PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 106:1

Leader Praise the LORD.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
All **his love endures forever.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

PRAISE THE LORD, PRAISE THE LORD (PSALM 113) / *Doki Ariosa, Sierra Ritter, Noah Sierota*

Chorus
Praise the Lord
Praise all servants of the Lord
Blessed be his name now forevermore
From the setting sun till it's reborn
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord

1. Wrapped in glory above the heavens
With all nations beneath his marvelous light
No counterfeit kind of presence
Can compare with the Lord who's seated on high

Prechorus
Who is like our God
He is never far away

2. From the dust he will raise the needy
And the poor will be free from all misery
Joy comes to the barren woman
He dresses the meek in majesty

Praise the Lord
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JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE / *Henry van Dyke*

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest.
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest.
Thou the Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine.
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began.
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

CONFESSION OF SIN — from The Valley of Vision

Leader O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, we have not loved You with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please, Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love You with a holy love. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS — Romans 5:1-2

Leader Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

GIVE THANKS TO GOD / *Allan McKinlay, Peter Crockett*

1. He sent His son to die and rise again to save us
His never ending love is steadfast and sure
He's broken our chains and given us freedom
Give thanks to God, for He is good

2. In Him, we are alive and have joy everlasting
His never ending love is steadfast and sure
He casts out all fear and fills us with courage
Give thanks to God, for He is good

3. When storms come and rage, His peace overwhelms us
His never ending love is steadfast and sure
The Lord is our refuge when trouble surrounds us
Give thanks to God, for He is good

Give thanks to God, for He is good
Give thanks to God, for He is good

4. He's always pouring out His abundant provision
His never ending love is steadfast and sure
For the depths of His riches and incredible wisdom
Give thanks to God, for He is good

Give thanks to God, for He is good
Give thanks to God, for He is good
Give thanks to God, for He is good
Give thanks to God, for He is good
Give thanks to God, for He is good

You're always good, always good to me

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 — Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

Leader You, Lord, have become my hope, my comfort, my strength, my all! In you does my soul rejoice. The darkness vanished from before my eyes, and I beheld you, the sun of righteousness. When I loved darkness, I knew you not, but wandered on from night to night. But you led me out of that blindness; you took me by the hand and called me to yourself, and now I can thank you, and your mighty voice which has penetrated to my inmost heart. 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

MORNING HAS BROKEN / *Eleanor Farjeon*

1. Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the word

2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dew fall, on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

3. Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recrea-tion of the new day

4. Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the word

SCRIPTURE READING — Philippians 4:1-9

[1] Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!
[2] I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
[3] Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.
[4] Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! [5] Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. [6] Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. [7] And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
[8] Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. [9] Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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

MORNING MESSAGE — Nick Locke

"Joy in the Lord"
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

THE BEAUTY OF THE HEART OF CHRIST / *Mitch Wong, Tim Timmons, Travis Ryan*

1. May my life carry the heart of Christ
Lord in all I say, all that I do
Selfless love lowly in sacrifice
Laying down my pride
Nothing to prove

Chorus
Now that I have seen
Now that I have tasted
Of Your mercy and Your love divine
May my life be full
Full of one thing only
Just the beauty of the heart of Christ
Just the beauty of the heart of Christ

2. For the least of these
even my enemies
Who am I to dare dare to withhold
What I've received
forgiveness and grace so free
Let Your fire in me never grow cold

Bridge
Oh what a privilege
Oh what an honor it is
No greater joy than this
To carry Your heart
Carry Your heart

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

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

Chorus
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

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

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

Final Chorus
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
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

BENEDICTION — Philippians 4:19-20

Leader — And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.
To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever.

All — **Thanks be to God, Amen!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Today! Open Tables Lunch 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-SEP 2026	OCT 2026
GIVING & INCOME* AS OF 10/8/2026	**$419,968**	**$5,373**
BUDGETED EXPENSE	**534,150**	**57,651**
DIFFERENCE	**-114,182**	**-52,278**

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

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"All men seek happiness without exception… This is the motive of all the actions of all men, even those who contemplate suicide."

BLAISE PASCAL (1623–1662)

"Human history is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy."

C.S. LEWIS (1898–1963)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

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