

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

LeaderLook to the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always.

AllRemember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.

SONGS OF PRAISE

TAKE MY LIFE / FRANCES RIDLEY 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

HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE / ANDREW REED; PEPPER CHOPLIN

1. Holy Spirit, light divine
Shine upon this heart of mine
Chase the shades of night away
Turn my darkness into day
Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come

2. Holy Spirit, power divine
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine
Long has sin without control
Held dominion o’er my soul
Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come

3. Holy Spirit, all divine
Dwell within this heart of mine
Cast down every idol throne
Reign supreme and reign alone
Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come
- CHORUS
O Holy Spirit, presence of God
Giver of comfort, power and love
I give You my heart,
Light divine

CONFESSION OF SIN

LeaderAlmighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— adapted from the Book of Common Prayer (1552)

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

LeaderHe who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will
he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ...Christ Jesus
who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand
of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the
love of Christ?

Romans 8:32, 34b-35a

SONG OF ASSURANCE

JESUS PAID IT ALL / ELVINA M. HALL

1. I hear the Savior say,
“Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all.”

CHORUS
Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed me white as snow

2. Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots
And melt the heart of stone
3. For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim
I’ll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb
4. And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save”
My lips shall still repeat

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LeaderMay the peace of the Lord be always with you.

AllAnd 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

LeaderMost loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things,
to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you
who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxiet-
ies, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that
love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your
Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

from the Book of Common Prayer

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

MY SOUL FINDS REST / MARY MACLEAN

1. My soul finds rest in God alone
He only is my salvation
My rock, my peace
My fortress strong
I will ever love and adore thee

2. Great love of God, Jesus, His name,
He only is my foundation
For on the cross,
He bled and died
And took my sorrows forever

For on the cross,
He bled and died
And took my sorrows forever
And I will praise him come whatever

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body,
this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am
torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;
²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I
know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and
joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ
Jesus will abound on account of me.

²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of
Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I
will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith
of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This
is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that
by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in
him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you
saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

ReaderThis is the word of the Lord.

AllThanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

“Joy in Life and Death”
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

IN THE GARDEN / CHARLES AUSTIN MILES

1. I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

REFRAIN
And He walks with me,
And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.
2. He speaks, and the sound
of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

3. I’d stay in the garden with Him
Tho’ the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go;
thro’ the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

LeaderLet us declare the great mystery of our faith as signed and sealed in
this sacrament

AllChrist has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!

LeaderThese are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

CLOSING SONG

TURN YOUR EYES (BY WORSHIP INITIATIVE) / H. H. LEMMEL, A. WESTLAKE, N. FOX

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

2. Thro' death into life everlasting,
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion--
For more than conqu'rors we are!

3. His Word shall not fail you -
He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

REFRAIN
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow
strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

BENEDICTION

1 Peter 5:10-11

Leader And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

All Thanks be to God, Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Game Night | September 26, 6-8 pm at Legge Alley Studio

Potluck and Chili Cook-Off | September 27, after the service | Scan the QR code to sign up for a dish

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 Noah Sierota and the Grace Pasadena Worship Team | 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 9/17/2026	\$376,954	\$15,416
BUDGETED EXPENSE	476,492	57,659
DIFFERENCE	-99,538	-42,243

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



“Though I have been busy, perhaps overbusy, all my life, it seems to me now that I have accomplished little that matters, that the books have never come up to what was in my head, and that the rewards—the comfortable income, the public notice, the literary prizes, and the honorary degrees—have been tinsel, not what a grown man should be content with.”

LARRY MORGAN
IN WALLACE STEGNER’S CROSSING TO SAFETY (1987)

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.”

JIM ELLIOT (1927-1956)