

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;  
he heard my cry for mercy.

**All Because he turned his ear to me,  
I will call on him as long as I live.**

## SONG 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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## PRAYER OF ADORATION

**from the Book of Common Prayer**

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## SONGS OF PRAISE

**PSALM 46** / *MUSIC: BIFROST ARTS*

1. God is our refuge  
our strength and our shield  
An ever present help  
We will not fear  
though the earth gives away  
and the mountains crash into the sea

### PRECHORUS 1

*There is a river whose streams will make  
glad the city of our most high king  
God is within her and she will not fail  
He helps her in break of the day*

2. Nations in uproar  
men's kingdoms they fall  
He speaks and the earth melts away  
The worst we imagine,  
the strongest of storms  
Our fortress it will still remain

### PRECHORUS 2

*There is a river whose streams will make  
glad the city of our most high king  
God is within her and she will not fail  
Listen and hear the Lord say*

### CHORUS

*Be still and know that I am God*

3. Come let us see  
what the Lord has done  
The ruin he brings to the Earth  
He makes wars to cease  
to the ends of the earth  
He shatters the bow and the spear

**Psalm 116:1-2**

**TREMBLE** / *MOAIC*

1. Peace, bring it all to peace  
The storm surrounding me  
Let it break at Your name  
Still, call the sea to still  
The rage in me to still  
Every wave at Your name

### CHORUS

*Jesus, Jesus  
You make the darkness tremble  
Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear  
Jesus, Jesus*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

2. Breathe, then call these bones to live  
Call these lungs to sing  
Once again, I will praise

### BRIDGE

Your name  
is a light that the shadows can't deny  
Your name cannot be overcome  
Your name is alive forever lifted high  
Your name cannot be overcome

**Søren Kierkegaard (1813–1855)**

Leader Lord Jesus Christ, let thy Holy Spirit enlighten our minds and convince us thoroughly of our sin, so that, humbled and with downcast eyes, we may recognize that we stand far, far off and sigh, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner"; but then let it befall us by thy grace as it befell that publican who went up to the temple to pray and went down to his house justified.

*(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

**SWEET COMFORT** / *S. McCracken*

1. Whatever my God ordains is right  
His holy will abides  
I will be still whatever he does  
And follow where he guides

### CHORUS

*Sweet comfort, sweet comfort  
Yet shall fill my heart  
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort  
Sorrow shall depart*

2. Whatever my God ordains is right  
He makes my feet to stand  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine  
He holds me in his hand

### BRIDGE

*This bitter cup, I take it  
My fainting heart restored  
So here I stand, unshaken  
I trust upon the Lord*

## 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 Heavenly Father,  
you are faithful to every promise you make.  
When we are tempted to trust our circumstances more than your word,  
strengthen our faith.

Where disappointment has hardened into doubt,  
renew our hope,  
and teach us to remember that nothing is too hard for you.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All Hear our prayer.**

Leader Lord Jesus Christ,  
you are the promised Son,  
the fulfillment of all God's covenant promises.  
Give comfort to those who grieve,  
healing to those who suffer,  
and strength to those who are weary.  
When the future feels uncertain,  
help us to trust your wisdom and care.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All Hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy Spirit,  
you give life where there is barrenness  
and hope where there is despair.  
We pray for the leaders of our nation, state, and city.  
Grant them wisdom, integrity, and humility.  
We pray also for the poor, the marginalized, and the forgotten.  
Provide for those in need,  
comfort those who feel unseen,  
and move your people to acts of mercy and justice.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of all grace,  
make us a people who bear witness to your faithfulness.  
Give us courage to trust your promises,  
even when fulfillment seems far away.  
Use us to extend your grace to our neighbors, our city, and the world.  
And when we are tempted to laugh in unbelief,  
remind us that all things are possible with you.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All Hear our prayer. 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

**PSALM 103** / *MUSIC: BERNARD CHADWICK*

Praise the Lord  
Oh my soul  
All my in-most being  
praise his holy name  
Praise the Lord  
Oh my soul  
and forget not all his benefits  
who forgives all your sin  
and heals all your diseases  
who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love  
and compassion

### CHORUS

*He satisfies your desires  
with good things  
So that your youth  
is renewed like the eagles  
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with good things  
So that your youth  
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## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

<sup>3</sup> He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by.

<sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree.

<sup>5</sup> Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

<sup>6</sup> So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

<sup>7</sup> Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

<sup>9</sup> "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said.

<sup>10</sup> Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. <sup>11</sup> Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

<sup>15</sup> Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

## MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

*Sarah Laughs*

## 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

**ALTOGETHER GOOD** / ZACH BOLEN, BRIAN EICHELBERGER

1. How could we recount the ways  
That You have multiplied our faith?  
The wisdom of Your ways  
The currents of Your grace, expressed  
In every moment, every wave

2. Through our joys and in our griefs  
You have led us to believe  
The wisdom of Your ways  
The currents of Your grace, express  
Our only hope for all our days  
Instrumental Bridge:

### CHORUS

*In the longing of our souls  
In the darkness where we go  
You are there, You are love  
You are altogether good  
In the weakness of our faith  
In the silence where we wait  
You are here, You're enough  
You are altogether good*

### BRIDGE

*I love You, Lord, I love You, Lord  
You are my more,  
wholly present and pure  
I love You, Lord, I love You, Lord  
You are my more,  
wholly present and pure*

## 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

**DOXOLOGY** / THOMAS 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

Matthew 10:6-8

Leader Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. as you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

All **Thanks be to God, Amen!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Psalms Jesus Sang** - an album for Grace Pasadena by Noah Sierota and the Grace Pasadena Worship Team | available June 19

**Women's Gathering - Pasadena Pastry Tour** | Saturday, June 20, 9-11 am | Scan the QR code to learn more, RSVP, and sign up to bring something.

**VBS** | July 6-10, 9:30-11 am in La Canada | Scan the QR code to register.

**June 28 - Fellowship in the Park** | Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information!

**Pentecost Prayer Guide & Guided Prayer Podcast** | Scan the QR code for a digital version and link to the audio guide. Hard copies are available at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings.



## GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-MAY 2026	JUN 2026
GIVING & INCOME* AS OF 6/11/2026	\$246,818	\$5,901
BUDGETED EXPENSE	298,450	60,766
DIFFERENCE	51,632	54,865

\* includes general offerings, ministry specific giving, and interest income



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"They laughed because laughing felt better than crying. They laughed because if by some crazy chance it just happened to come true, they would really have something to laugh about, and in the meanwhile it helped keep them going. Faith is 'the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen,' says the Letter to the Hebrews (11:1). Faith is laughter at the promise of a child called Laughter."

**FREDERICK BUECHNER (1926-2022)**

"...with God all things are possible."

**MATTHEW 19:26**

**ORDINARY TIME | PROPER 6**

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