

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY / R. HEBER

1. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shall be

3. Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy,
there is none beside Thee;
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF PRAISE

HE IS LORD / J. BARNETT

I will call on the name
of the Lord, my God
I will lift up my voice
to give praise to my King

*He's the light in the darkness
He's the calm in the storm
He's the hope of the righteous
He is Lord, He is Lord*

There is peace in the presence
of the Lord, my God
There is power in the blood
of the Lamb that was slain

EVIDENCE / J. BALDWIN

1. All throughout my history
Your faithfulness has walked beside me
The winter storms made way for spring
In every season, from where I'm standing

CHORUS
*I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, all over my life*

2. Help me remember when I'm weak
Fear may come but fear will leave
You lead my heart to victory
You are my strength
and You always will be

*Every knee will bow,
every tongue confess that He is Lord
Every knee will bow,
every tongue confess that He is Lord*

BRIDGE
*See the cross, the empty grave
The evidence is endless
All my sin rolled away
Because of You, oh Jesus*

ENDING
Why should I fear, the evidence is here

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

BONHOEFFER'S PRAYER / MUSIC: BIFROST ARTS

Lord, early in the morning
We cry unto You
In You there is light, when I cannot see
In You there is love, patience and peace

Lord, I do not understand Your ways
But You know the way for me

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 3:21-31 (ESV)

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law,
although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God
through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for
all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace
as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward
as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's
righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶
It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the
justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a
law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith
apart from works of the law. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God
of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰ since God is one—who will justify the
circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹ Do we then overthrow
the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Ben Ewen

Sermon Title: "The Need of Righteousness"

RESPONSE OF FAITH & 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
mail your offering to our office: 16 N Marengo Ave Ste 609, Pasadena, CA 91101; or
give via our app (iOS and Android) or website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.*

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.*

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.

SONGS OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS / J. SCRIVEN

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer.
O, what peace we often forfeit,
O, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

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



Tonight! | 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/w4rz28> 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 (Exploring Grace) | <https://subspla.sh/f68vdjz>

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

2024 BUDGET _____	\$767,758
GIVING AS OF 9/12/2024 _____	342,650
GIVING NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET _____	425,108



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So far from being able to answer for my sins, I cannot even answer for my righteousness!

BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

We are so clever at transforming good news about something God has done into a work for us to perform in order to get God to do something, that we can even turn faith into the "one little thing" we did in order to help God save us. It is not surprising that Christians who have been taught this message eventually begin to question the adequacy of their faith....The more we hear and understand concerning the gospel, the more our faith grows and strengthens. Nevertheless, the weakest faith clings to a sufficient Savior. Faith does not save us from judgment any more than it saves us from drowning when a lifeguard carries us to safety. In both cases, it is the rescuer, not the one rescued, who is praised.

MICHAEL HORTON

For by grace you have been saved from through. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

EPHESIANS 2:9

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

ORDINARY TIME