

PRELUDE

PRAISE THE LORD ALL YOU NATIONS/PEOPLE (PSALM 117)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Psalm 80:1, 3

**All Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

SONG OF PRAISE

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS / J. SCRIVEN

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer.
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer
2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield you;
You will find a solace there.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

from the Book of Common Prayer

Leader Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

ALMIGHTY GOD / S. McCracken

1. Almighty God, to You,
all hearts are open
Search and know our thoughts
and anxious fears
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy
Come with Your light;
we cannot hide from You
2. Almighty God, to You,
all hearts are open
With gratitude, we raise our song to You
Come and fill the praises of Your people
In grace and truth,
You make us new again

CHORUS

*Hallelu - jah
Hallelu - jah
Hallelu - - jah*

3. Almighty God, to You,
all hearts are open
We long for more
than what this world provides
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us
Your river deep floods over everything

BRIDGE

To You, all hearts are open,
Almighty God (repeat x4)

PSALM 126 / BIFROST ARTS

1. Our mouths they were filled,
filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed,
loosed with joy
Restore us, O Lord
Restore us, O Lord

CHORUS

*Although we are weeping
Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of your kingdom
For the day you will reap them*

*Your sheaves we will carry
Lord please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping
will go out with songs of joy*
2. The nations will say,
"He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us, O Lord
Restore us, O Lord

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader O Good Shepherd, seek me out, and bring me home to Thy fold again.
Deal favorably with me according to Thy good pleasure, till I may
dwell in Thy house all the days of my life, and praise Thee for ever and
ever with them that are there. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

—from Jerome, 4th century biblical scholar and priest

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Ephesians 5:8-10

Leader for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good
and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS / H.W. BAKER

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy Spirit grace bestoweth;
and oh, what pleasures of delight
from thy pure cup it floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

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 Shepherd of our souls,
you lead us beside still waters
and restore our weary hearts.
Yet we often wander, trusting our own wisdom
rather than your guiding hand.
Forgive us for the ways we seek security
in things that cannot truly provide it.
Teach us to rest in your care,
to follow where you lead,
and to trust that in you we lack nothing.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Good Shepherd,
you walk with your people even through the valley
of the shadow of death.
We pray for a world that often feels like a dark valley —
for places torn by war,
for those suffering from poverty, disaster, and injustice,
for all who live under fear or oppression.
Guide leaders toward peace and righteousness,
protect the vulnerable,
and remind those who suffer
that they are not abandoned or forgotten.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Faithful Lord,
you prepare a table before your people
even in the presence of enemies.
We pray for our nation and those entrusted with authority.
Grant wisdom to our leaders,
humility in the exercise of power,
and a desire to pursue justice and the common good.
Where there is division, bring restoration.
Where there is fear, bring peace.

And help your church to be a witness of hope,
trusting not in earthly power
but in your faithful provision.

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Gracious Shepherd,
you anoint your people with blessing
and promise that goodness and mercy
will follow us all the days of our lives.
We pray for this congregation and our local community
for those who are sick, grieving, or weary,
for families facing uncertainty,
for those who feel alone or unseen.

Lead us beside still waters,
restore our souls,
and help us to reflect your goodness and mercy
to our neighbors and friends.

And keep our hearts fixed on the promise
that we will dwell in your house forever.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

Who Is the Lord to 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

ALL YE REFUGEES / S. McCracken

1. I am the One, the earth is my hand-made work
The skies, I laid them wide, beauty unfurled
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation, sings you home

CHORUS

Welcome home, gather 'round
All ye refugees, come in
Welcome home, gather 'round
All ye refugees, come in

2. Oh, refugee, I did not cast you out
In death and broken ground, salvation springs
My body and my blood, the healing that you need
Come and receive,

BRIDGE

Watch and wait and see
What is yet to be
Watch and wait and see
For the morning

3. Go out in joy, and join the great procession
The mountains and the heavens all will rejoice
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation, with one voice

CHORUS

Welcome home, gather 'round
All ye refugees, come in
Welcome home, gather 'round
All ye refugees, come in

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

PSALM 23 / MUSIC: R. & B. Chadwick

The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down
in green pastures;
he leads me beside quiet waters;
he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.

CHORUS

Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for You are with me;
your rod and staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me,
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil,
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and love
will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the
LORD forever.

BENEDICTION

Philippians 4:19-20

Leader And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Launch Party | Saturday, March 21, 7-9 pm at the Legge Alley Studio | Invite your friends and come ready for pizza, games, and fun!

Lent 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

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

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



"If you are united to God, it is by grace, not by nature. If you are humbled, it is by penitence, not by nature."

BLAISE PASCAL

17TH CENTURY FRENCH PHILOSOPHER AND MATHEMATICIAN

"We too have a Good Shepherd who is committed to his sheep, though he often does things to us that frighten us and that we cannot, at the moment, understand."

ELISABETH ELLIOT

20TH CENTURY AMERICAN CHRISTIAN AUTHOR AND MISSIONARY

"The darker the shadow, the closer the Lord!"

J. A. MOTYER

20TH CENTURY BRITISH OLD TESTAMENT SCHOLAR

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

JOHN 10:14-15

GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-FEB 2026	MAR 2026
GIVING & INCOME* AS OF 3/12/2026	\$80,555	\$16,162
BUDGETED EXPENSE	118,997	60,210
DIFFERENCE	38,442	44,048

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



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