

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader We will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD:
All his power, and the wonders he has done.

SONGS OF PRAISE

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING / St. FRANCIS OF ASSISI; W. H. DRAPER

1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
REFRAIN
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
2. Thou rushing winds 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.

REJOICE / STUART TOWNEND, DUSTIN KENSRLUE

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shin-
ing in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or
trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our
midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew
our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace and live in
the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous,
to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in
the Spirit.

from Psalm 78:4

3. And all ye saints 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:
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:

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

from the Book of Common Worship

1 Peter 3:18

SONG OF ASSURANCE

JESUS’ NAME / RYAN DELMORE

So beautiful, no name is higher
So wonderful, is Jesus’ name
Is Jesus’ name
And every knee will bow
In heaven and the earth
And every eye will see

The measure of Your worth
There is no one like You
Risen Son of God
Holy is Your name
Holy is Your name

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

Leader Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
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

EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS / BROOKE LIGERTWOOD

1. Who, being
in very nature God, did not
Consider equality with God
something to be
Used to His own advantage
Rather, He made himself nothing by
Taking the very nature of a servant
Being made in human likeness and
Being found in appearance as a man
He humbled Himself

CHORUS
By becoming obedient to death
Even death on a cross!
By becoming obedient to death
Even death on a cross!
Even death on a cross!

BRIDGE
Therefore God exalted Him
to the highest place
And gave Him the name that is above
every name
That at the name of Jesus every
knee should bow

BRIDGE 2
And every tongue
Acknowledge that Jesus Christ
Is Lord
Is Lord

ENDING
to the glory of God the Father

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-13

¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any
comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and
compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same
love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or
vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to
your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own
advantage;
⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my pres-
ence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation
with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order
to fulfill his good purpose.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

“Joy in the Way of Jesus”
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 appropri-
ate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.

COMMUNION SONG

EXISTS / ANNA GOLDEN, BEDE BENJAMIN-KORPORAAL, BEN TAN, JESSIE EARLY

1. Even the flowers declare
what you’ve done
Without a word without breath
in their lungs
I know your mercy
won’t come to an end
Cause the sun always rises again

CHORUS
Oh Your majesty in the galaxies
All creation sings what a symphony
Everything exists to give you glory

2. Deep in the blueprint
of how we’re designed
Woven together with worship in mind
Oh it’s been just so simple all this time

CHORUS 2
I will sing a song, I will lift my hands
I won’t hold it back,
I won’t miss the chance
All of me exists to give you glory

BRIDGE
All the glory is Yours
All the glory is Yours
All the glory is Yours

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

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS / MATTHEW BRIDGES

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem
drowns, all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing,
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King,
through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of love,
behold His hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky,
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye,
at mysteries so bright.

3. Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o’er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife,
for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

4. Crown Him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
through all eternity.

BENEDICTION

Philippians 4:23

Leader The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

All Thanks be to God, Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today! (after the service) Potluck and Chili Cook-Off

Discipleship Classes | Sunday mornings, Oct 11-Nov 29, 8:45a in the library

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-AUG 2026	SEP 2026
GIVING & INCOME* AS OF 9/25/2026	\$376,954	\$18,074
BUDGETED EXPENSE	476,492	57,659
DIFFERENCE	-99,538	-39,585

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



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“unity... belongs to the very essence of Christian life, for it is the way in which Christians display outwardly what the gospel is and means to them.”

ALEC MOTYER (1924-2016)

“Christ humbled himself — not, he was humbled. O infinite sublimity, of which it must be categorically true that there was none in heaven or on earth or in the abyss that could humble him! He humbled himself. The infinite qualitative difference between Christ and every other man lies indeed in this, that in every humiliation which he suffers it is absolutely necessary that he himself should assent and confirm that he is willing to submit himself to that humiliation. This is infinite superiority over suffering, but at the same time also suffering infinitely more intense in kind.”

SØREN KIERKEGAARD (1813-1855)

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