

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader For the LORD has chosen Zion,
he has desired it for his dwelling, saying,
“This is my resting place for ever and ever;
here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it.
I will bless her with abundant provisions;
her poor I will satisfy with food.

Psalm 132:13-15 (NIV)

SONG OF PRAISE

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

1. 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!

2. A helper just, He comes to thee;
his chariot is humility;
his kingly crown is holiness;
his scepter, kindness in distress!

3. 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!
4. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heav’n’s employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. So come, my Sov’reign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

SONGS OF PRAISE

THIS I BELIEVE / HILLSONG WORSHIP

1. Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

2. Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

BRIDGE
I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

FINAL CHORUS
I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe In the name of Jesus
I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe In the name of Jesus

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Connor MacLeod Corey

Questions for Ashley and Anders Corey, Connor’s parents:

- Do you acknowledge Connor’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- Do you claim God’s covenant promises on Connor’s behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
- Do you now unreservedly dedicate your son to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question for the Congregation:

- Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of Connor?

SONG OF RESPONSE

PROVIDE FOR ME / R. DELMORE

Maker of the heavens
Maker of the earth
I look up to the mountains
Where does my help come from?
It comes from You, it comes from You
It comes from You
My strength and my shield
You will save me in times of trouble
You will hold me in times of doubt
You will provide for me
Lover of my soul
You will provide for me

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
[Thank God for who He is and His abundant faithfulness.]
your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
[Pray for God’s rule and reign to become a reality.]
Give us this day our daily bread.
[Pray for God’s daily provision in your life.]
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
[Confess your sins to the Lord, and forgive people who have wronged you.]
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
[Ask for God to guide you in ‘paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.’]
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. 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.

OFFERING SONG

YOU WILL ALWAYS

1. Oh God my rock
my strength and my fortress
You never fail
even when I doubt
You have my heart
Oh God your peace surrounds me
I’m in your arms
You will cover me with your grace

CHORUS
You will always be my strength
You will always be my light
You will always be my hope
You will always be my God

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:1-15 (NIV)

¹ Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountain inside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near. ⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!” ⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, ⁹ “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. ¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” ¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

Bread in the Wilderness

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

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY / K. & K. GETTY, M. BOSWELL, M. PAPA

1. Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven’s praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

2. Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand
3. Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father’s plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

4. Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e’er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

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 Philippians 4:19-20 (NIV)

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.
Amen.

All

Thanks be to God. Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: Practicing the Way | Sunday mornings at 8:45a


Women’s Bible Study | Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am | Scan the QR code to register

Fall Women’s Dessert | October 15 at 7 pm | Scan the QR code to RSVP

The fall session of City Groups has begun! | visit our website or contact Erisa ekhines@gmail.com if you’re interested in joining or leading a group

Open Tables | **College students**, interested in connecting with families at Grace? We’d love to have you join our new college ministry, Open Tables. Fill out the form by scanning the QR code below to learn more and get paired with a family.

Scan the QR code to:



- access the Grace Pasadena Podcast for sermons and midweek devotionals from Sunday’s worship service
- RSVP to the women’s dessert night
- fill out the Open Tables form
- register for the Wednesday Women’s Study
- access the Ordinary Time Prayer Guide
- fill out a Connect Card
- sign up for our weekly e-newsletter
- set up online giving



“It is not God’s intention that we should be in ourselves adequate to our tasks. Rather, he wants that we should be inadequate... The church is always in a crisis and always will be. There will be difficulties, limitations, insoluble problems, lack of people and money, a menacing outlook, endless misunderstandings and misrepresentations. We are not only to do our work despite these things; they are precisely the conditions requisite for the doing of it.”

PAUL BARNETT | *THE MESSAGE OF 2 CORINTHIANS: POWER IN WEAKNESS*
(20TH CENTURY AUSTRALIAN BIBLICAL SCHOLAR AND HISTORIAN)

“That God does not exist, I cannot deny. That my whole being cries out for God I cannot forget.”
JEAN-PAUL SARTRE | *ESSAYS IN AESTHETICS*
(20TH CENTURY FRENCH EXISTENTIALIST PHILOSOPHER)

“If the only thing you have to offer is a broken heart, you offer a broken heart. So in a time of grief, the recognition that this is material for sacrifice has been a very great strength for me. Realizing that nothing I have, nothing I am will be refused on the part of Christ, I simply give it to him as the little boy gave Jesus his five loaves and two fishes—with the same feeling of the disciples when they said, ‘What is the good of that for such a crowd?’... Naturally in almost anything I offer to Christ, my reaction would be, ‘What is the good of that?’ The point is, the use he makes of it is none of my business; it is his business, it is his blessing. So this grief, this loss, this suffering, this pain—whatever it is, which at the moment is God’s means of testing my faith and bringing me to the recognition of who he is—that is the thing I can offer.”

ELISABETH ELLIOT | *“MATERIAL FOR SACRIFICE”, WORLDWIDE CHALLENGE MAGAZINE*
(20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MISSIONARY AND AUTHOR)

GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-AUG 2025	SEP 2025
GIVING AS OF 10/8/2025	\$293,146	\$67,307
BUDGETED EXPENSE	511,902	61,454
DIFFERENCE	218,756	5,853



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