

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Come, bow down and worship, kneel to the Lord, our maker.
All This is our God, our shepherd, we are the flock led with care.
Leader We have gathered to praise our gracious God.
All Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! —based on Psalm 96:6-7

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF PRAISE

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS / WORDS: Ps. 24, MUSIC: G. WEISEL

- Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!
- A helper just, He comes to thee; his chariot is humility; his kingly crown is holiness; his scepter, kindness in distress!
- O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed! O happy hearts and happy homes, to whom this King in triumph comes!
- Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart! The Word made flesh descends to dwell with joy for you who His mercies tell.
- So come, my Lord, and enter in, let new and nobler life begin! Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on until Thy glorious victories won!

WHO YOU SAY I AM / B. FIELDING & R. MORGAN

- Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me
Chorus 1
*Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am*
- Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2
*Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am*

Bridge
*I am chosen, Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am*

ALL YOUR WORKS ARE GOOD / SANDRA McCracken

- The moon it marks the seasons,
The sun knows when to go down
The ocean holds its creatures,
The river knows its bounds
- The birds, the trees, the cattle,
And all things great and small
We find our place in creation,
Your hand sustains it all
- He makes the clouds His chariot,
He wraps Himself in light
He stretches out the heavens,
Like a tent across the sky
- He knows our every burden,
When darkness veils our eyes
He comes with spring returning,
Bringing death to life
- As we labor until evening,
There's a message on the wind
Be still and know your Maker,
Be satisfied in Him

CHORUS
*All Your works are good
All Your works are good
From everlasting, to everlasting
All Your works are good*

- He makes the clouds His chariot,
He wraps Himself in light
He stretches out the heavens,
Like a tent across the sky

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader Christian, what is your confession of sin?
All Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name, Amen. (silence)

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Christians, lift up your heads!
Know that the LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

All Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the peace of Christ be with you.

All And also with you!

Leader Therefore, let us greet one another.

Children ages 2 to 5th grade are invited to participate in our children's program during the sermon; children return for Communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you're visiting with us for the first time, please fill out an information card (available at the welcome table) and drop it into the offering box or give it to a church staff member. For more announcements, see the back of the bulletin or visit our website.

SONG OF FAITH

WE ARE NOT OVERCOME / BIFROST ARTS

- Flesh will fail, bones will break
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, light will fade
The Lord will give, and take away
- Put no trust in the earth
In the ground you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust
The Lord will make a place for us
- Have no fear, for your life
Turn your cheek, Turn your cheek
Bear the yoke, love in death
The Lord will give life and breath

CHORUS
*Because of His great love
We are not overcome
Because of His great love
We are not overcome*

- Put no trust in the earth
In the ground you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust
The Lord will make a place for us

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader Christians, what do you believe?

All In tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, and sword, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For we are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. —from Romans 8:35-39

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Empower the church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide so that, united in your truth and love, the church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit together at one table, and serve you in one common ministry. (silence)
Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.
Leader Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition and to bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for peace and justice, that all your children may dwell secure, free of war and injustice. (silence)
Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.
Leader Sustain those among us who need your healing touch. Make the sick whole, give hope to the dying, comfort those who mourn, and uphold all who suffer in body or mind, not only those we know and love but also those known only to you, that they may know the peace and joy of your supporting care (silence)
Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.
Leader Strengthen this congregation in its work and worship. Fill our hearts with your self-giving love, that our voices may speak your praise and our lives may conform to the image of your Son. Nourish us with your Word and sacraments, that we may faithfully minister in your name and witness to your love and grace for all the world. (silence)
Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.
Leader O God, in your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of Jesus Christ.
All Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11:1-13 (NIV)

¹The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'⁸ "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'⁹ "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.'¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again. ¹¹"Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹²The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter.

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

MORNING MESSAGE

John Stone

Sermon Title: "Peter Learning To Be Like Jesus"

RESPONSE OF FAITH & 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 mail your offering to our office: 16 N Marengo Ave Ste 609, Pasadena, CA 91101; or give via our app (iOS and Android) or website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.

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. Pre-packaged elements, which are gluten-free are available in the line closest to the stage. Participate as you feel comfortable.

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 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.

SONG OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

AARON'S BLESSING / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you

And be gracious to you
And be gracious to you

May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you

May He keep you in perfect peace
May He keep you in perfect peace

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The one who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he'll do it! Alleluia!

All **Alleluia! Amen!**

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost Sunday until the start of Advent. From the Latin "ordus" we look to the Spirit to re-order our lives according to the love of Jesus Christ. As the season of the Spirit, we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus' followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. It is a season in which we learn to recognize the presence of God in the day-to-day. The color of the season is green, symbolizing new life.

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **City Group Leadership Training | August 18** - If you've ever been curious about how to lead a group, please attend. We will discuss groups for the upcoming term and review the new content for the fall. For more details, email ben@gracepasadena.org.
- **Children & Families Ministry** - Interested in serving in children's church this year? Join us for our children's ministry volunteer training on Aug 25 at 8:30 am to learn more. Email Caroline at families@gracepasadena.org for more details.
- **College / Young Adult Welcome Back BBQ | September 8** - Join the Ewens at their home for a night of food and fellowship as we welcome back our college students. RSVP via this link: <https://subspla.sh/g4dwjzc>
- **City Groups Fall Term** - CGs will return for 10 weeks from the summer hiatus September 15 through November 23. If you haven't yet joined a group, email ben@gracepasadena.org for more info.
- **New Members Class | October 6** - Join us for a five (5) week course on membership at Grace Pasadena. The class will start October 6 and end November 3. Please sign up by emailing ben@gracepasadena.org.
- **Youth Group Hangouts!** Every Thursday evening the youth group hangs out doing different activities such as movie and board game nights, meals together, and the occasional pool, beach or mountain adventure. If you want to know what we're up to or want to participate, visit our website under "Youth" (updated weekly) or email Bailey at bailey@gracepasadena.org!
- **Dinner at the Stones** - John and Marisa would love to have you over for dinner! Sign up for an available date via this link: <https://subspla.sh/rbz2w39/> or scan the QR code below.



Dinner at the
Stones

GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-JUL 2024	AUG 2024
GIVING AS OF 8/9/2024	\$285,267	\$8,875
BUDGETED GIVING	307,650	46,200
DIFFERENCE	-22,383	-37,325
BUDGETED EXPENSE	\$459,864	\$59,222

For 2024, the budgeted contribution from reserves is \$140,408 (or 14% of reserves as of Jan 1).



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"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

HEBREWS 13:2

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

MATTHEW 25:35

"One of the dynamics of a transforming community is that by its very nature, there is enough "otherness" (people who are different) in the group that we can actually be challenged to stretch and grow beyond the confines of our own limited view of things and experience of God.

RUTH HALEY BARTON

AUGUST 11, 2024

ORDINARY TIME