

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader The eternal Father,
who loved us and set us free from our sins,
who loves us still with that love that will not let us go,
and who will love us forever,
calls us to worship him today
as the only true lover of our souls.

Together **The Lord stoops to receive the love of our poor hearts.
He calls us to remember
his “yes” to us in Jesus Christ.
By the Holy Spirit, he claims us
and seals us with his grace!**

Leader Let us worship and be glad!

SONG OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO / G. MATHESON

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in Thy sunshine’s blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life’s glory dead,
and from the ground
there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Together:
O God, our gracious Creator and Redeemer,
we praise you for your love that reaches out and calls us home to you.
You have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your presence.
Grant us grace to worship you in spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls
and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire.
Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us,
that we may not fear the coming of night,
when we shall surrender into your hands
the tasks which you have committed to us.
So may we worship you not with our lips only at this hour,
but in word and deed all the days of our lives,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

SONGS OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION / S. McCracken

Chorus
We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things,
we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

1. We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up (
2. In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning,
oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

3. Every vow we’ve broken
and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

OF FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES / C. WESLEY

1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer’s praise;
the glories of my God and King;
the triumphs of His grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim;
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of Thy name.

3. Jesus!
The name that charms our fears;
that bids our sorrows cease;
’tis music in the sinner’s ears,
’tis life, and health, and peace.

4. He breaks the power
of canceled sin;
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

5. To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you with our whole hearts
or our neighbors as ourselves.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
but we speak lies, let our anger fester, steal and cheat,
and use our words to heap shame and guilt.
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth and admit our sin. Forgive us.
By your Spirit, let us put away all bitterness, wrath, anger, and clamor.
Restore in us the joy of your salvation. **Amen.** —based on Eph. 4

Silence for private confession.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

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

Hallelujah, I’m washed
In the blood of the Lamb
Hallelujah, I’m forgiven
Yes, I’m forgiven

And mercy,
It falls like the rain upon me
Taking away all my sorrows
Covering all of my shame
And now I can sing

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Hear these good words: “For by grace you have been saved through
faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a
result of works, so that no one may boast.” Turn to Jesus, believe
and be at peace! —from Eph. 2:8-9

Together **Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you!**

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OUR OFFERING

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 address: 16 N Marengo Ave Ste 609, Pasadena, CA
91101; or make an online payment via our website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (ESV)

^{4:25} Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth
with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not
sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to
the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest
work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone
in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is
good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who
hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed
for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor
and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one
another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

^{5:1} Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as
Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to
God.

Leader The Word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God!**

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Justin Bailey

Sermon Title: “Beginning with the Benediction”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader With the Good News of God’s grace in our hearts, minds and bodies,
let us approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we
may receive mercy and help. With one voice and one heart, let us
offer our prayers to God:

Almighty Father, you have taught us that all our doings without love
are worth nothing; send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that
most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues.
Through this love, made manifest in our words and deeds, glorify the
name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns. For this, O
Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Jesus, King of the World and Lord of the church, rule over us and
all people with your justice and mercy; bring an end to all violence
and hatred. Make us one with all of your people, especially those
who suffer persecution for the sake of your name. By your Spirit,
strengthen them in faith, and give them joy in being united with you.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Spirit of creation, breathe new life into broken bodies and troubled
minds. Regenerate dying relationships and failing systems. We are
helpless apart from you; remake us in your grace. Give us courage to
bear your renewing love in all the places we tread. For this, O Lord,
we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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, which is in-
dividually pre-packaged; take the elements back to your seats and partake of them there.
Keep social distance at all times and put masks on promptly after partaking in Communion.
Participation is not mandatory. Participate as you feel comfortable.

CHILDREN: Children who are baptized, can profess faith in Jesus Christ in an age appropri-
ate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.

COMMUNION & CLOSING SONGS

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

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

COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Full of your Spirit, help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Leader Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. — *Heb. 13:20-21*

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

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*

ORDINARY TIME

The longest of the liturgical seasons, Ordinary Time stretches from Pentecost to the start of Advent. Following Pentecost, this season is often referred to as the season of the Holy Spirit. In this season, we turn our attention to the Holy Spirit’s work to re-order and re-new all things by the love of God in Jesus Christ. In other words, we pay attention to the unfolding of God’s story of love in Jesus Christ in our lives, church and world. Jesus has ascended, but he is close and his story is not over. It continues in us! This is how Phillip Reimers in explains it in *Seeking God’s Face*:

“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.”

The color for Ordinary Time is green, symbolizing new life and flourishing.



“For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you...was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.”

2 CORINTHIANS 1:19-20

“Q: What is your greatest comfort in life and death?” “A: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful savior Jesus Christ.”

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, Q&A 1

“Grace is not opposed to effort. Grace is opposed to earning.”

DALLAS WILLARD

“It comes the very moment you wake up each morning. All your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists simply in shoving them all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in. And so on, all day. Standing back from all your natural fussings and frettings; coming in out of the wind.”

C.S. LEWIS

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

GRACE PASADENA’S CORE VALUES

God-Centered Worship – We seek to be transformed in worship as we experience the wonder of God and respond appropriately

Gospel-Driven Identity – We seek a personal experience of the gospel that both humbles us, and assures us that we are more deeply valued and loved by God than we can possibly imagine

Outward-Facing Community – We seek the betterment of our city as we extend God’s grace by loving our neighbors as ourselves

Kingdom-Minded Movement – We seek to extend the Kingdom of Jesus Christ by creating community and global partnerships that can reach and serve those in need

GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-DEC ‘20	JAN-MAY ‘21	JUN ‘21 ¹
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	502,102	174,279	27,278
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,00	180,000	36,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+34,102	(-5,721)	(-8,722)

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