

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

All **My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Psalm 121:1-2

SONGS OF PRAISE

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES / CHARLES WESLEY

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!	4. He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread thro’ all the earth abroad the honors of your name.	5. To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, ‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.	REFRAIN <i>Hallelujah I will sing my great redeemers praise Hallelujah I will sing my great redeemers praise</i>

SWEET COMFORT / SANDRA MCCracken

1. Whatever my God ordains is right His holy will abides I will be still whatever he does And follow where he guides	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
CHORUS <i>Sweet comfort, sweet comfort Yet shall fill my heart Sweet comfort, sweet comfort Sorrow shall depart</i>	BRIDGE <i>This bitter cup, I take it My fainting heart restored So here I stand, unshaken I trust upon the Lord</i>

CONFESSION OF SIN

Agnus Dei (c. seventh century)

Leader Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world.

All **Have mercy on us.**

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Leader Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world.

All **Grant us peace.**

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 8:31-34

Leader ³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us,
who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave
him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously
give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom
God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who
condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was
raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

BLESSED ASSURANCE / FANNY CROSBY

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

CHORUS
*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst in my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and bless’d;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

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

Taizé Community

Leader Lord, make our lives
a temple of the Holy Spirit.
Grant each of us the fruits of the Spirit:
love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, and faithfulness.
May the Holy Spirit speak through the lips
of your servants who proclaim your Word.
Send your comforting Spirit
to all who are in trouble and distress.
Send your comforting Spirit
to all who are victims of injustice.
Keep all nations from hatred and war.
Gather together all the nations
by the breath of your Spirit.

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

REJOICE / STUART TOWNEND, DUSTIN KENSrUE

1. Come and stand before your Maker Full of wonder, full of fear Come behold His power and glory Yet with confidence draw near For the One who holds the heavens And commands the stars above Is the God who bends to bless us With an unrelenting love	3. All our sickness, all our sorrows Jesus carried up the hill He has walked this path before us He is walking with us still Turning tragedy to triumph Turning agony to praise There is blessing in the battle So take heart and stand amazed
CHORUS <i>Rejoice, come and lift your hands and Raise your voice, He is worthy of our praise Rejoice, sing of mercies of your King And with trembling, rejoice</i>	FINAL CHORUS <i>Rejoice, when you cry to Him He hears Your voice, He will wipe away your tears Rejoice, in the midst of suffering He will help you sing</i>
2. We are children of the promise The beloved of the Lord Won with everlasting kindness Bought with sacrificial blood Bringing reconciliation To a world that longs to know The affections of a Father Who will never let them go	<i>Rejoice, come and lift your hands and Raise your voice, He is worthy of our praise Rejoice, sing of mercies of your King And with trembling, rejoice</i>

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:12-20

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear. ¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of good-will. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, sup-posing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God’s provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliver-ance. ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

“Joy When Life Is Interrupted”
Sermon Series: *Rejoice: The Book of Philippians*

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 appropri-ate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.*

COMMUNION SONG

HOUSE OF GOD FOREVER / JON FOREMAN

God is my shepherd
I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting
He makes me rest
In fields of green, with quiet streams
Even though I walk
Through the valley of death and dying
I will not fear
'Cause you are with me
You are with me

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I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting
He makes me rest
In fields of green, with quiet streams
Even though I walk
Through the valley of death and dying
I will not fear
'Cause you are with me
You're always with me

CHORUS
Your shepherd staff comforts me
You are my feast In the presence of
enemies
Surely goodness
Follow me, will Follow me
In the house of God, forever

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

LeaderLet 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!**

LeaderThese are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

CLOSING SONG

PSALM 23 / MUSIC: RACHEL & BERNARD CHADWICK

1. 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.

2. You prepare a table before me,
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil,
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and love
will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
Forever.

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.

BENEDICTION

LeaderMay 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!**

Psalm 115:14-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Bible Study | Wednesday mornings and evenings | Scan the QR code for more information and to register

City Group Pool Party | September 13, 3-6 pm in La Canada

Potluck and Chili Cook-Off | September 27, after the service | Scan the QR code to sign up for a dish

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 Noah Sierota and the Grace Pasadena Worship Team | 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-AUG 2026	SEP 2026
GIVING & INCOME* AS OF 9/11/2026	\$375,954	\$8,048
BUDGETED EXPENSE	476,492	57,659
DIFFERENCE	-100,538	-49,611

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



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“Don’t demand that things happen as you wish, but wish that they happen as they do happen, and you will go on well.”

EPICTETUS (C. 55–C. 135)

“Open hands should characterize the soul’s attitude toward God — open to receive what He wants to give, open to give back what He wants to take. Acceptance of the will of God means relinquishment of our own. If our hands are full of our own plans, there isn’t room to receive His.”

ELISABETH ELLIOT (1926-2015)

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”

CORRIE TEN BOOM (1892-1983)

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026