

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Psalm 95:1-2

SONG OF PRAISE

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS / E. MOTE

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

CHORUS

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

4. When he shall come
with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Leader Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

GOOD GOOD FATHER / PAT BARRETT; TONY BROWN

1. Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of
what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love
in the dead of night
And You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

CHORUS

*You're a good, good Father,
It's who You are,
It's who You are,
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am,
It's who I am,
It's who I am*

2. Oh, I've seen many searching
for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching
for answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need
Before we say a word

BRIDGE

'Cause You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

3. Oh, it's love so undeniable,
I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable,
I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love

CHORUS

*You're a good, good Father,
It's who You are,
It's who You are,
It's who You are,
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am,
It's who I am,
It's who I am*

ROCK OF AGES / AUGUSTUS TOPLADY

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

2. Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader O Lord, I do not deserve a glimpse of heaven, and I am unable with my works to redeem myself from sin, [and] death... Nevertheless, you have given me your Son Jesus Christ, who is far more precious and dear than heaven, and much stronger than sin, [and] death... For this I rejoice, praise, and thank you, O God. Without cost and out of pure grace you have given me this boundless blessing in your dear Son. Through him you take sin, [and] death... from me, and do grant me all that belongs to him. Amen.

—from Martin Luther, 16th century German reformer

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 5:6-8

Leader For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

YOU WILL ALWAYS

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*

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,
We have seen you work throughout history and in our own lives.
Yet when hardship comes, we often suffer from spiritual amnesia.
We are prone to ask with your people of old,
“Is the LORD among us or not?”
Forgive our shortsighted and forgetful hearts,
and draw us back to yourself.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Our King and Ruler,
You have demonstrated your sovereignty and power over the nations.
The horse and its rider you have cast into the sea.
By your mighty hand and outstretched arm, bring peace and justice.
Hear the cries of the oppressed around the world
and act on their behalf.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Our Refuge and Strength,
We pray for those in positions of authority.
May they lead in ways that reflect your character.
Help them pursue goodness and righteousness,
and when they do not, call them to account.
As you work out your will, be near to the brokenhearted
and save those who are crushed in spirit.
May your church be an instrument of peace.
When we encounter hatred and darkness,
help us to sow love and light.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Our Savior and Comforter,
When we are overcome with fear and grief, keep us from grumbling.
May we not put you to the test.
Help us to cast our anxieties on you, knowing that you care for us.
In our distress, enable us to look to Christ, our Rock.
May we find solace in the one who was struck for us,
and bear witness to him wherever you send us.
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 give via our app (iOS and Android) or website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.

OFFERING SONG

RESTORE US AGAIN / PAUL ZACH

1. We longed for Egypt
in the wilderness
A kingdom made of dust
Built an idol out of happiness
A paradise of rust
We lost all the meaning,
drowned out the feeling
Our hearts barely beating

CHORUS

*Restore us again God of our salvation
Revive us again in your unfailing love
Restore us again God of our salvation
Revive us again in your unfailing love*

2. We have trusted in the meaningless
And chased a life of ease
Now we wander in the shadow lands
Where comfort is our king
We lost all the meaning,
drowned out the feeling
Our hearts barely beating

BRIDGE

Holy spirit - bring us life once again
Holy spirit - lead our hearts back to you

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

¹ All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

Is the Lord Among Us?

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

HYMN FOR THE WILDERNESS

1. Tried on my own to satisfy
All of my heartache but I grew tired
But there is a well that won't run dry
and it's full of life

PRE-CHORUS
Teach me not to forget
You turn dry ground to flower beds
You consider the lily's bloom
In meadows you lead me to

CHORUS
You walk with me in the wilderness
There's not a grief you haven't seen or
been buried with

*You're in my chest and every
circumstance
Like desert streams, water bleeds out of
the rock that follows me*

2. You take the dust and make it change
With holy breathe you speak my name
Forming and shaping me by your flame
But I'm still so safe

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

TAKE MY LIFE / F. HAVERGAL

1. Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

2. Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee
Swift and beautiful for Thee

3. Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

4. Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

5. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

Leader Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent Prayer Guide & Guided Prayer Podcast | Scan the QR code for a digital version. Hard copies are available at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings

Discipleship Classes: Practicing The Way | Join us in the Community Room at 8:45a on Sunday mornings

Communicants and New Members Classes | Feb 22 - Mar 15 (4 weeks) | Sundays at 11:45a-12:30p

Grace Pasadena Book Club | Meets the last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm at Legge Alley Studio

Holy Week: Palm Sunday @ 10am, Good Friday @ 6pm, Easter Sunday @ 10am



GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-FEB 2026	MAR 2026
GIVING & INCOME* AS OF 3/5/2026	\$75,399	\$4,335
BUDGETED EXPENSE	118,997	60,210
DIFFERENCE	43,598	55,875

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



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"When they wanted water, they fell a-chiding with Moses, "Why hast thou brought us out of Egypt, to kill us with thirst?" As if they had said, "If we die, we will lay our death to your charge." Here was enough to have made Moses call for fire from heaven upon them, but he passes by this injury, and, to show he forgave them, he becomes an intercessor for them."

THOMAS WATSON

17TH CENTURY ENGLISH MINISTER

"Then the Lord said to Moses, "Take the staff and strike the rock, that it may produce water for the people." Behold, there is a rock, and it contains water. However, unless this rock is struck, it does not have any water at all. But when it has been struck, it produces fountains and rivers, as we read in the Gospel: "He who believes in me, from within him there shall flow rivers of living water." When Christ was struck on the cross, he brought forth the fountains of the New Testament. Therefore it was necessary for him to be pierced. If he had not been struck, so that water and blood flowed from his side the whole world would have perished through suffering thirst for the word of God. "

CAESARIUS OF ARLES

6TH CENTURY FRENCH BISHOP

"God delivered his people by submitting to his own rod of judgment, taking the judgment in Moses' place."

PHILIP RYKEN

AMERICAN PASTOR AND THEOLOGIAN

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