

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” —Matthew 11:28-30

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

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, kindness 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! The Word made flesh descends to dwell with joy for you who His mercies tell.

5. So come, my Lord, and enter in, let new and nobler life begin! Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on until Thy glorious victories won!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Spirit of Christ... Make me strong, not with the strength of recklessness, but with that strength which comes from an increased burden of care. Inspire me with your sacrificial love, and I shall be a stranger to selfish fear; I shall have the courage to dare all things when I am made a captain in your band. Amen. —George Matheson

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

BUILD MY LIFE / M. REDMAN; P. BARRETT

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, oh, we live for You

MY SOUL FINDS REST / S. TOWNEND, A. KEYES

My soul finds rest  
In God alone  
He only is my foundation  
My rock, my peace  
My fortress strong  
I will ever love and adore Him  
  
Great God of love  
Jesus His name  
He only is my salvation  
And on the cross  
He bled and died  
And He took my sorrows forever

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader O Lord, let not your law be a cursing to our consciences, but rather give us grace under this extreme and heavy burden of sin, to be fully persuaded, that you by your death have taken away all our sins, and fulfilled the law for us, and by this means have delivered us from the curse of the law and paid our ransom; and then we, being thus fully persuaded, may have quiet and settled hearts, and a free conscience, and glad desiring wills to forsake this wicked world. —Henry Smith

All Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen. (silent confession)

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” —1 Peter 2:24

SONG OF ASSURANCE

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY / H. BONAR

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say:  
“Come unto Me and rest;  
lay down, thy weary one, lay down  
thy head upon My breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place,  
and He has made me glad

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold; I freely give  
the living waters, thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
out of the Living Stream;  
my thirst was quenched,  
my soul revived, and now I live in Him
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
”I am this dark world’s Light;  
look unto Me; thy morn shall rise  
and all thy days be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus and I found  
in Him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that light of life I’ll walk;  
‘til traveling days are done

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

Leader Gracious God, you call us to live by the Spirit—not for ourselves, but for one another.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For our city and the surrounding communities, we pray for your grace and peace. Make us neighbors who notice, who care, and who step in. Help us support one another—not only within the church, but throughout our neighborhoods. Where there is need, help us respond with gentleness, humility, and hope.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For our nation, in all its complexity and beauty—give us humility to listen, courage to speak the truth in love, and grace to mend what is broken. Make us a people who pursue justice and walk with compassion.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For our world, torn by division, violence, and injustice—grant wisdom to leaders and peace to places of conflict. Where there is suffering, raise up those willing to stand alongside others and seek their good.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For your church, here and around the world—help us to be known not for pride or performance, but for love that is sincere. Teach us to share one another’s loads, to care for the weary, and to offer what we have with joy.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For the poor, the sick, the lonely, and the vulnerable—draw near to those who feel forgotten. Use us to bring presence, provision, and care—to walk patiently with others, just as Christ has walked with us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the one who took our greatest weight upon himself and restores us with grace.

All Lord, hear our prayer. 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 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

Galatians 6:1-6 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, <sup>5</sup> for each one should carry their own load. <sup>6</sup> Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

Bearing One Another’s Burdens

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

DOXOLOGY / T. KEN

Praise God,  
from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen

BENEDICTION

Leader      May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
                 and the love of God,  
                 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
                 be with you all.                      —2 Corinthians 13:14  
  
All              **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Children & Families Ministry - Summer Fridays | July and August** | Join us this Friday, August 1, at 10 am at Lacy Park in San Marino. For more details, email Caroline at families@gracepasadena.org.



**Global Ministry - Girard Family Visit | Sunday, August 10** | Mark your calendars for a brunch at 9a before the service and a meet and greet after the service with the Girards to learn about their ministry in France. If you would like to donate to their ministry, write “Girard’s Ministry” in the memo of your check or scan the QR code to donate via our online giving platform (their ministry will show in the Fund dropdown menu).



**Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs** - an album for Grace Pasadena by Bernard Chadwick and the Grace Pasadena Worship Team. Scan the QR code to find the album on Spotify (also available on Apple Music).



“A Christian must have broad shoulders and sturdy bones to carry the flesh, that is to say, the weakness of others. Love is gentle, kind, and patient, not in receiving but in doing, for it has to overlook many things and bear with them.”

MARTIN LUTHER

“We are all designed to be a burden to others. You are designed to be a burden to me, and I am designed to be a burden to you. And the life of the family, including the life of the local church family, should be one of ‘mutual burdensomeness.’”

JOHN STOTT

“When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement... that is a friend who cares.”

HENRI NOUWEN

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

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| ADVENT               | 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. |
| CHRISTMAS            |  |
| EPIPHANY             |  |
| LENT                 |  |
| EASTER               |  |
| PENTECOST            |  |
| <b>ORDINARY TIME</b> |  |

GIVING & BUDGET

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| 2025 BUDGET                  | \$765,701 |
| GIVING AS OF 7/24/2025       | 228,041   |
| GIVING NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET | 537,660   |



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ORDINARY TIME