

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader The LORD is my shepherd;

All I shall not want.

Leader Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,

**All and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

SING TO THE LORD (PSALM 96) / MUSIC: B. CHADWICK

Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord, all the earth
Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord, all the earth

For great is the Lord
Most worthy of praise

For great is our God
Most worthy of praise
Let the whole earth sing
To the Name above all names

O, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES / CHARLES WESLEY

1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

4. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

5. To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

*PRAISE THE LORD, PRAISE THE LORD (PSALM 113) / DOKI ARIOSIA, 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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Praise the Lord

Psalm 23:1, 6

CONFESSION OF SIN

from Jerome (342-420)

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)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

1 Peter 2:24-25

Leader He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to
sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For
you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd
and Overseer of your souls.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

EVIDENCE / JOSH BALDWIN

1. All throughout my history
Your faithfulness has walked beside me
The winter storms made way for spring
In every season, from where I'm standing

CHORUS

I see the evidence of Your goodness

All over my life, all over my life

I see Your promises in fulfillment

All over my life, all over my life

2. Help me remember when I'm weak

Fear may come but fear will leave

You lead my heart to victory

You are my strength

and You always will be

BRIDGE

See the cross, the empty grave

The evidence is endless

All my sin rolled away

Because of You, oh Jesus

ENDING

Why should I fear, the evidence is here

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 Jesus Christ,
you have poured out your Spirit and formed a people for yourself.
We confess that we often resist the life you are shaping in us.

We hold tightly to what we have,
we keep our distance from one another,
and we settle for a faith that is shallow and distracted.

By your Spirit, draw us again into devotion—
to your word, to your people, and to your presence.

Open our hearts, that we might receive your grace
and be formed more fully into your likeness.

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Generous God,
you have given to us not only your gifts, but yourself.
Yet we confess that we often live with closed hands—
fearful, self-protective, and slow to trust.
Forgive us for the ways we cling to what is yours
and overlook the needs around us.
By your Spirit, reshape our hearts,
that we might become a people marked by glad and generous
hearts—
ready to share, quick to give, and eager to serve.
Teach us to see all that we have as a gift from you,
for your glory and the good of others.

All Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader God of all nations,
you have brought together a people from every background
and made us one in Christ.
We pray for a world still divided by hostility and fear—
for places of conflict and injustice,
for communities fractured by suspicion and pain.
Bring healing where there is brokenness,
reconciliation where there is division,
and hope where there is despair.
Let your church be a living witness
to the unity and love found in Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Faithful Father,
you are building your church
and adding to your people day by day.
We pray for those in our congregation and community
who are in need of your grace today.
For the weary, bring strength.
For the suffering, bring comfort.
For the lonely, draw them into fellowship.
For the searching, reveal yourself.
Form us into a people devoted to your truth,
to one another, and to your mission—
that our life together might reflect the beauty of the gospel.

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

*ENCOURAGE, BUILD EACH OTHER UP (A MEDITATION ON 1 THESSALONIANS 5:9-11)
/ NOAH SIEROTA*

1. If it's only a whisper, or words of a song
Exchange of a comfort in a world bent wrong
Encourage each other build each other up
God is the author redeeming each of us

CHORUS

Speak words of life 'cause everyone is tired

Don't choke the light 'cause love is a survivor

Like hatchlings hidden under a hen's wings

God makes sinners children of the King

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the
breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many
wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed
were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their posses-
sions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And
day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they
received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor
with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who
were being saved.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

Forming a People

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

FRUIT TAKES TIME / C. PLANK, C. CATOE, J. SETIEN, L. TALI, A. PÁEZ, E. GREY

1. I asked the Lord for patience
He threw me into the waiting
Told Him to make me righteous
And I almost became a bitter man
Asked Him to heal His church
And He put my face to a mirror
I sought the strength of God
And I found it in my weakness
Oh what a funny thing

CHORUS

Thank God Your ways
are better than mine
Thank God Your ways
are better than mine

2. Now I see my foe as family
When I know my God as Father
And I walk the path that's narrow
Even when it looks longer
Now I know that I don't know better

BRIDGE

Break my heart if that's what it takes
Find me faithful
Good fruit takes time to grow
Mold me shape me change me daily
Find me faithful
Good fruit takes time to grow

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

AARON'S BLESSING / MUSIC: FERNANDO ORTEGA

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you

And be gracious to you
And be gracious to you

May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you

May He keep you in perfect peace
May He keep you in perfect peace

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

Leader The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kid's Night Out | Saturday, May 2, 4:30-6:30 pm | Register by April 29 by scanning the QR code

Grace Pasadena Book Club | Next meeting is Wednesday, April 29 at 7:30 pm at Legge Alley Studio | Scan the QR code to RSVP

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

Eastertide 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.



"We are not our own: let not our reason nor our will, therefore, sway our plans and deeds. We are not our own: let us therefore not set it as our goal to seek what is expedient for us. . . . We are not our own: in so far as we can, let us forget ourselves and all that is ours."

JOHN CALVIN
(1509–1564)

"How can you come to grips with someone who has given himself utterly for you without you giving yourself utterly for him? Jesus gave himself wholly for us. So now, we must give ourselves wholly to him."

TIM KELLER
(1950-2023)

You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

GIVING & BUDGET

| | JAN-MAR 2026 | APR 2026 |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| GIVING & INCOME* AS OF 4/23/2026 _____ | \$126,217 | \$19,224 |
| BUDGETED EXPENSE _____ | 179,207 | 60,106 |
| DIFFERENCE _____ | 52,990 | 40,882 |

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



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APRIL 26, 2026