

PRELUDE

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

Leader 28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

SONG OF PRAISE

BLESSED ASSURANCE / F. CROSBY

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

CHORUS
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

JUST AS I AM / J. MARTIN

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd’st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each
spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

COME YE SINNERS / J. HART

1. Come ye sinners, poor and needy
bruised and broken by the fall
Jesus ready stands to save you
full of pardoning love for all
He is able, He is able
He is willing, doubt no more
He is able, He is able
He is willing, doubt no more

2. Let not conscience make you linger
nor of fitness fondly dream
all that He requires of sinners
is to lean and trust on Him
He will save you, He will save you
tis the Gospel’s constant theme
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2. Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst in my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and bless’d;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Lo’ the incarnate God ascended
pleads the merit of his blood
venture on Him, venture wholly
let no other trust intrude
none but Jesus, none but Jesus
can do helpless sinners good
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CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalms 51:1-3, 7

Leader Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;

All according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

Leader Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

All For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

Leader Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;

All wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Isaiah 1:18

Leader “Come now, let us settle the matter,”
says the LORD.
“Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.”

SONG OF ASSURANCE

JESUS PAID IT ALL / E. HALL

1. I hear the Savior say,
“Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all.”

CHORUS
Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed me white as snow

2. Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots
And melt the heart of stone

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 God of grace, in Jesus you have shown yourself to be the friend of sinners like us. Yet we confess that too often we hide from you rather than run toward you. Forgive us for our attempts to justify ourselves. Teach us to trust your promise that you will never cast us out.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader For our world—so beautiful, yet so broken—we ask for your healing and redemption. Where there is fear and oppression, bring peace and hope. Where there is darkness, shine your light. Guide the nations in your wisdom, and draw those who do not yet know you to find a seat at your table.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader For our city and neighborhoods, we pray for the lonely and those in despair—be their comfort and their strength. Expose the false promises of our idols, so that the people of Pasadena and beyond may behold your glory. Make us instruments of your peace.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader For your church, restore to us the joy of our salvation. Help us to taste and see your goodness. Assure us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. May our trust in you overflow in love and good deeds that bear witness to your grace.
Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Leader Faithful God, hear the cries of your people and deliver us from fear. Teach us to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Help us to experience and extend your life-giving grace.

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

KYRIE ELEISON / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Elei—son

Christe, Christe Eleison
Christe, Christe Eleison
Christe Eleison
Christe Elei—son

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:13-17 (NIV)

13 Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. 14 As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. 15 While Jesus was having dinner at Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. 16 When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” 17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Nick Locke

He Eats with Sinners

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

GIVE ME JESUS / AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

1. In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise,
give me Jesus

2. When I am alone
When I am alone
When I am alone, give me Jesus

3. When I come to die
When I come to die
When I come to die, give me Jesus

CHORUS

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus

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

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS / T. CHISHOLM

1. Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
there is no shadow
of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not;
as Thou has been
Thou forever wilt be.

2. Summer and winter
and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness,
mercy and love.

3. Pardon for sin
and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide,
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside.

CHORUS

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed
Thy hand hath provided,
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Leader

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

All

Thanks be to God. Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: Practicing the Way | Sunday mornings at 8:45a

Worship Night | Tuesday, Oct 7, at 7 pm | Legge Alley Studio

Women’s Bible Study | Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am | begins Oct 8 | Scan the QR code for more information.

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 10/3/2025	\$293,146	\$33,440
BUDGETED EXPENSE	511,902	61,454
DIFFERENCE	218,756	28,014



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“God loves us as we are, as he finds us, which is (more or less) messy, muddy, and singing out of tune. Even when we’ve tried to be good, we have often only made matters worse, adding (short-lived) pride to our other failures. And the never-ending wonder at the heart of genuine Christian living is that God has come to meet us right there, in our confusion of pride and fear, of mess and muddle and downright rebellion and sin. But when we accept it—when we welcome the new choir director into our ragged and out-of-tune moral singing—we find a new desire to read the music better, to understand what it’s all about, to sense the harmonies, to feel the shape of the melody, to get the breathing and voice production right...and, bit by bit, to sing in tune.”

N.T. WRIGHT | AFTER YOU BELIEVE: WHY CHRISTIAN CHARACTER MATTERS

(21ST CENTURY NEW TESTAMENT SCHOLAR & PASTOR)

“Let each one, therefore, as he prepares to pray be displeased with his own evil deeds, and... let him take the... disposition of a beggar.”

JOHN CALVIN | INSTITUTES OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION

(16TH CENTURY REFORMER & THEOLOGIAN)

“If you want God’s grace, all you need is need...”

TIM KELLER | COUNTERFEIT GODS

(21ST CENTURY PASTOR & AUTHOR)

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