

PRELUDE

JESUS LOVES ME / A. BARTLETT WARNER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Taste and see that the LORD is good;
All Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Psalm 34:8

SONG OF PRAISE

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING / R. ROBINSON

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy unchanging love

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

PSALM 23 / MUSIC: R. & B. CHADWICK

The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down
in green pastures;
he leads me beside quiet waters;
he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.

CHORUS
Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for You are with me;
your rod and staff, they comfort me.

SWEET COMFORT / S. McCracken

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader Lord, we confess our tendency to doubt your goodness and to try to find fulfillment in created things that won't satisfy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader Help us to trust that you are enough. By your Spirit, help us to “taste and see that the LORD is good.”

All Christ, have mercy.

Leader Father, please give us a vision for our future with you. Forgive us for treating temporal things as eternal. Help us to look with hope to the “marriage feast of the Lamb.”

All Lord, have mercy.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Isaiah 25:6-8

Leader 6 On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.
7 On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
8 he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The Lord has spoken.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION / S. McCracken

CHORUS
We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will sing
together
We will feast and weep no more

1. We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up
2. In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
for the promised morning oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

3. Every vow we've broken
and betrayed
you are the faithful one
and from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

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 God of joy, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. We praise you for your generosity that meets our needs and overflows in grace. Teach us to rest in your goodness and to share your abundance with others.
Lord, in your mercy.

All Hear our prayer.

Leader For our world, we ask that where joy has run dry you would pour out your Spirit. Bring peace where violence rages, bread where hunger persists, and justice where oppression reigns. May the nations know you as the One who makes all things new.
Lord, in your mercy.

All Hear our prayer.
Leader For our city and neighborhoods, let the goodness of your kingdom be seen. Comfort the lonely, heal the hurting, and provide for the poor. Give us eyes to see opportunities to serve and courage to bear witness to your joy in both word and deed.
Lord, in your mercy.

All Hear our prayer.
Leader For our church family, deepen our faith and strengthen our love. Guard us from discouragement, bind us together in unity, and make us a community where your joy is known and shared. May our life together point to the greater feast still to come.
Lord, in your mercy.

All Hear our prayer.
Leader Faithful God, you promise that those who seek you will not lack any good thing. Keep us longing for the day when sorrow will cease, joy will be full, and your people will dwell secure in your presence.

All Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

A MEDITATION ON PSALM 118

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11 (NIV)

¹ On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."
⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."
⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."
⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.
⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.
⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."
They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."
¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Jesus at the Feast

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 appropriate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.

COMMUNION SONG

O COME TO THE ALTAR

1. Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin,
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well,
Jesus is calling

CHORUS
O come to the altar,
the Father’s arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

2. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there’s no reason to wait,
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born,
Jesus is calling

BRIDGE
Oh what a Sav--ior, isn’t He wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen

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

GLORIA PATRI / F. ORTEGA

Glory be to the Father
Glory be to the Son
Glory be to the Holy Ghost
Glory be to the Father
Glory be to the Son
Glory be to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end
World without end
A-- a-- men
A-- a-- men

BENEDICTION

Leader You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.

All **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

Isaiah 55:12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open Tables | **College students**, interested in connecting with families at Grace? We’d love to have you join our new college ministry, Open Tables. Fill out the form by scanning the QR code below to learn more and get paired with a family.


Sunday School: Practicing the Way | Sunday mornings at 8:45a

The fall session of City Groups begins this week | visit our website or contact Erisa ekhines@gmail.com if you’re interested in joining or leading a group

Women’s Bible Study | Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am | Join us for a 7-week study on Haggai and Malachi starting Oct 8. Scan the QR code for more information.

Save the date! Worship Night | Tuesday, Oct 7 | Legge Alley Studio | more details to come


Scan the QR code to:



- fill out the Open Tables form
- register for the Wednesday Women’s Study
- access the Ordinary Time Prayer Guide
- fill out a Connect Card
- sign up for our weekly e-newsletter
- set up online giving
- access **Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs**, an album by Bernard Chadwick and the Grace Pasadena Worship Team

GIVING & BUDGET

2025 BUDGET	\$765,701
GIVING AS OF 9/25/2025	318,221
GIVING NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET	447,480



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“Jesus literally ate his way through the Gospels.”
DAVID F. FORD | *SELF AND SALVATION: BEING TRANSFORMED*
(21ST CENTURY SCHOLAR)

“Jesus sat amidst all the joy of the wedding feast sipping the coming sorrow so that today you and I who believe in him can sit amidst all this world’s sorrow sipping the coming joy.”
EDMUND P. CLOWNEY | *SERMON ON JOHN 2:1–11*
(20TH CENTURY AMERICAN THEOLOGIAN & PASTOR)

“He’s a hedonist at heart... Out at sea, out in His sea, there is pleasure, and more pleasure. He makes no secret of it; at His right hand are ‘pleasures for evermore’. Ugh!... He has a bourgeois mind. He has filled His world full of pleasures. There are things for humans to do all day long without His minding in the least—sleeping, washing, eating, drinking, making love, playing, praying, working. Everything has to be twisted before it’s any use to us.”
C.S. LEWIS | *THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS*
(20TH CENTURY ENGLISH WRITER & THEOLOGIAN)