

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

**All ...so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
till he has mercy upon us.**

Psalms 123:1, 2

SONG OF PRAISE

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD / M. LUTHER

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing,
doth ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils
filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

4. That Word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Leader O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

SONGS OF PRAISE

O, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES / C. 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!

2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

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.

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.

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.

PROVIDE FOR ME / R. DELMORE

Maker of the heavens
Maker of the earth
I look up to the mountains
Where does my help come from?

It comes from You, it comes from You
It comes from You
My strength and my shield

You will save me in times of trouble
You will hold me in times of doubt
You will provide for me
Lover of my soul

You will provide for me
You will provide for me

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and forgive those offenses to your servant which he has caused in others. I contend not in judgment with you, who are truth; I fear to deceive myself, lest my sin should make me think that I am not sinful. Therefore I contend not in judgment with you; for if you, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall abide it? Amen.

—from Augustine, North African bishop and theologian (354–430)

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:16-17

SONG OF ASSURANCE

PSALM 46 / MUSIC: BIFROST ARTS

1. God is our refuge
our strength and our shield
An ever present help
We will not fear
though the earth gives away
and the mountains crash into the sea

PRECHORUS 1
*There is a river whose streams will make
glad the city of our most high king
God is within her and she will not fail
He helps her in break of the day*

2. Nations in uproar
men's kingdoms they fall
He speaks and the earth melts away
The worst we imagine,
the strongest of storms
Our fortress it will still remain

PRECHORUS 2
*There is a river whose streams will make
glad the city of our most high king
God is within her and she will not fail
Listen and hear the Lord say*

CHORUS
Be still and know that I am God

3. Come let us see
what the Lord has done
The ruin he brings to the Earth
He makes wars to cease
to the ends of the earth
He shatters the bow and the spear

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 Lord God, maker of heaven and earth,
you are our help and our comfort.
Yet we so often look to other sources
for the aid that only you can provide.
We confess our weak faith and trembling hearts.
Lift our eyes beyond the hills,
so that we may see your goodness
and trust that you alone are our help.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Faithful Keeper, we praise you for your vigilant care.
You neither slumber nor sleep.
Cast your ever-watchful eye on those who are hurting —
those carrying quiet grief,
those facing uncertainty,

those who feel overlooked.
Where there is suffering, bring justice.
Where there is oppression, bring relief.
May those who feel forgotten know that you see and care.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Our protector and shield,
in your presence we need not fear the sun by day
nor the moon by night.
When anxiety rises and the future feels unclear,
help us cast our fears on you.
Steady our steps,
and assure us that you will not let our foot be moved.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Merciful Savior, you promise to keep us from all evil,
and in Jesus that promise has been fulfilled.
Through his life, death, and resurrection,
you have secured what we could never secure for ourselves.
Help us cling to him when we are tempted,
and trust that what he calls us to is better.
Restore to us the joy of our salvation,
and may that joy overflow into love and good works
for the good of our neighbor
and the glory of your name.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer. 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

Where Is Our Help?

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

HIGHLANDS / BENJAMIN WILLIAM HASTINGS; JOEL HOUSTON

1. O how high would I climb mountains
If the mountains were where You hide
O how far I'd scale the valleys
If You graced the other side
O how long have I chased rivers
From lowly seas to where they rise
Against the rush of grace descending
From the source of its supply

PRE-CHORUS 1

*In the highlands and the heartache
You're neither more or less inclined
I would search and stop at nothing
You're just not that hard to find*

CHORUS

*So I will praise You on the mountain
And I will praise You
when the mountain's in my way
You're the summit where my feet are
So I will praise You in the valleys
all the same
No less God within the shadows
No less faithful when the
night leads me astray
You're the heaven where my heart is
In the highlands and the heartache
all the same*

2. O how far beneath Your glory
Does Your kindness extend the path
From where Your feet rest on the sunrise
To where You sweep the sinner's past
O how fast would You come running
If just to shadow me through the night
Trace my steps through all my failure
And walk me out the other side

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

AARON'S BLESSING / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you

And be gracious to you
And be gracious to you

May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you

May He keep you in perfect peace
May He keep you in perfect peace

BENEDICTION

Leader Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,

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

Romans 4:4-5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kid's Night Out | Saturday, March 7, 4:30-6:30 pm at Legge Alley Studio | Scan the QR code to register

Discipleship Classes: Practicing The Way | Join us in the Community Room at 8:45a on Sunday mornings

Communicants and New Members Classes | Feb 22 - Mar 15 (4 weeks) | Sundays at 11:45a-12:30p

Grace Pasadena Book Club | Meets the last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm at Legge Alley Studio

Lent Prayer Guide & Guided Prayer Podcast | Scan the QR code for a digital version. Hard copies are available at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings



GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN 2026	FEB 2026
GIVING & INCOME* AS OF 2/26/2026	\$40,747	\$22,098
BUDGETED EXPENSE	60,001	58,996
DIFFERENCE	19,254	36,898

* includes general offerings, ministry specific giving, and interest income



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“As God provides his believing people with his blessings, and readily comes to help them, so they, on their part, immediately cast their eyes directly upon him.”

JOHN CALVIN

FRENCH REFORMER (1509–1564)

“Do you think the way to tell the story of the Christian journey is to describe its trials and tribulations? It is not. It is to name and to describe God who preserves, accompanies and rules us.”

EUGENE PETERSON

AMERICAN PASTOR AND AUTHOR (1932–2018)

“If the soul be kept, all is kept.”

CHARLES SPURGEON

ENGLISH BAPTIST PREACHER (1834–1892)

MARCH 1, 2026
THE 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT