with families at Grace? We’d love to have you join our new college ministry, Open Tables. Fill out the form by scanning the QR code below to learn more and get paired with a family.

**Today!** Join us after the service for a reception to celebrate Nick Locke’s installation as our Senior Pastor

**Sunday School: Practicing the Way** | Sunday mornings at 8:45a

**The fall session of City Groups** begins the week of Sept 28 | contact Erisa ekhines@gmail.com if you’re interested in joining or leading a group

**Women’s Bible Study** | Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am | Join us for a 7-week study on Haggai and Malachi starting Oct 8. Scan the QR code for more information.

**Save the date! Worship Night** | Tuesday, Oct 7 | Legge Alley Studio | more details to come

Scan the QR code to:

- fill out the Open Tables form
- register for the Wednesday Women’s Study
- access the Ordinary Time Prayer Guide
- fill out a Connect Card
- sign up for our weekly e-newsletter
- set up online giving
- access **Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs**, an album by Bernard Chadwick and the Grace Pasadena Worship Team

GIVING & BUDGET

2025 BUDGET	\$765,701
GIVING AS OF 9/18/2025	303,171
GIVING NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET	462,531



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“The Bible is not a script for a funeral service, but it is the record of God always bringing life where we expected to find death. Everywhere it is the story of resurrection.”

EUGENE H. PETERSON | *TRAVELING LIGHT: MODERN MEDITATIONS ON ST. PAUL’S LETTER OF FREEDOM*  
(20<sup>TH</sup>–21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY AMERICAN PASTOR & AUTHOR)

“Whenever you go out, walk together, and when you reach your destination, stay together.”

SAINT AUGUSTINE | *SERMON 359*  
(4<sup>TH</sup>–5<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY NORTH AFRICAN BISHOP & THEOLOGIAN)

“In Jesus Christ, prostitute and king, male and female, Jew and Gentile, one race and another race, moral and immoral — all sit down as equals.”

TIMOTHY KELLER | *THE PRODIGAL GOD*  
(21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY AMERICAN PASTOR & AUTHOR)

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ORDINARY TIME

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