

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader How good and pleasant it is
 when God’s people live together in unity!

SONGS OF PRAISE

YOU ARE MY HELP AND MY SHIELD (PSALM 115) / NOAH SIEROTA

1. Glory to you ‘cause
your steady and lovely
Still the world questions,
“Is God even there?”
But I know the presence
of him in the heavens
Does what he pleases,
with love and his care
2. You are the highest
in all of the heavens
Teach us to care for the world
that you mend
I know the dead will not
praise you in silence
‘Cause death is a chapter
but life is the end

PRECHORUS
Idols made up of silver and gold
never comfort the soul

CHORUS
You are my help and my shield
You dwell with your people,
You’re already here
You are my help and my shield
You bless those who fear you,
The strong and the weak

COME YE SINNERS / JOSEPH HART

1. Come ye sinners, poor and needy
bruised and broken by the fall
Jesus ready stands to save you
full of pardoning love for all
He is able, He is able
He is willing, doubt no more
He is able, He is able
He is willing, doubt no more
2. Let not conscience make you linger
nor of fitness fondly dream
all that He requires of sinners
is to lean and trust on Him
He will save you, He will save you
tis the Gospel’s constant theme
He will save you, He will save you
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3. Lo’ the incarnate God ascended
pleads the merit of his blood
venture on Him, venture wholly
let no other trust intrude
none but Jesus, none but Jesus
can do helpless sinners good
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can do helpless sinners good

CONFESSION OF SIN

TRISAGION / FERNANDO ORTEGA

Holy God
Holy and Mighty
Holy Immortal one
Have mercy, have mercy on us

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not
 from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one
 can boast.

Psalm 133:1

SONG OF ASSURANCE

MERCY / RYAN DELMORE

1. 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
2. Mercy, it falls like the rain down upon me
Taking away all my sorrows
Covering all of my shame
Now I can sing

CHORUS
Hallelujah
I’m washed in the blood of the Lamb
Hallelujah, I’m forgiven
Yes, I’m forgiven

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

- Leader Heavenly Father, you are rich in mercy and abounding in stead-
fast love. We confess that we are often tempted to rely on our own
strength, our own goodness, or our own sense of deserving. Teach
us instead to come before you with humble hearts, trusting not in
ourselves but in your gracious character. Give us confidence to seek
you in every need, knowing that you delight to show mercy to your
children.
Lord, in your mercy,
All Hear our prayer.
- Leader Lord Jesus, you are full of compassion toward all who call upon your
name. We pray for those who come to you today carrying heavy
burdens: those who are sick, grieving, discouraged, or afraid. Be near
to those longing for healing, reconciliation, or hope, and strengthen
all who are growing weary in the waiting. Give them perseverance to
keep seeking you, trusting that your grace is sufficient and your timing
is good.
Lord, in your mercy,
All Hear our prayer.
- Leader Holy Spirit, you awaken faith and teach us to depend upon Christ. De-
liver us from pride, self-sufficiency, and the illusion that we can stand
before God on our own merits. Form in us a humble and persistent
faith that continues to pray, continues to trust, and continues to hope,
even when the way forward is not clear. Make us a people whose lives
reflect the grace we have so freely received.
Lord, in your mercy,
All Hear our prayer.
- Leader God of all grace, let your mercy be known throughout the earth.
Strengthen your church as it proclaims the good news of Jesus to every
people and every nation. We pray for those entrusted with authority
in our world, our nation, and our local communities. Grant them wis-
dom, humility, and a desire to seek justice and promote peace. And as
you have welcomed us by grace, make us a people who gladly wel-
come others with humility, compassion, and generous love; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Lord, in your mercy,
All 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
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

THE GOODNESS OF JESUS / CITYAUGHT

1. Come you weary heart now to Jesus
Come you anxious soul now and see
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears
Rest here in His wondrous peace

CHORUS
Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus
Satisfied, He is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus

2. Come find what this world cannot offer
Come and find your joy here complete
Taste the living water, never thirst again
Rest here in His wondrous peace

3. Come and find your hope now in Jesus
He is all He said He would be
Grace is overflowing from the Saviour’s heart
Rest here in His wondrous peace

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.” ²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” ²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. ²⁶ He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.” ²⁷ “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their mas-
ter’s table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

“Who Can Come To Jesus?”
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

IN THE GARDEN (HE WALKS WITH ME) / CHARLES AUSTIN MILES

1. I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

REFRAIN
And He walks with me,
and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound
of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

3. I’d stay in the garden with Him
Tho’ the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go;
thro’ the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.

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

DOXOLOGY / THOMAS 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

“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

Fellowship in the Park | Sunday, August 16, 5-7 pm at Victory Park | Pack a meal and join us!

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

Youth Families Pool Party | August 30

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 8/13/2026	\$332,234	\$8,567
BUDGETED EXPENSE	416,822	59,669
DIFFERENCE	-84,588	-51,102

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



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“Whoever understands here the actions of this poor woman and catches God in his own judgment, and says: “Lord, it is true, I am a sinner and not worthy of thy grace, but still you have promised sinners forgiveness, and you have come not to call the righteous, but, as Paul says in 1 Timothy 1:15, ‘to save sinners.’” Behold, then must God according to his own judgment have mercy upon us.”

MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546)

“For it was not because he did not want to give her the gift that he delayed but because he sought and took care beforehand to reveal her faith.”

THEODORE OF MOPSUESTIA (C. 350–428)

ORDINARY TIME | PROPER 15
AUGUST 16, 2026