



2ND SUNDAY IN LENT | FEBRUARY 28, 2021

REFLECTIONS

"But here's the thing: pretty good people do not need Jesus. He came for the lost. He came for the broken. In his love for us he came to usher us into his foundness and wholeness."

TISH HARRISON WARREN | *LITURGY OF THE ORDINARY*

"Love is what carries you, for it is always there, even in the dark, or most in the dark, but shining out at times like gold stitches in a piece of embroidery."

WENDELL BERRY | *HANNAH COULTER*

"For if relationship with Jesus is as much about being known as it is about knowing, we soon learn that life with God is not about being right but about being loved."

CURT THOMPSON | *SOUL OF SHAME*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader	Let us worship God, who has done great things.
Together	We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.
Leader	Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.
Together	We are the people God has formed through Christ, the servant King who washes us and makes us new. We worship him, and we rejoice!
Leader	Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
Together	We praise God for the grace that has saved us! — based on Isaiah 43; John 13

SONG OF PRAISE

PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION / F. FRANZEN

1. Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley,
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story;
Oh blest is Christ that came,
in God's most holy name.

2. He brings God's rule, O Zion;
He comes from heaven above!
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding;
Oh, blest is Christ that came,
in God's most holy name.

3. Fling wide your gates, O Zion,
your Savior's rule embrace!
His tidings of salvation,
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before Him,
their voices will adore Him;
Oh blest is Christ that came,
in God's most holy name.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All O God,
in creation you fashion us in your image,
in Christ you reveal to us your love,
through the Holy Spirit you welcome us
into the fellowship of believers;
we bow in gratitude before you.
We constantly distort your image, but still you restore it.
We daily betray your love, but still you extend it.
We often disrupt fellowship, but still you preserve it.
Come unto us at this time and in this place, O Lord,
that your image in us might be revealed, your love for us returned,
and our fellowship in Christ renewed. **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

RECKLESS LOVE / C. ASHBURY

1. Before I spoke a word
You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath
You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

CHORUS

*Oh the overwhelming
Never-ending reckless love of God
Oh it chases me down
fights til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it and I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
Oh the overwhelming
Never-ending reckless love of God*

2. When I was Your foe
still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth
You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

BRIDGE

*There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me*

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS / J. SCRIVEN

1. What a friend we have in Jesus;
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer.
O, what peace we often forfeit;
O, what needless pain we bear;
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All

God of mercy,
whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love,
we confess that we have been wayward children.
We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call;
our hearts have been cold to your love; our mouths have spoken evil;
our hands have hoarded your blessings; our feet have walked in paths of selfishness.
In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name.
By your Spirit, sanctify us with your love and bring to life that which has been dead.
We pray this in the name of Jesus, who loved us and gave himself for us. **Amen.**

SONG OF RESPONSE & ASSURANCE

O, THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS / SAMUEL FRANCIS

1. O, the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of Thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward,
to Thy glorious rest above.

2. O, the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread His praise from shore to shore;
how He loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore;
how He watches o'er His loved ones,
died to call them all His own;
how for them He intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne!

3. O, the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of every love the best:
'tis an ocean full of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O, the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'tis a heaven of heavens to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee.

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader

Jesus Christ sees you, forgives and washes you, and calls you his beloved. Our God delights in you and rejoices over you with loud singing! Believe and let God's love quiet your heart, mind, and body.

— based on Psalm 41:11; Zeph. 3:17

All

Thanks be to God!

Leader

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Continue passing the peace to one another during announcements.

** Check our website for the latest updates and ways to invest in the life of our church and city.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

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.

THE MORNING LESSON — JOHN 13:1-21

¹ Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸ I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' ¹⁹ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

²¹ After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." [ESV]

THE SERMON — BRANNIN PITRE

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: THE CHARACTER OF JESUS
Sermon Title: "The Love of Jesus"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Father, pour out your Spirit on your church throughout the world, that we would be a blessing in every circumstance and situation. Let us live as those who believe in the redemptive power of your love. We pray for the work and ministry of Grace. May we extend your love with boldness and joy. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Lord of compassion, we pray for peace in the world, especially in places of bitter division and violence, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples. Have mercy on those whom you have made. Make us instruments of your peace. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep during these days and nights. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A COMMUNION PRAYER

All God of love, as we fast and look forward to the day we can eat from your table again, nourish us with your grace in body and soul. By your life-giving word make us one as you are one. As in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONGS

MERCY / R. DELMORE

Mercy shines like the sun in the morning
Chasing the dark into blue skies
Giving me hope for the day
A new song of praise
And mercy, it falls like the rain upon me
Taking away all my sorrows
Covering all of my shame
And now I can sing
Hallelujah, I'm washed
in the blood of the Lamb
Hallelujah, I'm forgiven
Yes, I'm forgiven

AARON'S BLESSING / MUSIC: F. 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 the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May He keep you in perfect peace
May He keep you in perfect peace

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. Go from this time in peace to love and serve the world. —based on Phil. 2:4-7

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

LENT

Lent is here! Starting on Ash Wednesday, Lent lasts for 40 days (the Sundays in Lent are not considered part of the season). It ends on the Easter Vigil, the day before Easter Sunday. During this season, our attention is drawn to the suffering of Christ. As we contemplate his suffering, the Spirit draws us more deeply into his suffering and makes us ever more ready to pick up our crosses to follow Jesus and his example of love. A somber season, the color of the season is purple to represent Christ's suffering and royalty. Black is often used during Holy Week, especially on Good Friday. For more information about Lent, please see the Lenten Prayer guide on our website.

GIVING & BUDGET

	<u>JAN-DEC '20</u>	<u>JAN '21</u>	<u>FEB '21¹</u>
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	472,102	30,025	26,501
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,00	36,000	36,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+4,102	-5,975	-9,499

¹as of 2/26/2021; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors