

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!

All **I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.**

SONG OF PRAISE

BLESSED ASSURANCE / F. CROSBY

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

CHORUS
*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst in my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

from The Book of Common Prayer

Leader Almighty God, whose Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illuminated by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS / M. BRIDGES

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem
drowns, all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing,
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King,
through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of love,
behold His hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky,
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye,
at mysteries so bright.

3. Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife,
for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Psalm 40:5

THE GOODNESS OF JESUS / CITYALIGHT

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

CONFESSON OF SIN

Leader Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden— cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader ⁷... you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of
our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in
the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were
called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE / C. BANCROFT

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

3. Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

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 Gracious God, you know the longings of our hearts before we can name them ourselves. When our desires are scattered, conflicted, or hidden even from us, meet us with your searching and gentle question. Teach us to be honest before you about what we are seeking, trusting that you receive us with grace and not condemnation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Loving Father, you invite us not first to do more, but to come and be with you. In a world that rushes us toward productivity and performance, teach us again what it means to abide—to remain in your presence, to listen, and to be shaped by your love. Re-form our desires as we stay close to Jesus, that our lives might bear fruit rooted in him. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, when we encounter the goodness of Jesus, stir in us a quiet and faithful desire to bring others along. Free us from fear, pressure, or the need to have the right words. Teach us, like Andrew, simply to bring others into your presence and to trust you to do the work of transformation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Faithful God, just as you meet us in our seeking and invite us to remain with you, we bring before you the worries and burdens we carry and the many troubles of our world. We pray for those living with fear, uncertainty, or exhaustion—for communities under strain, for families facing hardship, and for all who feel overwhelmed by what they cannot control. Draw near to us in our anxiety, grant wisdom and compassion to those entrusted with responsibility and power, and help us to trust your steady presence in the midst of all that feels unstable. Lord, in your mercy,

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

OFFERING SONG

HAST THOU SEEN HIM, HEARD 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.

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.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:29-42
29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." 32 And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

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

MORNING MESSAGE

What Are You Seeking?

Nick Locke

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

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD / R. Boyce

1. We who walk in darkness deep
now see the light of morning
the mighty God, the Prince of peace
a child to us is born

2. Wanderers in the wilderness
oh hear a voice is crying
prepare the way,
make straight the paths
your king has come to die

BRIDGE
Son of God--Emmanuel
Son of Man--we praise you
Behold the Lamb
The hope of man
Behold the Lamb

CHORUS
Behold, the Lamb of God
Who takes away our sin
Behold the Lamb of God
The life and light of men
Behold the Lamb of God
Who died and rose again
Behold the Lamb of God
who comes to take away our sin

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

AARON'S BLESSING / Music: F. 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 24 The LORD bless you and keep you;
25 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
All **Thanks be to God, Amen!**

Numbers 6:24-26

24 The LORD bless you and keep you;
25 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Thanks be to God, Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Giving Statements | Contact Jessica at info@gracepasadena.org if you do not receive your statement by January 31.

Congregational Dinner | January 25 | Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a time of fellowship and vision casting for our year ahead! Scan the QR code to RSVP.

Epiphany Prayer Guide | Scan the QR code for a digital version. Hard copies will be available next Sunday!

Annual Super Cereal Bowl Sunday | Join us February 8, at 9:15 am on the patio for fellowship and cereal



GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-DEC 2025	JAN 2026
GIVING AS OF 1/16/2026	\$571,245	\$6,981
BUDGETED EXPENSE	765,701	60,001
DIFFERENCE	194,456	53,020



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"The evidence of our longing is writ large in our culture, from U2's "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" to Rembrandt's Return of the Prodigal Son to Gabriel Axel's Babette's Feast to the words of the New Testament, where we read that "the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. . . . Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies" (Romans 8:19-23). It is not just we humans who long for things. We do so in concert with the entire material world."

CURT THOMPSON

THE SOUL OF DESIRE: DISCOVERING THE NEUROSCIENCE OF LONGING, BEAUTY, AND COMMUNITY

"Merciful Lord, the comforter and teacher of your faithful people, increase in your church the desires which you have given, and confirm the hearts of those who hope in you by enabling them to understand the depth of your promises, that all your adopted children may even now behold, with the eyes of faith, and patiently wait for, the light which as yet you do not openly manifest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

AMBROSE, BISHOP OF MILAN (339-397)

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THE 2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY