

➤ CALL TO WORSHIP

—based on Hebrews 12:2; Romans 1:16

Leader Let us fix our eyes on Jesus:
All He is the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Leader Let us open our hearts to the Good News of Jesus Christ:
All It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes!

➤ OPENING HYMN

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS

FROM PSALM 24; MUSIC: GEORGE WEISSEL

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!
2. A Helper just He comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, kindness in distress
3. O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes

4. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
The Word made flesh,
descends to dwell
With joy for you who His mercies tell
5. So come, my Lord, and enter in,
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
Until Thy glorious victories won.

➤ LENTEN PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

Lord God, we gather in this place not because we are deserving of your love and not because we have lived faithfully before your face. We gather here because you have called us. You loved us before we could love you. You have given your Son for our salvation. For this we join all creation in blessing you, praising you, and thanking you. As we offer our praise, we long for you to mold us in the image of your Son, whose death and resurrection give us hope. Through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

➤ SONGS OF PRAISE

THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD

LEWIS E. JONES

1. Would you be free
from the burden of sin?
There's pow'r in the blood,
pow'r in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

CHORUS

*There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder working pow'r
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder working pow'r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

2. Would you be free
from your passion and pride?
There's pow'r in the blood,
pow'r in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide;
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

3. Would you be whiter,
much whiter than snow?
There's pow'r in the blood,
pow'r in the blood;
Sin stains are lost in its life giving flow;
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

4. Would you do service
for Jesus your King?
There's pow'r in the blood,
pow'r in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

CHRIST, OF ALL MY HOPES

CHARLES WESLEY

1. Christ, of all my hopes the ground,
Christ, the spring of all my joy,
Still in Thee may I be found,
Still for Thee my powers employ.
Still for Thee my powers employ.

2. Let Thy love my heart inflame,
Keep Thy fear before my sight,
Be Thy praise my highest aim,
Be Thy smile my chief delight!
Be Thy smile my chief delight!

3. When affliction clouds my sky,
And the wintry tempests blow,
Let Thy mercy beaming eye
Sweetly cheer the night of woe.
Sweetly cheer the night of woe.

4. When new triumphs of Thy name,
Swell the raptured songs above,
May I feel a kindred flame,
Full of zeal and full of love!
Full of zeal and full of love!

5. Life's best joy, to see Thy praise,
Fly on wings of Gospel light,
Leading on millennial days,
Scattering all the shades of night!
Scattering all the shades of night!

6. Fountain of o'erflowing grace,
Freely from Thy fullness give;
Till I close my earthly race,
May I prove it "Christ to live!
May I prove it "Christ to live!

➤ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving Lord,
We have fallen short time and time again.
You have given us your Word and your Spirit.
You have invited us into your kingdom.
Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject your purposes for us.
We do not love what you love.
We do not embrace what you embrace.
We do not defend what you have called us to defend.
We have been ashamed of your Name and the gospel of our Lord.
Forgive and renew us.
Overwhelm us with your steadfast love and mercy.
Set our feet upon the solid rock and let us cling to your grace. **Amen.**

➤ SONG OF RESPONSE & ASSURANCE

BUILD MY LIFE

BARRET, REDMAN, ETC...

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

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*

➤ WORDS OF COMFORT, FAITH AND PEACE

Leader Brothers and sisters: What is faith in Jesus Christ?
All Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel. Thanks be to God for the gift of faith! (based on WSC, Question #86)

Leader May the peace of the Lord be always with you!
All And also with you.

➤ GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children 0-5th grade and Jr. High students are invited to participate in their morning programs.

Moms, Dads & Guardians

It is our great joy that you and your family are with us today! We want you to know that all children, no matter their age, are welcome in our worship service. However, some may want to take advantage of Grace Pasadena's Children's program during the sermon for ages 0 to 5th grade. If you would like your child to participate, please make sure to sign them in before the service. Bring them towards the back doors to meet our leaders who will help escort you and your children to the appropriate rooms.

Welcome Cards are located on the Welcome Table in the lobby

Please fill out a card so that we can better inform you of upcoming events and ministries. If you're new to Grace or have been coming for a while, but have never filled out a card, now is a good time! Place completed card in the offering box or give it to Ben Ewen in the lobby.

➤ OUR OFFERING & THE OFFERTORY

We invite you to consider God's generosity and how you may be generous in response. As you listen to the offertory, ask God how you might financially support the work and mission of this church. Also ask how you might give of your time and resources. To give, place your offering in the box located near the main entrance under the cross. You may also mail your offering to our office address: 16 N. Marengo Ave., Suite 609, Pasadena, CA 91101; text "gracepas" to (888) 364-GIVE and follow the instructions; or make an online payment via our website (www.gracepasadena.org/give).

*Parents & Guardians, please encourage your children to give to the **Compassion Offering**. Funds rasied help provide beds and meals for the needy in our city. The jar is at the Children's Desk.*

➤ SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

➤ MORNING MESSAGE

Lent: Evangelism
"I AM NOT ASHAMED"

Brannin Pitre

➤ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SONG OF RESPONSE

By grace and the waters of baptism, the church is called to be God's family, to minister to one another and to serve the world. Therefore we pray for ourselves, for one another, and for all those in need of our prayers.

Leader Gracious Father, giver of every good gift, continue to show us more of who you are and all of the ways you bless us, so that out of the overflow of your love, we may become like you, people who love, give and do good extravagantly. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Lord Jesus, who became poor for our sakes, grant that we would not cling to the things you have given us as though they are the means of our salvation, but instead help us to spend our time and resources lavishly on the work of your kingdom and the people you have put in our lives. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Spirit of God, you give us Christ's heart for the world; help us minister to those around us who are in need. Comfort those who are distraught or grieving, protect the hearts and minds of the vulnerable, and grant that those in pain would know your loving presence. In this time of fear, fill us with peace and enable us to move towards one another and the world with compassion. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer

For what else should we pray? You are invited add your own prayers silently or outloudly. If outloudly, please end with, "For this, O Lord, we pray." All may respond with, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Welcoming Children Back Into Service. Parents/guardians please meet your children (0-5th Grade during the following song. Toddler & PreK, meet at the classrooms; 1st-3rd Grade meet at the Welcome Table; 4th-5th Grade meet in the hallway.

BE THOU MY VISION

TRANS. MARY E. BYRNE

1. Be Thou my Vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my Light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom,
and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee
and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true Son;
Thou in me dwelling,
and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance,
now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart;
High King of Heaven,
my treasure Thou art.

4. High King of Heaven,
my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys,
O bright Heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

➤ COMMUNION

PLEASE NOTE: While Communion is an important means of experiencing God's grace, we have the freedom to exercise wisdom and caution. Only partake if you feel comfortable. Make sure your hands are clean. Parents of communing young children, please serve your children the elements. GUIDELINES: To partake in Communion (or the Lord's Table), there is only one requirement: you must be able to call yourself a Christian. The invitation to partake is from Jesus Christ alone, not from this church or any minister. Baptism is ordinarily required to partake, but not absolutely necessary. However, baptism should not be neglected. Please see a pastor if you are Christian and have yet to be baptized. PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Children are welcomed to partake. To do so, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member by the Session of Grace or from another governing body of a church. Questions? Please ask one of our pastors. GLUTEN FREE: The flatbread used during Lent is gluten free. PRAYER: If you have any need for prayer, or if you want to trust Jesus for the first time, members of Grace and the staff are available to you during this time. Please find them up front or after the service.

➤ COMMUNION & CLOSING SONGS

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN
CROSSMAN / CHADWICK / ORTEGA

- 1. My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be Oh, who am I that for my sake, My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
2. He came from heaven's throne salvation to bestow But they refused and none the longed-for Christ would know This is my Friend, my Friend indeed, Who at my need, His life did spend.
3. Sometimes they crowd His way and His sweet praises sing Resounding all the day, hosannas to their King Then, "Crucify!" is all their breath, And for His death they thirst and cry.
4. Why, what has my Lord done to cause this rage and spite He made the lame to run, and gave the blind their sight What injuries, yet these are why, The Lord Most High so cruelly dies.
5. With angry shouts they have my dear Lord done away A murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay Yet willingly, He bears the shame, That through His name all might be free.
6. Here might I stay and sing of Him my soul adores Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Yours This is my Friend in whose sweet praise, I, all my days would gladly spend.

➤ SENDING & BENEDICTION

Leader We have heard and tasted the Good News of our Lord. Full of God's power, may we go from here to love and serve the world with boldness and without shame.
All Thanks be to God! Amen!

AARON'S BLESSING
MUSIC: FERNANDO ORTEGA

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you
And be gracious to you
And be gracious to you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May He keep you in perfect peace
May He keep you in perfect peace

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE

- 3/22. Lent Adult Formation Begins, 9:30AM. Next meetings are 3/29 & 4/1.
3/15. Sacraments Workshop for Parents & Guardians. Meet after the service.
3/27. Women's 4th Friday, 7PM. In La Canada, doors open at 6:30PM.
3/29. Family Meal after the service. Eat lunch and meet new friends.
Holy Week Services. Join us on Palm Sunday (4/5) and Good Friday (4/10). Stayed tuned for more details.

Visit our website for a full list of announcements at https://gracepasadena.org/announcements or use the QR code.



COVID-19

Please continue to use caution and wisdom, and exercise compassion above all else. Follow guidance from CDC and local authorities. Check our website and e-newsletters for updates on Grace's response to COVID-19 in our area.

CONNECT, GROW & SERVE

- City Groups. Weekly City Groups are a vital way to grow in faith and to connect deeply with others. To join/host, email Ben Ewen at citygroups@gracepasadena.org.
Children's & Family Ministry. Grace seeks to come alongside parents and guardians to nurture our children's love of Jesus. For more info or to serve, visit the Children's table or email Tanya and Tracy at families@gracepasadena.org.
Youth Ministry. Calling current 6th-12th graders! Join us Fridays from 6-8PM for fun revelant discussions about the Christian faith. Contact Ben Ewen for details.
Mercy Ministry. To learn how you can partner with our Deacons to extend God's love and mercy to one another, city and world, or if you have a need or prayer request of any kind, find Jen Argue or one of our deacons at the Mercy table, or email mercy@gracepasadena.org.
Discipleship and Formation. For classes, resources and other opportunities to grow in the love of Jesus Christ, contact Pastor Marc Choi at marc@gracepasadena.org.
Service Opportunities. From loving our neighbors in Memorial Park, delivering meals, hosting groups, picking up donuts, helping with Communion, to walking alongside our kids, there are many ways to serve. Visit our website or use the QR code above to learn how.

SAFETY AT GRACE

Because the Senior Center is open to the public, we recommend that parents watch their children at all times. And for the safety of all, parents and guardians are encouraged to remind their children that running is not allowed.

PARKING VALIDATION IS NOW REQUIRED

Parked at the Holly St. garage? Validate! The machine is next to the City Groups/Mercy tables.

GRACE PASADENA'S VISION STATEMENT

Grace Pasadena exists to Experience & Extend the life-giving grace of God

- As we grow in the knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ
In every sphere of life
For our neighborhoods, city and the world

GIVING & BUDGET

Table with 3 columns: OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS, BUDGETED GIVING, DIFFERENCE. Rows for JAN-FEB and MAR 2020*.

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"[Lord,] you know how unworthy I am to fill so great and important an office. Were it not for your counsel, I would have utterly failed long ago. Therefore I call upon you for guidance. Gladly will I give my heart and voice to this work. I want to teach the people. I want always to seek and study in your Word, and eagerly to meditate upon it. Use me as your instrument. Lord, do not forsake me. If I were alone, I would ruin everything. Amen"

MARTIN LUTHER

"The gospel's power is seen in its ability to completely change minds, hearts, life orientation, our understanding of everything that happens, the way people relate to one another, and so on. Most of all, it is powerful because it does what no other power on earth can do: it can save us, reconcile us to God, and guarantee us a place in the kingdom of God forever."

TIMOTHY KELLER / ROMANS 1-7 FOR YOU

"It was your great American wit, Mark Twain, who once said, 'Man is the only animal that blushes, and the only animal that needs to.' We are ashamed, are we not, of things we've done in the past. Nobody is free who is unforgiven. Instead of being able to look God in the face or to look one another in the face, we want to run away and hide when our conscience troubles us."

JOHN STOTT / AS QUOTED IN "PREACHING TODAY"

"If Christ is not ashamed to indwell them I will not be slow to embrace them."

SINCLAIR FERGUSON / UNION WITH CHRIST

THE LORD'S DAY
MARCH 15, 2020
3RD SUNDAY IN LENT