

PRELUDE

BLESS GOD / B. LAKE, B. LIGERTWOOD, C. CARNES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader I will sing of your love and justice;
All to you, Lord, I will sing praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING / C. BATEMAN

1. Come, Christians, join to sing,
Alleluia, Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King,
Alleluia, Amen!
Let all with heart and voice
Before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice;
Alleluia, Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high;
Alleluia, Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia, Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end;
Alleluia, Amen!

3. Praise yet the Lord again;
Alleluia, Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia, Amen!
On Heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forever more,
Alleluia, Amen!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION / S. McCracken

CHORUS
We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will sing together
We will feast and weep no more
1. We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

ABIDE WITH ME (EVENTIDE) / H. LYTE

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O' abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
4. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Psalm 101:1

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your 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 you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are repentant, according to your promises declared to mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
(Silent Confession) —from From the Book of Common Prayer (1552)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:35

SONG OF ASSURANCE

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY / H. BONAR

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say:
"Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thy weary one, lay down
thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
and He has made me glad

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold; I freely give
the living waters, thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
out of the living stream;
my thirst was quenched,
my soul revived, and now I live in Him

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto Me; thy morn shall rise
and all thy days be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
in Him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk;
'til traveling days are done

Ending
I heard the voice of Jesus say
"Come unto Me and rest..."
"Come unto Me and rest..."
"Come unto Me and rest."

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
Together 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 Gracious God, you promise that those who seek you will lack no good thing. Yet we confess that we often chase after lesser treasures and cling to our fears instead of your promises. Forgive us for looking elsewhere for security and joy. Teach us again to taste and see that you are good.
Lord, in your mercy,
All Hear our prayer.
Leader For our world, we pray in the midst of fear and turmoil. Many cry out from places of war, hunger, and oppression. Draw near to the brokenhearted and save those who are crushed in spirit. Deliver the poor from their troubles, and give the nations wisdom to walk in your ways of peace.
Lord, in your mercy,
All Hear our prayer.

Leader For our city and neighborhoods, we ask that your praise would ever be on our lips. Make us a people who proclaim your greatness together. Rescue our neighbors from despair, comfort those who are lonely, and give us courage to point to your goodness with both word and deed.
Lord, in your mercy,
All Hear our prayer.
Leader For our church family, we ask for joy that radiates from your presence. Guard us from shame, strengthen us in our trials, and teach us to encourage one another with hope. May your angel encamp around us, reminding us that you are near and that we are safe in you.
Lord, in your mercy,
All Hear our prayer.
Leader Faithful God, you hear the cries of your people and deliver them from their fears. Keep us seeking you, keep us trusting you, and keep us rejoicing in your salvation.
All Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE / PORTER'S GATE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34:1-8 (NIV)
Of David. When he pretended to be insane before Abimelek, who drove him away, and he left.
¹ I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
² I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
³ Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.
⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
⁵ Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
⁶ This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.
⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Taste and See

Nick Locke

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

GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH / W. WILLIAMS

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell’s destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee.

Ending
Land me safe on Canaan’s side
Bid my anxious fears,
bid my anxious fear
Land me safe on Canaan’s side
Bid my anxious fears,
bid my anxious fear, goodbye

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

- LeaderTherefore 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!**

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

CLOSING SONG

DOXOLOGY / T. 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

Romans 15:13

- LeaderMay the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: Practicing the Way | Join us Sept 21 as we start a series on “The Community Practice”

Nick Locke’s Installation as Grace Pasadena’s Senior Pastor | Sunday, Sept 21 | Reception to celebrate will follow the service

Women’s Bible Study | Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am | Join us for a 7-week study on Haggai and Malachi starting Oct 8. Scan the QR code for more information and to register.

Save the date! Worship Night | Tuesday, Oct 7 | Legge Alley Studio | more details to come

The fall session of City Groups begins the week of Sept 28 | contact Erisa ekhines@gmail.com if you’re interested in joining or leading a group

Scan the QR code to:



- register for the Wednesday Women’s Study
- access the Ordinary Time Prayer Guide
- fill out a Connect Card
- sign up for our weekly e-newsletter
- set up online giving
- access **Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs**, an album for Grace Pasadena by Bernard Chadwick and the Grace Pasadena Worship Team



“Make a trial, an inward, experimental trial of the goodness of God. You cannot see except by tasting for yourself; but if you taste you shall see, for this, like Jonathan’s honey, enlightens the eyes.”

CHARLES SPURGEON | *COMMENTARY ON PSALM 34:8*
(19TH CENTURY ENGLISH PREACHER)

“There is a difference between having a rational judgment that honey is sweet, and having a sense of its sweetness... There is a wide difference between mere speculative rational judging any thing to be excellent, and having a sense of its sweetness and beauty.”

JONATHAN EDWARDS | *A DIVINE AND SUPERNATURAL LIGHT*
(18TH CENTURY AMERICAN PREACHER AND THEOLOGIAN)

“...people want to witness forces so vast and strange that they awe, or even terrify.”

ZACH HELFAND | *“WHEN TRUCKS FLY,” THE NEW YORKER*
(21ST CENTURY JOURNALIST)

“I have taught happiness to hundreds of thousands of people around the world... Now, twenty years into teaching happiness, I have an answer: FIND AWE.”

DACHER KELTNER | *AWE: THE NEW SCIENCE OF EVERYDAY WONDER AND HOW IT CAN TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE*
(21ST CENTURY PSYCHOLOGIST)

GIVING & BUDGET

2025 BUDGET	\$765,701
GIVING AS OF 9/11/2025	297,994
GIVING NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET	467,707



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