

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous,
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

**All Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully and shout for joy!**

Leader For the word of the Lord is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.

**All The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love**

—from Psalm 33

SONG OF PRAISE

SING TO THE LORD (PSALM 96) / MUSIC: B. CHADWICK

Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord, all the earth
Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord, all the earth

For great is the Lord
Most worthy of praise

For great is our God
Most worthy of praise
Let the whole earth sing
To the Name above all names

PASTORAL PRAYER

SONGS OF PRAISE

COME YE SINNERS / J. 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!
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HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE / S. TOWNEND

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

3. Lo! Th' 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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CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader Christians, what is your confession of sin?

**All Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ,
was tempted in every way, yet was without sin,
we confess before you our own sinfulness;
we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;
we have compromised with evil;
we have doubted your power to protect us.
Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.
Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways
and delight in doing your will. Amen. (silence)**

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Christians, lift up your heads. Hear the good news from God's word
about the forgiveness, mercy and love we have in Jesus:
"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ
Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus
from the law of sin and death." —Romans 8:1-2

All Thanks be to God!

Leader The Lord loves to forgive his people. Therefore, let us rise and sing his
praise.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

FATHER OF THE LIGHT / M. CHOI; B. CHADWICK

Father of the light
May your will be done

Spirit fill our eyes
With visions of your love

Jesus you have called us
The Darkness has not overcome

**Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three-in-One**

Father of the light
May your kingdom come

Spirit fill our lives
With goodness from above

Jesus you have conquered
By the power of your blood

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the peace of Christ be with you.

All And also with you!

Leader Therefore, let us greet one another.

*Children ages 2 to 5th grade are invited to participate in our children's program during the
sermon; children return for Communion.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader Christians, what do you believe?

**All However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies
the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. David says the
same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom
God credits righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose
transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one
whose sin the Lord will never count against them." —Romans 4:5-8**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Would you join me now in prayer:
For people everywhere that they may find hope, love and life through
the person of Jesus Christ and especially in his resurrection

All Lord, have mercy and hear our prayers.

Leader For all the schools in Pasadena both public and private let us pray to the
Lord

All Lord, have mercy and hear our prayers.

Leader For the aged and infirmed, for the widowed and orphans, for the de-
pressed and anxious and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the
Lord.

All Lord, have mercy and hear our prayers.

Leader For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute,
for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for
them, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy and hear our prayers.

Leader For our own faith that we would see the beauty and love that are in
Christ and for us. That we would give ourselves wholly to the Lord's
work and mission, that we would be faithful to the gospel in all its full-
ness and that we would walk with Christ until he calls us home in faith
and love without fear both us and our children, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy and hear our prayers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 3:9-20 (NIV)

⁹ What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have
already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin.

¹⁰ As it is written:

"There is no one righteous, not even one;

¹¹ there is no one who understands;
there is no one who seeks God.

¹² All have turned away,
they have together become worthless;
there is no one who does good,
not even one."

¹³ "Their throats are open graves;
their tongues practice deceit."

"The poison of vipers is on their lips."

¹⁴ "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."

¹⁵ "Their feet are swift to shed blood;

¹⁶ ruin and misery mark their ways,

¹⁷ and the way of peace they do not know."

¹⁸ "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law,
so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to
God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of
the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

John Stone

Sermon Title: "The Reign of Sin"

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. Pre-packaged elements, which are gluten-free are available
in the line closest to the stage. Participate as you feel comfortable.

CHILDREN: Children who are baptized, can profess faith in Jesus Christ in an age appropri-
ate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.

SONGS OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE / ROOTS WORSHIP COLLECTIVE

1. Holy Spirit, light divine
Shine upon this heart of mine
Chase the shades of night away
Turn my darkness into day
Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come

CHORUS

O Holy Spirit, presence of God
Giver of comfort, power and love
I give You my heart, light divine

2. Holy Spirit, power divine
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine
Long has sin without control
Held dominion o'er my soul
Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come

DOXOLOGY / T. 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

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

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. To you, your children and your grandchildren.

All Amen. Thanks be to God.

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost Sunday until the start of Advent. From the Latin "ordus" we look to the Spirit to re-order our lives according to the love of Jesus Christ. As the season of the Spirit, we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus' followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. It is a season in which we learn to recognize the presence of God in the day-to-day. The color of the season is green, symbolizing new life.

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS



TODAY! College / Young Adult Welcome Back BBQ Pool Party
Join the Finnermans at their home for an evening of food and fellowship to welcome back our college students. Scan the QR code or visit <https://subspla.sh/g4dwjzc> to RSVP.



Sep 15 | Faith and Film Night
You're invited to a screening of the 1993 film Fearless. We'll explore the theological themes within the film after the screening. Scan the QR code or visit <https://subspla.sh/w4rzh28> to RSVP.



Sep 15-Nov 23 | City Groups Fall Term sign-ups
Sign up for one of our City Groups (our small groups) by scanning the QR code, visiting <https://subspla.sh/h37d7sf> or in person on Sundays. Sign ups will remain open for the next couple of weeks, but don't delay!



Sep 22 & Sep 29 | Surprised by Community
Join guest speaker and retired PCA pastor Charlie Drew for a special course on politics and the church. Scan the QR code or visit <https://subspla.sh/6szzxd3> to register.

UPCOMING & ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sep 11-Nov 20 | Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Oct 6-Nov 3 | New Members Class | ben@gracepasadena.org

Oct 20 | Save the Date! Fall Festival

Nov 28 | Save the Date! Friendsgiving with the Stones



Wednesday Evenings | Dinner at the Stones | <https://subspla.sh/rbz2w39/>



Thursday Evenings | Youth Group Hangouts | <https://gracepasadena.org/grace-youth>



Ongoing | Coffee with an Elder | <https://tally.so/r/w8K74r>



Sep 26 | Reimagining Work: Public Policy Event - The Center for Faith and Work in LA is hosting an event on Sep 26 from 7-9pm to discuss how public policy promotes the common good, for our flourishing and for the kingdom of God. Visit faithandworkla.com to register. Admission is \$40.

GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-JUL 2024	AUG 2024
GIVING AS OF 9/5/2024	\$285,267	\$41,519
BUDGETED GIVING	307,650	46,200
DIFFERENCE	-22,383	-4,681
BUDGETED EXPENSE	\$459,864	\$59,222

For 2024, the budgeted contribution from reserves is \$140,408 (or 14% of reserves as of Jan 1)



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Our sin is what separates us from God, but it's our self righteousness that keeps us from running to Him for the grace He willingly gives to all who come.

PAUL DAVID TRIPP

We are all so sunk in sin, and so wedded to the world, that we would never turn to God and seek salvation, unless He first called us by His grace. Without a divine call, no one can be saved.

J. C. RYLE

Sin defies God, utterly corrupts each individual, corrodes all social relationships, and issues in death.

D. A. CARSON

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

ORDINARY TIME