

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Come, bow down and worship, kneel to the Lord, our maker.
All This is our God, our shepherd, we are the flock led with care.
Leader We have gathered to praise our gracious God.
All Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! —based on Psalm 96:6-7

OPENING PRAYER

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
O, praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Thou rushing wind 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
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. And all Ye men 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
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!
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

BUILD MY LIFE / M. REDMAN; P. BARRETT

1. Worthy of every song
we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise
we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You

2. Jesus, the Name above
every other name
Jesus, the only One
who could ever save
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

IN CHRIST ALONE / S. TOWNEND & K. GETTY

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I stand.

CHORUS

*Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
Show me who You are and fill me
With Your heart and lead me
In Your love to those around me*

BRIDGE

*I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader Christian, what is your confession of sin?
All Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name, Amen. (silence)

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Christians, lift up your heads!
Know that the LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

All Thanks be to God!

Leader The Lord loves to forgive his people. Therefore, let us rise and sing his praise.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

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.

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the peace of Christ be with you.
All And also with you!
Leader Therefore, let us greet one another.

Children ages 2 to 5th grade are invited to participate in our children's program during the sermon; children return for Communion.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader Christians, what do you believe?
All In tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, and sword, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For we are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. —from Romans 8:35-39

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Empower the church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide so that, united in your truth and love, the church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit together at one table, and serve you in one common ministry. (silence)
Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

Leader Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition and to bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for peace and justice, that all your children may dwell secure, free of war and injustice. (silence)
Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

Leader Sustain those among us who need your healing touch. Make the sick whole, give hope to the dying, comfort those who mourn, and uphold all who suffer in body or mind, not only those we know and love but also those known only to you, that they may know the peace and joy of your supporting care (silence)
Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

Leader O God, in your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:19-26 (NIV)

¹⁹ “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”
²¹ “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”
²⁵The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” ²⁶Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

John Stone

Sermon Title: “Worship: What Are We Doing?”

RESPONSE OF FAITH & 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 mail your offering to our office: 16 N Marengo Ave Ste 609, Pasadena, CA 91101; or give via our app (iOS and Android) or website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.

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. Pre-packaged elements, which are gluten-free are available in the line closest to the stage. Participate as you feel comfortable.

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 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.

SONG OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

YOU'RE NOT ALONE / J. TWEEDY & M. STAPLES

You're not alone	An open hand, an open heart
I'm with you, I'm lonely too	There's no need to be afraid
What's that song	Open up this is a raid
Can't be sung by two	I wanna get it through to you
A broken home, a broken heart	You're not alone
Isolated and afraid	I wanna get it through to you
Open up this is a raid	You're not alone
I wanna get it through to you	I'm gonna get it through to you
You're not alone	You're not alone
You're not alone, every night	
I stand in your place	
Every tear on every face	
Tastes the same	
A broken dream, a broken heart	
Isolated and afraid	
Open up this is a raid	
I wanna get it through to you	
You're not alone	

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

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The one who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he'll do it! Alleluia!

All **Alleluia! Amen!**

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT	We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost Sunday until the start of Advent. From the Latin "ordus" we look to the Spirit to re-order our lives according to the love of Jesus Christ. As the season of the Spirit, we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus' followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. It is a season in which we learn to recognize the presence of God in the day-to-day. The color of the season is green, symbolizing new life.
CHRISTMAS	
EPIPHANY	
LENT	
EASTER	
PENTECOST	
ORDINARY TIME	

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Women's Fall Kickoff Dessert Night | Sept 6, 8-10pm** - Join us for desserts and treats to connect with the Women of Grace as we kick off for the fall! Email Abbey/Whitney at women@gracepasadena.org for details and address.
- **College / Young Adult Welcome Back BBQ Pool Party | September 8** - Join the Finnermans at their home for a night of food and fellowship as we welcome back our college students. RSVP via this link: <https://subspla.sh/g4dwjzc>
- **City Groups Fall Term** - CGs will return for 10 weeks from the summer hiatus September 15 through November 23. If you haven't yet joined a group, email ben@gracepasadena.org for more info.
- **Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study** - A 10-week Bible Study. Please consider joining us as we study the book of Esther from September 11 – November 20 (Wednesday mornings from 9:30am-10:30am). To register go to www.gracepasadena.org/womenofgrace
- **New Members Class | October 6** - Join us for a five (5) week course on membership at Grace Pasadena. The class will start October 6 and end November 3. Please sign up by emailing ben@gracepasadena.org.
- **Youth Group Hangouts!** The youth group hangs out every Thursday evening doing different activities such as movie and board game nights, meals together, and the occasional pool, beach or mountain adventure. If you want to know what we're up to or want to participate, visit our website under "Youth" (updated weekly) or email Bailey at bailey@gracepasadena.org!
- **Dinner at the Stones** - John and Marisa would love to have you over for dinner! Sign up for an available date via this link: <https://subspla.sh/rbz2w39/> or scan the QR code below.



Dinner at the Stones

GIVING & BUDGET

	<u>JAN-JUL 2024</u>	<u>AUG 2024</u>
GIVING AS OF 8/23/2024 _____	\$285,267	\$23,202
BUDGETED GIVING _____	307,650	46,200
DIFFERENCE _____	-22,383	-22,998
BUDGETED EXPENSE _____	\$459,864	\$59,222

For 2024, the budgeted contribution from reserves is \$140,408 (or 14% of reserves as of Jan 1).



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"Corporate worship is a regular gracious reminder that it's not about you. You've been born into a life that is a celebration of another."

PAUL DAVID TRIPP

"If you come to worship for any reason other than the joy and pleasure and satisfaction that are to be found in God, you dishonor Him...God's greatest delight is your delight in Him."

SAM STORMS

"I need to worship because without it I can forget that I have a big God beside me and live in fear. I need to worship because without it I can forget his calling and begin to live in a spirit of self-preoccupation. I need to worship because without it I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinders on. I need worship because my natural tendency is toward self-reliance and stubborn independence."

JOHN ORTBERG

AUGUST 25, 2024

ORDINARY TIME