

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader The heavens declare the glory of God;
All the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

from Psalm 19:1

SONGS OF PRAISE

YOU ARE MY HELP AND MY SHIELD (PSALM 115) / NOAH SIEROTA

1. Glory to you ‘cause your steady and lovely
Still the world questions, “Is God even there?”
But I know the presence of him in the heavens
Does what he pleases, with love and his care

2. You are the highest in all of the heavens
Teach us to care for the world that you mend
I know the dead will not praise you in silence
‘Cause death is a chapter but life is the end

PRECHORUS
Idols made up of silver and gold
never comfort the soul

CHORUS
You are my help and my shield
You dwell with your people,
You’re already here
You are my help and my shield
You bless those who fear you,
The strong and the weak

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS / ISAAC WATTS

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader To enrich me will not diminish Your fullness; all Your loving kindness is in Your Son, I bring Him to You in the arms of faith, I urge His saving name as the one who died for me, I plead His blood to pay for my debts of wrong. Accept His worthiness for my unworthiness, His sinlessness for my transgression, His purity for my uncleanness, His sincerity for my guile, His truth for my deceits, His meekness for my pride, His constancy for my backslidings, His love for my enmity, His fullness for my emptiness, His faithfulness for my treachery, His obedience for my lawlessness, His glory for my shame, His devotedness for my waywardness, His holy life for my unchaste ways, His righteousness for my dead works, His death for my life.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Titus 3:4-7

Leader ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

ROCK OF AGES / AUGUSTUS TOPLADY

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

2. Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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

Thomas à Kempis

Leader I ask you, my most gracious God, preserve me from the cares of this life, lest I should be too much entangled in them; and from the many necessities of the body, lest I should be ensnared by pleasure; and from whatsoever is an obstacle to the soul, lest, broken with troubles, I should be overthrown. 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 scan the QR code to give via our app (iOS and Android) or website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.



OFFERING SONG

PRESSING ON / BOB DYLAN

CHORUS
Well, I’m pressing on
Yes, I’m pressing on
Well, I’m pressing on
To the higher calling of my Lord

1. Many try to stop me, shake me up in my mind
Say, “Prove to me that He is Lord, show me a sign”
What kind of sign they need when it all come from within
When what’s lost has been found, what’s to come has already been?

2. Shake the dust off of your feet, don’t look back
Nothing now can hold you down, nothing that you lack
Temptation’s not an easy thing, Adam given the devil reign
Because he sinned I got no choice, it run in my vein

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:1-11

¹ Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. ² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—
⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.
⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

“Joy in Knowing Christ”
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 appropriate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.

COMMUNION SONG

ALTOGETHER GOOD / ZACH BOLEN, BRIAN EICHELBERGER

1. How could we recount the ways
That You have multiplied our faith?
The wisdom of Your ways
The currents of Your grace, expressed
In every moment, every wave

2. Through our joys and in our griefs
You have led us to believe
The wisdom of Your ways
The currents of Your grace, express
Our only hope for all our days
Instrumental Bridge:

CHORUS
In the longing of our souls
In the darkness where we go
You are there, You are love
You are altogether good
In the weakness of our faith
In the silence where we wait
You are here, You’re enough
You are altogether good

BRIDGE
I love You, Lord, I love You, Lord
You are my more,
wholly present and pure
I love You, Lord, I love You, Lord
You are my more,
wholly present and pure

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Leader Let 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!

Leader These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

CLOSING SONG

JUST AS I AM / CHARLOTTE ELLIOTT

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood
can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

BENEDICTION Deuteronomy 31:8

Leader The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

All Thanks be to God, Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discipleship Classes | Sunday mornings, October 11 through November 29, at 8:45 am in the library

Open Tables Lunch | Sunday, October 11, after the service

Kid's Night Out | Saturday, October 17, 4:30-6:30 pm | Legge Alley Studio | scan the QR code to register

Fall Festival | Sunday, October 25, after the service on the patio | scan the QR code to register

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 Grace Pasadena | 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 9/30/2026	\$378,501	\$29,951
BUDGETED EXPENSE	476,492	57,659
DIFFERENCE	-97,991	-27,708

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



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“an obsession with righteousness... is the normal human condition.”
JONATHAN HAIDT

“If you build your life around it, your ambitions will always race out in front of what you’ve achieved, leaving you anxious and dissatisfied.”
DAVID BROOKS

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PHILIPPIANS 3:8-9

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