

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

Isaiah 55:1-2 (NIV)

SONG OF PRAISE

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US / D. THRUPP

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care; In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare: Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.	3. Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free: Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, We will early turn to Thee; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, we will early turn to Thee.
2. We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way; Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray: Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.	4. Early let us seek Thy favor, Early let us do Thy will; Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill: Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, still.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Leader O Lord God Almighty, you are the true and only fountain of life and blessing. You alone can satisfy the hunger of our souls. You give food to all flesh, you provide for all your creatures. We bless you for your daily mercies, and we adore you for the spiritual bread you have given us in Jesus Christ. Feed us evermore with him, the living bread who came down from heaven, that our souls may never hunger again, but be satisfied in you forever. Amen.

— from Jeremy Taylor (1613–1667), Anglican bishop and devotional writer

SONGS OF PRAISE

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING / ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

1. All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,	3. And all ye saints of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on him cast your care:
REFRAIN: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.	4. Let all things their creator bless, And worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One
2. Thou rushing winds that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in Heav’n along, O praise him, alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice.	

AS THE DEER / M. NYSTROM

1. As the deer panteth for the water So my soul longeth after Thee You alone are my heart’s desire And I long to worship Thee	2. You’re my Friend and You are my Brother Even though You are a King I love You more than any other So much more than anything
CHORUS You alone are my Strength, my Shield To You alone may my spirit yield You alone are my heart’s desire And I long to worship Thee.	

CONFESSION OF SIN

All Lord, help me to face the truth about myself.
Help me to hear my words as others hear them,
to see my face as others see me;
let me be honest enough to recognize
my impatience and conceit;
let me recognize my anger and selfishness;
give me sufficient humility to accept
my own weaknesses for what they are.
Give me the grace to say, “I was wrong—forgive me.”

— A prayer of Frank Topping, an American Methodist minister, adapted from The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

John 6:35

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.”

SONG OF ASSURANCE

HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE / S. TOWNEND

1. How deep the Father’s love for us, How vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss – The Father turns His face away, As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.	3. I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom; But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer; But this I know with all my heart – His wounds have paid my ransom.
2. Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders; Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.	

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All	Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.
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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.

PSALM 103

Praise the Lord Oh my soul All my in-most being praise his holy name Praise the Lord Oh my soul and forget not all his benefits who forgives all your sin and heals all your diseases who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion	CHORUS He satisfies your desires with good things So that your youth is renewed like the eagles He satisfies your desires with good things So that your youth is renewed like the eagles
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SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:25-35 (NIV)

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”
²⁶ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”
²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”
²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”
³⁰ So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”
³² Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”
³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”
³⁵ 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.

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

The Bread of Life

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

SATISFIED IN YOU (PSALM 42) / B. EICHELBERGER

1. I have lost my appetite
And a flood is welling up
behind my eyes
So I eat the tears I cry
And if that were not enough
They know just the words
to cut and tear and prod
When they ask me “Where’s your God?”

PRE-CHORUS
Why are you downcast, oh my soul?
Why so disturbed within me?
I can remember when
you showed your face to me

CHORUS
As a deer pants for water,
so my soul thirsts for you
And when I behold Your glory,
You so faithfully renew
Like a bed of rest for my fainting flesh
I am satisfied in You

2. When I’m staring at the ground
It’s an inbred feedback loop
that brings me down
So it’s time to lift my brow
And remember better days
When I loved to worship You
and all Your ways
With the sweetest songs of praise

PRE-CHORUS:
Why are you downcast, oh my soul?
Why so disturbed within me?
I can remember when you showed your
grace to me

CHORUS
As a deer pants for water,
so my soul thirsts for you
And when I survey Your wonder,
You so faithfully renew
Like a bed of rest for my fainting flesh
I am satisfied in You

BRIDGE
Let my sighs give way to songs
that sing about your faithfulness
Let my pain reveal your glory
as my only real rest
Let my losses show me
all I truly have is you
‘Cause all I truly have is You
3. So when I’m drowning out at sea
And Your breakers and Your waves
crash down on me
I’ll recall Your safety scheme
You’re the one who made the waves
And Your Son went out
to suffer in my place
And to tell me that I’m safe

ENDING TAG
So why am I down?
Why so disturbed?
I am satisfied in You

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

GOODNESS OF GOD

1. I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
And all my days
I’ve been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh I will sing of the goodness of God

CHORUS
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh I will sing of the goodness of God

2. I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In my darkest night
You were close like no other

I’ve known You as a father
I’ve known You as a friend
Oh I have lived in the goodness of God

BRIDGE
Your goodness is running after,
it’s running after me
Your goodness is running after,
it’s running after me
With my life laid down,
I’m surrendered now,
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after,
it’s running after me

BENEDICTION

John 6:51; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Leader “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.”
Now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All Thanks be to God. Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: Practicing the Way | Sunday mornings at 8:45a
Women’s Bible Study | Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am | Scan the QR code to register
Fall Women’s Dessert | October 15 at 7 pm | Scan the QR code to RSVP
The fall session of City Groups has begun! | visit our website or contact Erisa ekhines@gmail.com if you’re interested in joining or leading a group
Open Tables | **College students**, interested in connecting with families at Grace? We’d love to have you join our new college ministry, Open Tables. Fill out the form by scanning the QR code below to learn more and get paired with a family.

Scan the QR code to:



- access the Grace Pasadena Podcast for sermons and midweek devotionals from Sunday’s worship service
- RSVP to the women’s dessert night
- fill out the Open Tables form
- 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

GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-AUG 2025	SEP 2025
GIVING AS OF 10/8/2025	\$293,146	\$67,307
BUDGETED EXPENSE	511,902	61,454
DIFFERENCE	218,756	5,853



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“People are suffering and dying under the torture of the fantasy self they’re failing to become.”

WILL STORR | *SELFIE: HOW WE BECAME SO SELF-OBSESSED AND WHAT IT’S DOING TO US*

(21ST CENTURY BRITISH JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR ON PSYCHOLOGY AND CULTURE)

“The heavenly life ought to be preferred to this earthly life, because the godly have no other reason for living here than that, being sojourners in the world, they may travel rapidly towards their heavenly country.”

JOHN CALVIN | *COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN*

(16TH CENTURY FRENCH REFORMER AND THEOLOGIAN)

“Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea,
Throughout the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord,
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word!”

MARY A. LATHBURY | *“BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE”*
(19TH CENTURY AMERICAN HYMNWRITER AND POET)

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