

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Together **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Together **In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Leader Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Together **For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Leader Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts! — *from Ps. 95*

SONG OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

SING OUT LOUD (PSALM 95) / B. CHADWICK

Come let us sing for joy
Come let us sing out loud
Come let us sing for joy
To the Lord, let us shout out loud
To the rock of our salvation,
our great God

The Lord is our great God
The King above all gods
We kneel before Him now
Today if you hear His voice,
do not harden your hearts,
Worship the Lord in His holiness

*Let the heavens rejoice
Let the earth be glad
The sea resound
He will come to judge in truth and
righteousness*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Together Gracious God, and Good Shepherd,
in love you open wide the doors of your house
and welcome us into your presence—
saints and sinners alike.
You spread a table before us, filled with the richest fare—
a feast of love and mercy for the body and soul.
We come with joy to meet you here,
to eat and drink at your table,
to taste and see your goodness,
to celebrate your grace in our lives.
May Your Spirit inspire our praise and thanksgiving,
our prayers and petitions as we worship together in Your presence.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our host and Lord, we pray. **Amen.**

SONGS OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

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*

COME, LET US WORSHIP (PSALM 95:6-7) / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

Come, let us worship and bow down
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker
Come, let us worship and bow down
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker

Worship the Lord in holiness
Let the whole earth stand in awe
He will come to judge the earth
In righteousness and truth

He is our God, He is our God
We are the people of His pasture
He is our God, He is our God
We are the sheep of His hand

Come, let us worship and bow down
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker
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And kneel before the Lord, our Maker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our King of love,
you tenderly gather us as lambs,
carrying us with your all-embracing love.
Yet, like sheep, we wander from you:
we follow our own ways, ignore your voice,
and distrust your provisions.
Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust.
Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy
and restore us by your redeeming love.
Open our ears, so that we may hear your gentle voice of love.
Open our eyes, so that we may see the paths you have set before us.
Lead us to your green pastures and quiet waters.
In the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd who gave his life for us, we pray. **Amen.**

Silence for private confession.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

PSALM 23 / MUSIC: R. & B. CHADWICK

The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down
in green pastures;
he leads me beside quiet waters;
he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for You are with me;
your rod and staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me,
in the presence of my enemies.

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Have you gone astray? Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd, who has
laid his life down for you. He calls you and chases after you so that
you might have life, life to the full. Believe in him and be at peace.

—*from Jn. 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!**

** Children age 3 through 5th grade are invited to participate in the in-person program during the announcements and sermon. Parents and guardians, please walk with your child/children to the hallway on the east side to meet the leaders. Pickup will be in the same location after the sermon.*

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

Psalm 23 (ESV)

A Psalm of David.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
³ He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Marc Choi

*Sermon Series: Seeing and Believing Jesus in the Psalms and Proverbs
Sermon Title: "Being Sheep"*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Having heard the Good News of God's redemption in Jesus Christ, let us lift up the church, our world, and other needs to God.

Leader God our Father, when we have doubts and questions, remind us that we are your beloved children. Remind us of your steadfast love and your promises to us. In you, we live and move and have our being, and through you, all things were made that have been made. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, we are your people, the sheep of your hand. Lead those in distress or harms way to safety; protect and comfort the vulnerable with your rod and staff; fill empty stomachs with good food; give rest to the anxious and weary; bring the wayward back into your embrace. Show us, who have tasted your hospitality, how we can extend it to the world for your name's sake. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy Spirit, Giver of Life, comfort the lonely, heal and restore broken bodies, speak peace to troubled minds; renew our strained relationships and mend the broken systems of our city and world. Wherever we go, may we be signposts of God's great love by bearing your fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

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 individually pre-packaged; take the elements back to your seats and partake of them there. Participation is not mandatory. Participate as you feel comfortable.

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

COMMUNION & CLOSING SONGS

GOD'S TABLE / B. COLEMAN

We will come to God's table
And there remember God's mercy

We will come to God's table
And there remember the cross

We will come to God's table
And there remember God's family

We will come to the table of the Lord

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 & SENDING

Leader The Good Shepherd has brought you here,
goes before you and with you.
May God be at your side, even in valleys of death.
May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life.
And may the Holy Spirit abide in you
and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. — based on Ps. 23

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please visit our website for the latest announcements. Scan the QR code to go to our site!



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-JUN '21	JULY '21 ¹
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	502,102	206,036	31,255
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,00	216,00	36,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+34,102	(-9,964)	(-4,745)

¹as of 7/23/2021; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors



"The strange thing about sheep is that because of their very makeup it is almost impossible for them to be made to lie down unless four requirements are met. Owing to their timidity they refuse to lie down unless they are free of all fear. Because of the social behavior within a flock, sheep will not lie down unless they are free from friction with others of their kind."

PHILLIP KELLER | *A SHEPHERD LOOKS AT PSALM 23*

"When the sheep are in the pasture and a predator like a dog walks by and they're in danger or what they perceive as danger, the sheep are alert!" Lynne explained. "They will come together as a group. To me, that's being shrewd. If you're a sheep in the midst of wolves, you're not going to stand alone, chew your cud, and wait for a wily wolf to jump you. You're going to do everything possible in being alert, bold, and together."

"How does that affect the way we act and react?" I pressed.

"I think Jesus is saying you need to be vigilant, alert, and even stomp your foot like sheep do in boldness, but in the end never give up being a sheep," Lynne said. "Never give up your sweet, trusting nature. Always remember the strength and safety that comes in community."

MARGARET FEINBERG | *SCOUTING THE DIVINE*

ORDINARY TIME

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