

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

SONG OF PRAISE

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY / J. NEANDER; C. WINKWORTH

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

from The Book of Common Prayer

Leader Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD / MALTIE D. BABCOCK

1. This is my Father's world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres
This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought
2. This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light, the lily white
Declare their maker's praise
This is my Father's world
Oh he shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear him pass
He speaks to me everywhere

3. This is my Father's world
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong
seems oft so strong
God is the ruler yet
This is my Father's world
Why should my heart be sad?
Oh the Lord is King;
let the heavens ring
God reigns; let the earth be glad

JESUS, WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS / J. WILBUR CHAPMAN

1. Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

REFRAIN
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

2. Jesus! what a Strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

SONG OF CONFESSION

OPEN MY LIPS / F. ORTEGA

Open my lips
I will sing your praise forever
Open my lips O Lord
I will sing your praise forever

3. Jesus! what a Help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

4. Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
He, my Pilot, hears my cry.

5. Jesus! I do now receive him,
More than all in Him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

A broken spirit and a contrite heart
These you will not despise
Open my lips
I will sing your praise forever

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

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 Jesus, our King, we come before you with praise as well as need. You are righteous and faithful, clothed in splendor not for your own gain but for the healing of the world. When our hearts grow cynical or weary—when justice feels fragile and goodness seems hard to trust—lift our eyes again to you. Root our hope not in human strength or systems, but in your gracious reign.
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Leader Gentle Ruler, you do not govern from a distance. You draw near, speak kindly, and call us by name. You see the broken, the shamed, and the overlooked, and you welcome them into your presence. Teach us to listen for your voice amid the noise of our lives—through Scripture, through the kindness of others, and through the quiet work of your Spirit. Give us hearts that are attentive and responsive to your loving call.
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Leader Steadfast Leader, we pray that your beauty would shape the kind of people we become. As those who belong to you, form us into a community marked by virtue, faithfulness, and care for the vulnerable. When we are surrounded by cruelty, fear, or deceit, make us ambassadors of a different way. May we protect the weak, keep our promises, seek peace, and act with integrity in our homes, workplaces, and neighborhoods.
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Leader

Compassionate Lord, we bring before you the needs of our world and the burdens carried by your people. We pray for those who are sick, grieving, anxious, or exhausted, and for those who feel trapped by circumstances they cannot change. Sit with the troubled, restore the broken, and grant wisdom and humility to those with authority and power. Help us trust that even now, you are making all things new. 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.

Psalm 45

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah; a love song.

¹ My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;
I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

² You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you forever.

³ Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,
in your splendor and majesty!

⁴ In your majesty ride out victoriously
for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;
let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

⁵ Your arrows are sharp
in the heart of the king's enemies;
the peoples fall under you.

⁶ Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

⁷ you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

⁸ your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.
From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

⁹ daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

¹⁰ Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:
forget your people and your father's house,

¹¹ and the king will desire your beauty.
Since he is your lord, bow to him.

¹² The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,
the richest of the people.

¹³ All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.

¹⁴ In many-colored robes she is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.

¹⁵ With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.

¹⁶ In place of your fathers shall be your sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.

¹⁷ I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Beautiful Ruler

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

FAIREST LORD JESUS / JOSEPH A. SEISS

1. Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory,
joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
you make the woeful
heart to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels
heaven can boast.
4. Beautiful Savior!
Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forever
more be thine.

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

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.

BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

Leader ²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

All Thanks be to God, Amen!

Charlie Drew

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Giving Statements | Contact Jessica at info@gracepasadena.org if you do not receive your statement by January 31.

Tonight! Congregational Dinner | Join us for a time of fellowship and vision casting for our year ahead!

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

Annual Super Cereal Bowl Sunday | Join us February 8, at 9:15 am on the patio for fellowship and cereal

Grace Pasadena Book Club | Begins Wednesday, January 28 | Meets the last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm at Legge Alley Studio



"And [Jesus] went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them all."

MATTHEW 4:23-24

"There is something in the very essence of [the] anguish [of suffering for goodness' sake] that is liberating, cleansing, redemptive . . . [It] touches and changes those around us as well. It opens us and those around us to a force beyond ourselves, a force that is right and moral, a force of righteous truth that is at the basis of human conscience."

CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

"And then to Sam's surprise and utter confusion [Aragorn] bowed his knee before them; and taking them by the hand, Frodo upon his right hand and Sam upon his left, he led them to the throne, and setting them upon it, he turned to the men and captains who stood by and spoke, so that his voice rang over all the host, crying: 'Praise them with great praise.'"

J.R.R. TOLKIEN | THE LORD OF THE RINGS

GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-DEC 2025	JAN 2026
GIVING AS OF 1/21/2026	\$571,245	\$13,795
BUDGETED EXPENSE	765,701	60,001
DIFFERENCE	194,456	46,206



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