PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 90:1-2

Leader Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,

All **from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY / *Catherine Winkworth, Joachim 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.

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?

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.

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.

GOOD GOOD FATHER / *Pat Barrett, Tony Brown*

1. Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of
what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love
in the dead of night
And You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Chorus
You're a good, good Father,
It's who You are,
It's who You are,
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am,
It's who I am,
It's who I am

2. Oh, I've seen many searching
for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching
for answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need
Before we say a word

Bridge
'Cause You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

3. Oh, it's love so undeniable,
I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable,
I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love

CONFESSION OF SIN — from the Book of Common Worship

Leader God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS — Colossians 1:12-14

Leader [12] [Give] joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. [13] For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, [14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

SWEET COMFORT / *Sandra McCracken, Latifah Phillips*

1. Whatever my God ordains is right
His holy will abides
I will be still whatever he does
And follow where he guides

Chorus
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort
Yet shall fill my heart
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort
Sorrow shall depart

2. Whatever my God ordains is right
He makes my feet to stand
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine
He holds me in his hand

Bridge
This bitter cup, I take it
My fainting heart restored
So here I stand, unshaken
I trust upon the Lord

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 Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cling to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *— from the Leonine Sacramentary (7th Century)*

(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

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL / *Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Orlando Palmer*

Blessed are the merciful
Blessed are the merciful
Blessed are the merciful
For they shall receive mercy, mercy

Prechorus
Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us
Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us

Chorus
Lord have mercy on us
Show Your mercy through us
Lord have mercy on us
Show Your mercy through us
Lord have mercy on us
Show Your mercy through us
Mercy

SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

[1] You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. [2] We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. [3] For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. [4] On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. [5] You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. [6] We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. [7] Instead, we were like young children among you.
Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, [8] so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE — Nick Locke

"Nothing To Prove"

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

THIS TABLE IS YOURS / *Kate Bluett, Aaron Williams, Ian Seale, Paul Zach*

1. Am I a stranger among my own
Is this a place where I can be known
What do I have to hide just to belong
Is this my table? Am I alone?
I see you stranger among your own
No reputation, without a home
Touching the leper, throwing no stones
Come to my table; you're not alone

Chorus
This table is yours; this table is mine
Christ breaks the bread
and pours the wine
So we lift the cup and we join the feast
God's holy mystery

2. Jesus he cried out while on the tree
O God forgive them, they cannot see
His love forsaken, his mercy meek
Yet at this table, we know Christ's peace
Mary in mourning went to the tomb
Her heart was broken; the stone was too
She saw an angel claimed Jesus raised
The body's gone now, don't be afraid

Bridge
Hallelujah! hallelujah!
With open hands and broken hearts
Lord we lift our prayers
and we join the feast
God's holy mystery
God's holy mystery

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

O, GREAT IS OUR GOD / *Brian Eichelberger*

1. O, great is our God,
So we should worship greatly
No song is too loud,
No orchestra too stately
To hail the majesty of our King
So lift your voices loud as we sing!

Chorus
We will sing Your praise,
And pour forth Your fame
We will bless Your name,
Let every one give thanks,
Because our God is great!

2. O, great is our God,
So let our songs be endless!
So awesome His ways, how could we
Comprehend them?
So we will make it known to our kids
And we will sing
About the gracious gifts You give!

3. O, great is our God,
And we cannot contain it!
We sing from our souls,
Affected by His greatness!
His mercy covers all that He's made
Showing His glory and His grace!

BENEDICTION — Psalm 115:14-15

Leader — May the LORD cause you to flourish,
both you and your children.
May you be blessed by the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

All — **Thanks be to God, Amen!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today! Fall Festival | after the service on the patio

Women's Dessert Night | Wednesday, October 28 | scan the QR code to RSVP

Congregational Dinner | Sunday, November 8 | scan the QR code to RSVP

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

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

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

Psalms Jesus Sang - an album for Grace Pasadena by Grace Pasadena | 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-SEP 2026	OCT 2026
GIVING & INCOME* as of 10/22/2026	**$419,968**	**$24,530**
BUDGETED EXPENSE	**534,150**	**57,651**
DIFFERENCE	**-114,182**	**-33,121**

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

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"The best thing about being 80 is that you outlive the clocks that have been chasing you... You're not rushing to become anything and you're not haunted by things that you did. You're haunted by how little of it really mattered in the way you thought it would."

BOB DYLAN

"But there is no greater proof of charity in Christ's church than when the very honor which seems so important on a human level is despised."

AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (354-430)

ORDINARY TIME | PROPER 25

OCTOBER 25, 2026