



ORDINARY TIME | JUNE 28, 2020

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“Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind (and it was) stayed on Jesus.  
Can't hate your neighbor in your mind (if you keep it) stayed on Jesus.  
Makes you love ev'rybody with your mind (when you keep it) stayed on Jesus.”

FROM “WOKE UP THIS MORNING” | *TRADITIONAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL*

“The most creative social strategy we have to offer is the church. Here we show the world a manner of life the world can never achieve through social coercion or governmental action. We serve the world by showing it something that it is not, namely, a place where God is forming a family out of strangers....

The gospel begins with the pledge that, if we offer ourselves to a truthful story and the community formed by listening to and enacting that story in the church, we will be transformed into people more significant than we could ever have been on our own.”

STANLEY HAUERWAS & WILL WILLIMON | *RESIDENT ALIENS*

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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Leader Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
All **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

Leader Sing praises to God, the one who lavishes us with grace,  
All **for God is the king of all the earth.**

Leader Sing to him a psalm of praise,  
Together **for God reigns over the nations  
and sends out the angels to gather his children from the four winds,  
from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.**

— from Eph. 1:2-3; Ps. 47:6-8; Mk.13:27

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SONG OF PRAISE

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HE IS LORD / JOHN BARNETT

1. I will call on the name  
of the Lord, my God  
I will lift up my voice  
to give praise to my King

**CHORUS**

*He's the light in the darkness  
He's the calm in the storm  
He's the hope of the righteous  
He is Lord, He is Lord*

2. There is peace in the presence  
of the Lord, my God  
There is power in the blood  
of the Lamb that was slain

**BRIDGE**

*Every knee will bow,  
every tongue confess that He is Lord  
Every knee will bow,  
every tongue confess that He is Lord*

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

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Leader O God, we recall your promises to be faithful.  
At all times and places your word to us is the same.  
You tell us: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.  
When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;  
the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD, your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. “  
Great is your faithfulness, O God, and we praise your name! **Amen.**

— From Isaiah 43:1-3

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## SONGS OF PRAISE

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### WHO YOU SAY I AM / B. FIELDING & R. MORGAN

1. Who am I that the highest King  
would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

#### CHORUS 1

*Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am*

2. Free at last, He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin,  
Jesus died for me, yes He died for me

#### CHORUS 2

*Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes I am*

#### BRIDGE

*I am chosen  
Not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me  
Not against me  
I am who You say I am*

### TREMBLE / MOSAIC

1. Peace, bring it all to peace  
The storm surrounding me  
Let it break at Your name  
Still, call the sea to still  
The rage in me to still  
Every wave at Your name

#### Chorus

*Jesus, Jesus,  
You make the darkness tremble  
Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear  
Jesus, Jesus,  
You make the darkness tremble  
Jesus, Jesus*

2. Breathe  
Then call these bones to live  
Call these lungs to sing  
Once again I will praise

#### Bridge

*Your name is a light  
That the shadows can't deny  
Your name cannot be overcome  
Your name is alive forever lifted high  
Your name cannot be overcome*

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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**Together**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people; come among us and save us;  
come among us and set us free from the bondage of sin.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have misused your gifts of creation. We have hoarded your blessings.  
We condemn liars, hypocrites and the unjust,  
but we do not live up to our own standards of righteousness.  
We have refused to affirm your image in our neighbors and to love them as ourselves.  
Forgive us and set us free. Forgive us and make us a new people. **Amen.**

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## SONG OF RESPONSE & ASSURANCE

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### ROCK OF AGES / AUGUST TOPLADY

1. Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in Thee.  
Let the water and the blood,  
from Thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure,  
save from wrath and make me pure;  
be of sin the double cure,  
save from wrath and make me pure.

2. Could my tears for ever flow,  
could my zeal no longer know,  
for these sins what could atone?  
Thou must save and Thou alone.  
In my hand no price I bring,  
simply to the cross I cling;  
in my hand no price I bring,  
simply to the cross I cling.

3. While I draw this final breath,  
and my eyes shall close in death,  
when I rise to worlds unknown,  
and behold Thee on Thy throne.  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in Thee;  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in Thee

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## WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

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Leader

Hear these words and believe: In love, our God calls you through Jesus Christ and redeems you. In Christ, you have the forgiveness of sins. In Christ, your sin is nailed to the cross and you bear it no more!

— From Ephesians 1:4, 7

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**Thanks be to God!**

Leader

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

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**And also with you.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- \* Take a moment during announcements and “pass the peace” to one another. Text, call, hug the person next to you.  
\*\* Check our website for the latest updates and ways to invest in the life of our church and city.

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## THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

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If you're accustomed to giving during worship on Sunday mornings, please consider giving online and setting up a recurring or one-time gift through the Subsplash platform. (Subsplash has one of the lowest transaction fees and reduces our fees the more people give online.) To give online, visit <https://gracepasadena.org/give>. Questions? Email [info@gracepasadena.org](mailto:info@gracepasadena.org).

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## THE 1<sup>ST</sup> LESSON — ISAIAH 25:6-8

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- <sup>6</sup> On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.  
<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.  
<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken. [ESV]

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## THE 2<sup>ND</sup> LESSON — EPHESIANS 1:11-23

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- <sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.  
<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. [ESV]

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## THE SERMON — MARC CHOI

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*Sermon Series:* “Growing in the Comprehensive Gospel”  
*Sermon Title:* “A Comprehensive Hope”

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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*With the joy and hope of the resurrection resounding in our hearts, minds and bodies, let us offer our prayers for ourselves and the world to God, our King and Lover of our souls. Let us be still before the Lord. All end with the Lord's Prayer:*

Our Father, who is 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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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## A COMMUNION PRAYER

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**Together** Jesus Christ, you promise to meet us and feed us whenever we gather and eat from your table. Since we cannot break bread with you and one another, we ask that you would renew your presence in us and strengthen us spiritually. We long to feast with you and our church family. We long to welcome others into your presence and to experience your gracious hospitality together. In your mercy, make it so quickly. In your name, we pray. **Amen.**

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## CLOSING SONGS

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### YOU ARE NOT ALONE / MAVIS STAPLES & JEFF TWEEDY

1. You are not alone  
I'm with you, I'm lonely too  
What's that song  
That can't be sung by two  
A broken home, a broken heart  
Isolated and afraid  
Open up this is a raid  
I wanna get it through to you  
You're not alone

2. 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'm gonna get it through to you  
You're not alone

3. An open hand, an open heart  
There's no need to be afraid  
Open up this is a raid  
I wanna get it through to you  
You're not alone  
I wanna get it through to you  
You're not alone  
I'm gonna get it through to you  
You're not alone

### SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US / DOROTHY 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.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

2. We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

3. Thou hast promised to receive us,  
poor and sinful though we be;  
thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
grace to cleanse and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
We will early turn to Thee.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
We will early turn to Thee.

4. Early let us seek Thy favor,  
early let us do Thy will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior,  
with Thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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## BENEDICTION & SENDING

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Leader      Go out into the world as Christ's hands and feet, united in love, and do not be afraid. May God the Father answer you when you call, God the Son light your path, and God the Holy Spirit fill you with joy unimaginable now and always.

All            **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

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## ORDINARY TIME

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As Phillip Reinders says in *Seeking God's Face*:

"With all the big holidays and celebrations over, Ordinary Time offers us the space to find our place in God's story. We've celebrated and taken in the momentous life of Jesus; now we need a long stretch of days to absorb and assimilate it. In Ordinary Time, we fully take in the gospel, allowing it to take shape in our daily living, making connections between Jesus' story and our lives. 'Ordinary' doesn't mean boring or second-rate but simply 'everyday.' The Christian faith is not an otherworldly faith; it's about this creation, your life, these days. Ordinary Time gives us the space to consider all the implications of God's salvation in Jesus Christ for our day by day, week-in, week-out lives. As such, it is a time of listening to the story of God's people."

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## GIVING & BUDGET

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|                                 | <u>JAN-MAY</u>   | <u>JUNE 2020<sup>1</sup></u> | <u>MERCY<sup>2</sup></u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____ | <b>\$184,430</b> | <b>\$32,053</b>              | <b>\$13,205</b>          |
| BUDGETED GIVING _____           | <b>180,00</b>    | <b>36,000</b>                | <b>---</b>               |
| DIFFERENCE _____                | <b>+4,430</b>    | <b>-3,947</b>                | <b>---</b>               |

<sup>1</sup>as of 6/25/2020; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors  
<sup>2</sup>Year-to-date Mercy special offering contributions (for COVID-19 relief)

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### *In need of prayer?*

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Email: [help@gracepasadena.org](mailto:help@gracepasadena.org)*