

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Come, let us worship God,  
the one who made us in love, redeems us in love,  
and makes us into a new family by his love.

**All Let us worship our Savior who speaks his word of salvation  
and seals his truth in us by his Holy Spirit!**

Leader Come, let us worship God,  
the one who lavishes us with the riches of his grace.

**All Let us remember God’s great love for us!  
Let us remember that we love because God first loved us!  
Let us remember and sing God’s praise!** — from Eph. 1:1-14; 1 Jn. 4:19

## SONG OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

*SING TO THE LORD (PSALM 96) / B. CHADWICK*

Sing to the Lord a new song  
Sing to the Lord, all the earth  
Sing to the Lord a new song  
Sing to the Lord, all the earth

For great is the Lord  
Most worthy of praise  
For great is our God  
Most worthy of praise

Let the whole earth sing  
To the Name above all names

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

**Together** O God, with all heaven and earth we declare:  
Your constant love reaches to the heavens;  
your faithfulness extends to the skies.  
Your righteousness towers like the mountains;  
your justice is deeper than the sea.  
We find protection under the shadow of your wings  
and feast on the abundance you provide.  
You are the source of all life, and in your light, we see light.  
We remember your kindness and sing your praises! **Amen.**  
— from Ps. 36:5-9

## SONGS OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

*O, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES / C. WESLEY; B. CHADWICK*

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.

**Refrain**  
*Hallelujah,  
I will sing my great Redeemers’ praise*

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. **(Refrain)**

5. He speaks and listening  
to His voice,  
New life the dead receive,  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.

6. Hear Him, ye deaf;  
His praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind behold your Savior come,  
And leap, ye lame, for joy. **(Refrain)**

*ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING / WORDS: ST. FRANCIS*

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
O, praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,  
O, praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice  
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. And all Ye men of tender heart,  
forgiving others take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on Him cast your care,  
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship Him in humbleness,  
O, praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father,  
praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one!  
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence  
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
Although Christ is among us as our peace,  
we are a people divided against ourselves.  
The profit and pleasures we pursue  
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.  
The fears and jealousies that we harbor  
set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.  
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,  
of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression.  
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.  
Set us free so that we may love as you love us. **Amen.**

*Silence for private confession.*

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

*COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING / R. ROBINSON*

1. Come Thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I’m fixed upon it,  
mount of Thy redeeming love!

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by Thy help I’m come;  
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,

wandering from the fold of God  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed His precious blood

3. Oh to grace how great a debtor,  
daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here’s my heart, oh take and seal it;  
seal it for Thy courts above

## WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Hear these good words: “In this the love of God was made manifest  
among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we  
might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God  
but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our  
sins.” Believe and be at peace! — 1 John 4:9-10

**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!**

*\* starting next Sunday, 7/11, Grace will offer an in-person program for children age  
3 through 5th grade during the announcements and sermon. Children will return for  
communion.*

## 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 LESSON

**Revelation 2:1-7 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the  
seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.  
<sup>2</sup> “‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you  
cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves  
apostles and are not, and found them to be false. <sup>3</sup> I know you are enduring  
patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary.  
<sup>4</sup> But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at  
first. <sup>5</sup> Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the  
works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand  
from its place, unless you repent. <sup>6</sup> Yet this you have: you hate the works of  
the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the  
Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the  
tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

Leader This is the Word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God!**

## THE MORNING MESSAGE

Justin Bailey

*Sermon Title: “First Love”*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Having heard the Good News of Jesus Christ, let us respond by joining together  
with one heart and one voice to profess our faith.*

Leader Brothers and sisters, what do you believe?  
**All My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own,  
but belong— body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Because I belong to him,  
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.**

*(Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 1)*

## 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

### LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST RULE IN YOUR HEARTS (COL. 3:15-17)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;  
to His peace you were called in one body  
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;  
to His peace you were called in one body  
So be thankful, yes, be thankful

Singing songs and hymns and spiritual songs, filled with thankfulness to God  
Singing songs and hymns and spiritual songs, filled with thankfulness to God

*Everything you do in word or in deed, do it all in the name of the Lord*  
*Everything you do in word or in deed, do it all in the name of the Lord*

Let the word of Christ richly dwell in you, as you counsel and teach one another  
Let the word of Christ richly dwell in you, as you counsel and teach one another  
With all wisdom, with all wisdom

Singing songs and hymns and spiritual songs, filled with thankfulness to God  
Singing songs and hymns and spiritual songs, filled with thankfulness to God

*Everything you do in word or in deed, do it all in the name of the Lord*  
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Giving thanks through Christ to God the Father

### GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father

And the Lord Jesus Christ  
And the Lord Jesus Christ  
And the Lord Jesus Christ

## 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 & SENDING

Leader May God strengthen you through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Go in peace to love and serve the world. — from Eph. 3:16-19

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

## 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 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.



"The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us."

C.S. LEWIS | *MERE CHRISTIANITY*

"I experience religious dread whenever I find myself thinking that I know the limits of God's grace, since I am utterly certain it exceeds any imagination a human being might have of it. God does, after all, so love the world."

MARILYNNE ROBINSON |  
*WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I READ BOOKS*

"A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject of all, subject to all."

MARTIN LUTHER | *ON CHRISTIAN LIBERTY*

## 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

|                                 | <u>JAN-DEC '20</u> | <u>JAN-MAY '21</u> | <u>JUN '21</u> <sup>1</sup> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____ | <b>502,102</b>     | <b>174,279</b>     | <b>29,959</b>               |
| BUDGETED GIVING _____           | <b>468,00</b>      | <b>180,000</b>     | <b>36,000</b>               |
| DIFFERENCE _____                | <b>+34,102</b>     | <b>(-5,721)</b>    | <b>(-6,041)</b>             |

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