

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

LeaderOur help is in the name of the LORD,

Allthe Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

SONGS OF PRAISE

COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING / CHRISTIAN HENRY 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 the Lord again;
Alleluia, Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia, Amen!
On Heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forever more,
Alleluia, Amen!

HE IS LORD / JOHN BARNETT

1. I will call on the name
of the Lord, my God
I will lift up my voice
to give praise to my King

2. There is peace in the presence
of the Lord, my God
There is power in the blood
of the Lamb that was slain

CHORUS
He's the light in the darkness
He's the calm in the storm
He's the hope of the righteous
He is Lord (x2)

BRIDGE
Every knee will bow,
Every tongue confess that He is Lord
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CONFESSION OF SIN

LeaderLord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners. Have mercy upon us, most gracious God and Father. Forgive all our sins through the suffering of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Increase in us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize our sin, sincerely repent, and produce the fruits of righteousness that are pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—adapted from John Calvin's Genevan Liturgy (1542)

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

LeaderWho is a God like you,
who pardons sin and forgives the transgression
of the remnant of his inheritance?
You do not stay angry forever
but delight to show mercy.
You will again have compassion on us;
you will tread our sins underfoot
and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:18-19

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
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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

You're always good, always good to me

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LeaderMay the peace of the Lord be always with you.

AllAnd 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

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

CORNERSTONE / E. MOTE, E. LILJERO, J. MYRIN, R. MORGAN, W. BATCHELDER BRADBURY

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

2. When darkness seems
to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

3. When He shall come
with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before
the throne

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”
¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”
¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”
¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”
¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

ReaderThis is the word of the Lord.

AllThanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

“Who Is Jesus?”
Sermon Series: *Encounters With Jesus*

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

KING OF MY HEART / SARAH McMILLAN, JOHN MARK McMILLAN

1. Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh, He is my song

2. Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh, He is my song

CHORUS
'Cause You are good,
You're good, oh
'Cause You are good,
You're good, oh

BRIDGE
You're never gonna let
You're never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
You're never gonna let me down

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

LeaderLet us declare the great mystery of our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament

AllChrist has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!

LeaderThese are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

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CLOSING SONG

GOD THE FATHER / BERNARD CHADWICK, MARC CHOI

May God the Father go before you
May God the Son light the way
May God the Spirit bind us together
In his great love

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May God the Son light the way
May God the Spirit bind us together
In his great love

Let us lay down our burdens
as we gather in his name
the peace of Christ within us
is the glory of our faith

Praise God for his goodness,
mercy, and grace
Let the word of Christ be in us
Give us wisdom as we pray

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

Youth Families Pool Party | August 30, after the service

City Group Pool Party | September 13, 5-7 pm in La Canada

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 Noah Sierota and the Grace Pasadena Worship Team | 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-JUL 2026	AUG 2026
GIVING & INCOME* AS OF 8/20/2026	\$332,234	\$13,837
BUDGETED EXPENSE	416,822	59,669
DIFFERENCE	-84,588	-45,832

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



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“...whoever has obtained Christ wants nothing that is necessary to perfect happiness...”

JOHN CALVIN (1509-1564)

“This is a question we should every one of us be frequently putting to ourselves: ‘Who do we say, what kind of one do we say, that the Lord Jesus is? Is he precious to us? Is he in our eyes the chief of ten thousand? Is he the Beloved of our souls?’”

MATTHEW HENRY (1662-1714)

ORDINARY TIME | PROPER 16
AUGUST 23, 2026