

PRELUDE

COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING / C. BATEMAN

1. Come, Christians, join to sing;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice.  
Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend;  
to us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end.  
Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore,  
His goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore,  
Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader

Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

All

**Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.**

1 Chronicles 29:11

SONG OF PRAISE

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING / ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
O, praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O, praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice  
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. And all Ye men of tender heart,  
forgiving others take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on Him cast your care,  
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship Him in humbleness,  
O, praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father,  
praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one!  
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Leader

Who is like unto you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? May we approach you with the humility which is due to your greatness, and the hope that becomes your goodness. For though you are high, yet you have respect for the lowly; and though continually adored by thrones and dominions, principalities and powers, yet you despise not the prayer of the destitute, but will hear their prayer. Our fathers cried unto you and were delivered. They trusted in you and were not confounded. And you never said to the seed of Jacob, seek me in vain. Amen.

— from William Jay (18th–19th Century English non-conformist pastor and revivalist preacher)

SONGS OF PRAISE

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME / B. FIELDING; B. LIGERTWOOD

1. You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

**CHORUS 1**  
*What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus*

2. You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now?

**CHORUS 2**  
*What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus*

**BRIDGE**  
*Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again  
You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all Names*

**CHORUS 3**  
*What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus*

HOW GREAT THOU ART / C. BOBERG

1. O Lord my God,  
when I in awesome wonder,  
consider all the worlds  
Thy hands have made;  
I see the stars,  
I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout  
the universe displayed.

**CHORUS**  
*Then sings my soul,  
my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art,  
how great Thou art. (repeat)*

2. And when I think,  
that God, His Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die,  
I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross  
my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

3. When Christ shall come  
with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home what joy  
shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim,  
“My God, how great Thou art!”

CONFESSION OF SIN

All

**I, a poor sinful person, confess myself before you, my Lord God and Maker, that sadly I have sinned much, with my senses, thoughts, words, and deeds, as you, eternal God, know very well. I regret them and beg your grace. Amen.**

— from Heinrich Bullinger (16th Century Swiss-German Protestant Reformer)

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

SONG OF ASSURANCE

HOLY FOREVER / C. TOMLIN

1. A thousand generations  
falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us  
and all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

**CHORUS**  
*And the angels cry, Holy  
All creation cries, Holy  
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever  
Hear your people sing, Holy  
To the King of Kings, Holy  
You will always be, Holy, Holy forever*

2. If you've been forgiven  
and if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom  
and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

Together

**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

Majestic and gracious God, you are worthy of all honor, glory, and praise. The heavens declare your glory, the earth is full of your handiwork, and yet you have set your love on us. We adore you for your beauty, your wisdom, and your power. But we also confess that, at times, it is hard to see your goodness amid the brokenness and injustice of the world. In the places where darkness feels overwhelming, shine your light and renew our vision of your majesty.

All

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Leader

For our world, we pray for peace where there is war, justice where there is oppression, and hope where despair has taken root. Remind us that you are Lord over all nations, and that your purposes will stand. Raise up leaders who walk in humility, love what is right, and serve for the good of all.

All

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Leader

For our city and neighborhoods, we thank you for the beauty we see around us—mountains, skies, and streets full of image-bearers you dearly love. Make us attentive to the needs of those who feel invisible or forgotten. Use us to bear witness to your presence through acts of kindness, words of truth, and the hope of the gospel.

All

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Leader

For our church family, we praise you for gathering us into your household. Strengthen us in unity, teach us to rejoice in you together, and help us encourage one another to lift our eyes to your glory. May Grace Pasadena be a place where weary souls find rest, doubting hearts find assurance, and all of us learn to adore you more deeply.

All

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Leader

Faithful God, we entrust all these prayers to you, knowing that you are both our maker and shepherd. You are near to us, mindful of us, and worthy of all our adoration.

All

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Psalm 8:1-9 (NIV)

For the director of music. According to gittith. A psalm of David.

- <sup>1</sup> LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory  
in the heavens.
- 2 Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.
- 3 When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,
- 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?
- 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels  
and crowned them with glory and honor.
- 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their feet:
- 7 all flocks and herds,  
and the animals of the wild,  
8 the birds in the sky,  
and the fish in the sea,  
all that swim the paths of the seas.
- 9 LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

MORNING MESSAGE Nick Locke

Beholding the Majesty of God

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.

SONG OF COMMUNION

COME LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN / F. ORTEGA

Come, let us worship and bow down  
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker  
Come, let us worship and bow down  
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker  
He is our God, He is our God  
We are the people of His pasture  
He is our God, He is our God  
We are the sheep of His hand

Come, let us worship and bow down  
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker  
Come, let us worship and bow down  
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker  
Worship the Lord in holiness  
Let the whole earth stand in awe  
He will come to judge the earth  
In righteousness and truth

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 Jude 24-25

Leader To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

All Thanks be to God! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Start-of-the-Year Pool Party BBQ | August 27 | 6:30 pm | More details to follow!

Reception for the Chadwicks | Sunday, August 31, after the service on the patio

Newcomers Lunch | Sunday, September 7, after the service | If you’re new to Grace, we’d love to get to know you. Look for a sign-up form soon to let us know you’d like to participate.

A Prayer Guide for the fall (begins September 7 and runs to the start of Advent) will be available soon! Digital and hard copies will be made available.

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GIVING & BUDGET

2025 BUDGET	\$765,701
GIVING AS OF 8/14/2025	266,600
GIVING NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET	499,101



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“I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation.

It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete till it is expressed... If it were possible for a created soul fully... to ‘appreciate’, that is to love and delight in, the worthiest object of all, and simultaneously at every moment to give this delight perfect expression, then that soul would be in supreme beautitude.”

C.S. LEWIS

(20TH CENTURY CHRISTIAN AUTHOR AND OXFORD PROFESSOR)

“Understanding more of science doesn’t make God smaller. It allows us to see His creative activity in more detail.”

RUSSELL COWBURN

(CAMBRIDGE PROFESSOR OF EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS)

“Indeed, men who have either quaffed or even tasted the liberal arts penetrate with their aid far more deeply into the secrets of the divine wisdom. Yet ignorance of them prevents no one from seeing more than enough of God’s workmanship in his creation to lead him to break forth in admiration of the Artificer.”

JOHN CALVIN

(16TH CENTURY FRENCH PROTESTANT REFORMER)

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ORDINARY TIME