

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Praise our God, all peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard;

**All he has preserved our lives
and kept our feet from slipping.**

SONG OF PRAISE

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING / ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI; W. H. DRAPER

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,

REFRAIN

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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.

REFLECTION

SONGS OF PRAISE

YOU ARE MY HELP AND MY SHIELD (PSALM 115) / NOAH SIEROTA

1. Glory to you 'cause
your steady and lovely
Still the world questions,
“Is God even there?”
But I know the presence
of him in the heavens
Does what he pleases,
with love and his care

PRECHORUS

*Idols made up of silver and gold never
comfort the soul*

CHORUS

*You are my help and my shield
You dwell with your people,
You're already here*

HOLY FOREVER / C. TOMLIN, J. JOHNSON, B. JOHNSON, P. WICKHAM, J. INGRAM

1. A thousand generations
falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

PRECHORUS

*Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all*

CHORUS 1

*And the angels cry, Holy
All creation cries, Holy
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever*

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:

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:

*You are my help and my shield
You bless those who fear you,
The strong and the weak*

2. You are the highest
in all of the heavens
Teach us to care for the world
that you mend
I know the dead will not
praise you in silence
'Cause death is a chapter
but life is the end

BRIDGE

*Trust in the Lord
Trust in the Lord*

CHORUS 2

*And the angels cry, Holy
All creation cries, Holy
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever
Hear your people sing, Holy
To the King of Kings, Holy
You will always be, Holy, Holy forever*

Psalm 66:8-9

CONFESSION OF SIN

Diebold Schwarz (1485–1561)

Leader I, poor sinner, confess myself before God Almighty, that I have gravely sinned by the transgression of his commandments; that I have done many things which I should have left undone, and I have left undone that which I should have done, through unbelief and distrust in God and weakness of love toward my fellow servants. God knows the guilt I have incurred, for which I am grieved.

All Be gracious to me, Lord. Be merciful to me, a poor sinner. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

1 Peter 3:18

Leader For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO / GEORGE MATHESON

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

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 of heaven and earth,
you made the world and everything in it,
and you are not far from each one of us.
Yet we confess how often we turn from you
and give ourselves to lesser things.
We look for life in what cannot satisfy.
We build our identities on what will not last.
By your Spirit, awaken us again
to the truth that in you we live and move and have our being.
Turn our hearts back to you, the only source of life and rest.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Gracious God,
you have made us to know you
and to find our hope in you alone.
Yet we confess how easily we compartmentalize our lives.
We follow you in some places, but not in others.
We keep parts of ourselves hidden from your rule.
Forgive us for living as though you are not Lord of all.
By your Spirit, draw us into deeper devotion—
that we might follow you in every area of life,
in our work, our relationships, and our daily rhythms.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader God of truth and mercy,
you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ
and given us assurance by raising him from the dead.
We pray for a world that is searching for meaning,
grasping for hope in so many places.
Give us wisdom and humility as we engage with those around us.
Help us to listen well, to see the longings beneath the surface,
and to speak of Christ with clarity and love.

Use us as your witnesses in the places you have sent us.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Sovereign Lord,
you have appointed a day when you will judge the world
in righteousness through your risen Son.
We pray for those in positions of authority
in our nation and in our communities.
Grant them wisdom, integrity, and justice.
And we pray for those who are weary, searching, or burdened—
that they would come to know the hope of the gospel
and the rest that is found in Jesus alone.
Strengthen your church, and send us out with boldness and faith,
that we might live for you in the world.

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 scan the QR code to give via our app (iOS and Android) or website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.



SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:16-34 (NIV)

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, “What is this babbler trying to say?” Others remarked, “He seems to be advocating foreign gods.” They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰ You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean.” ²¹ (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice

by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

³² When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, “We want to hear you again on this subject.” ³³ At that, Paul left the Council. ³⁴ Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

Engaging the World

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

HAST THOU HEARD HIM, SEEN HIM, KNOWN HIM? / ORA ROWAN

1. Hast thou heard Him, seen Him,
known Him?
Is not thine a captured heart?
Chief among ten thousand own Him;
Joyful choose the better part.

2. What can strip the seeming beauty
From the idols of the earth?
Not a sense of right or duty,
But the sight of peerless worth.
3. ‘Tis that look that melted Peter,
‘Tis that face that Stephen saw,
‘Tis that heart that wept with Mary,
Can alone from idols draw.

CHORUS

*Captivated by His beauty,
Worthy tribute haste to bring;
Let His peerless worth constrain thee,
Crown Him now unrivaled King.*

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

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL / HORATIO SPAFFORD

1. When peace, like a river,
attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul!”

REFRAIN

It is well (*it is well*)
with my soul (*with my soul*)
It is well, it is well with my soul

2. Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded
my helpless estate
and has shed His own blood
for my soul!

3. My sin, oh, the bliss
of this glorious thought:
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross,
and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul!

4. And Lord, haste the day
when the faith shall be sight;
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul!

BENEDICTION

John 14:16-17

Leader And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

All Thanks be to God, Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men’s Prayer Group | Fridays @ 7 am | Legge Alley Studio | Join us for prayer, Scripture reading and coffee

Sunday, May 24 Gathering | Bring your lunch and join us for fellowship on the patio after the service

Grace Pasadena Book Club | Next meeting is Wednesday, May 27, at 7:30 pm at Legge Alley Studio | Scan the QR code to RSVP

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.



GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-APR 2026	MAY 2026
GIVING & INCOME* AS OF 5/6/2026	\$163,744	\$3,541
BUDGETED EXPENSE	239,313	59,137
DIFFERENCE	75,569	55,596

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



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“If we reflect that the Spirit of God is the only fountain of truth, we will be careful, as we would avoid offering insult to him, not to reject or condemn truth wherever it appears. In despising the gifts, we insult the Giver.”

JOHN CALVIN
(1910-1990)

“We’re absolutely dying to give ourselves away to something.”

DAVID FOSTER WALLACE
(1962-2008)

“You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”

AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO
(354-430)

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2026