PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 78:4

Leader We will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.

SONGS OF PRAISE

LIVING HOPE / *Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson*

1. How great the chasm
that lay between us
How high the mountain
I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness,
Your lovingkindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

2. Who could imagine
so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom
such boundless grace?
The God of ages
stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of Kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus
Hallelujah, praise the One
who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

3. Then came the morning
that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
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Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO / *George Matheson*

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

CONFESSION OF SIN — from Martin Bucer (1491-1551)

Leader From all sin, from all error, from all evil
All **deliver us, O Lord.**
Leader From the wiles of the devil and from everlasting death
All **deliver us, O Lord.**
Leader Lord Jesus, by the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your holy nativity, by your baptism, fasting, and temptations
All **deliver us, O Lord.**
Leader By your agony and bloody sweat, by your cross and passions, by your death and burial, by your resurrection and ascension, by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter
All **deliver us, O Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS — Romans 8:38-39

Leader For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE / *CityAlight*

1. Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

2. Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley, I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace
that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

3. Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore
And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Refrain
Come rejoice now, O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore!

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore

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 — from John Chrysostom (347–407)

Leader Almighty God,
look with compassion on your people.
Strengthen those who suffer,
comfort the afflicted,
and sustain all who bear heavy burdens.
Grant peace where there is conflict,
justice where there is oppression,
and hope where there is despair.
Unite your church in love and faithfulness,
that we may bear faithful witness to your grace in the world.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. 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

IN CHRIST ALONE / *Keith Getty, Stuart Townend*

1. In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,'
Firm through the fiercest drought
and storm.
What heights of love,
what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled,
when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of
Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who
sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no
hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that
God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the
Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming
of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord
himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the
archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17
After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them
in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18
Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

MORNING MESSAGE — Nick Locke

"Not Without Hope"
Sermon Series: *Faith, Love, and Hope: The Book of I Thessalonians*

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

STEADFAST / *Sandra McCracken*

1. I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
In your love, O Lord
And your faithfulness will prove

Chorus
You are steadfast
steadfast

2. By the word you spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In your watchful care
I will rest secure
As you lead us with your light

3. I will not trust in the strength of kings
On your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb!

Bridge
In the you moment of emptiness
All was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness
Your light was revealed
In the presence of death
Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness
You are still God

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

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL / *Horatio Spafford*

1. When peace, like a river,
attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul!"

Refrain
It is well *(it is well)*
with my soul *(with my soul)*
It is well, it is well with my soul

2. Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded
my helpless estate
and has shed His own blood
for my soul!

3. My sin, oh, the bliss
of this glorious thought:
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross,
and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul!

4. And Lord, haste the day
when the faith shall be sight;
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul!

BENEDICTION — 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

Leader — May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

All — **Thanks be to God, Amen!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today! Congregational Dinner | A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, November 8, 4:30-6:30pm, at Pasadena Senior Center, for the purpose of sharing Grace's vision and a financial update. Plan to join us for a time of fellowship and vision casting for our year ahead! Dinner and childcare will be provided. Parking validation will be available for the 171 N Raymond garage (on the public parking side) for the full length of your stay.

Men's Gathering | Saturday, November 14 at 6:30 pm | scan the QR code to RSVP

Youth Fall Party | Saturday, November 21, 7-9 pm at Legge Alley Studio

An Evening of Lessons and Carols | Wednesday, December 2, at 6:30 pm (cookies and hot cocoa provided)

Advent Choir | if interested, email Noah at music@gracepasadena.org

Discipleship Classes | Sunday mornings through November 29, at 8:45 am in the library

GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-OCT 2026	NOV 2026
GIVING & INCOME* as of 11/6/2026	**$462,566**	**$4,265**
BUDGETED EXPENSE	**591,801**	**61,838**
DIFFERENCE	**-129,235**	**-57,573**

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

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"Of all things that move man, one of the principal ones is his terror of death."

ERNEST BECKER (1924-1974)

"Christ endured the full horror of that death that is the wages of sin and thus transformed death for his followers into sleep."

LEON MORRIS (1914-1006)

"It is for this that our hearts are being trained in all the hardships and trials of this life. Do not feel surprise at being schooled amid toil: you are being schooled for a wondrous destiny."

AUGUSTINE (354-430)

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NOVEMBER 8, 2026