

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Together **Great are the works of the Lord!**

Leader Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Together **He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

Leader He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

Together **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

His praise endures forever! — from *Psalms 111:1-4; 9-10*

SONG OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY / J. NEANDER; B. CHADWICK

1. Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to His temple draw near,
praise Him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth;
shelters thee under His wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how all thy longings have been
granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work
and defend thee;
surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee!
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with His love He befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord!
O, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen
sound from His people again,
gladly for aye we adore Him.

REFRAIN

Praise to the Lord, O my soul

All ye who hear, Praise Him

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts;
eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil;
eternal Power, be our support;
eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;
eternal Love, have mercy upon us,
that with all our heart

we may seek your face, abide in your presence,
walk in your ways, and be made whole.

In your name -- Father, Son and Holy Spirit -- we pray. **Amen.**

SONGS OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

ALL YOUR WORKS ARE GOOD / S. McCracken

1. The moon it marks the seasons,
The sun knows when to go down
The ocean holds its creatures,
The river knows its bounds

2. The birds, the trees, the cattle,
And all things great and small
We find our place in creation,
Your hand sustains it all

CHORUS

All Your works are good

All Your works are good

From everlasting, to everlasting

All Your works are good

3. He makes the clouds His chariot,
He wraps Himself in light
He stretches out the heavens,
Like a tent across the sky

4. He knows our every burden,
When darkness veils our eyes
He comes with spring returning,
Bringing death to life

5. As we labor until evening,
There's a message on the wind
Be still and know your Maker,
Be satisfied in Him

EVIDENCE / J. BALDWIN

1. All throughout my history
Your faithfulness has walked beside me
The winter storms made way for spring
In every season, from where I'm standing

CHORUS

I see the evidence of Your goodness

All over my life, all over my life

I see Your promises in fulfillment

All over my life, all over my life

2. Help me remember when I'm weak

Fear may come but fear will leave

You lead my heart to victory

You are my strength

and You always will be

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

Silence for private confession.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH / F. ORTEGA

Let the words of my mouth
Be pleasing to you, pleasing to you
The meditation of my heart
Be pleasing to you, pleasing to you
Oh Lord, my strength
And my Redeemer
Oh Lord, my strength
And my Redeemer

Whatever is true

Whatever is pure

Whatever is lovely

Whatever is worthy

Think on these things

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Hear the promise of God, who says: "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." In Christ, you are made new. Believe and be at peace. —based on Ez. 36:25-26

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.*

BRIDGE

See the cross, the empty grave

The evidence is endless

All my sin rolled away

Because of You, oh Jesus

ENDING

Why should I fear, the evidence is here

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

Proverbs 4:20-27 (ESV)

²⁰ My son, be attentive to my words;
incline your ear to my sayings.

²¹ Let them not escape from your sight;
keep them within your heart.

²² For they are life to those who find them,
and healing to all their flesh.

²³ Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.

²⁴ Put away from you crooked speech,
and put devious talk far from you.

²⁵ Let your eyes look directly forward,
and your gaze be straight before you.

²⁶ Ponder the path of your feet;
then all your ways will be sure.

²⁷ Do not swerve to the right or to the left;
turn your foot away from evil.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord

Together **Thanks be to God!**

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Marc Choi

Sermon Series: Seeing and Believing Jesus in the Psalms and Proverbs

Sermon Title: "Being Wise, Being Wholehearted"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Having heard the Good News of God's redemption in Jesus Christ, let us pray with confidence for ourselves, our church, neighbors, and world.

Leader: Almighty God, we intercede on behalf of the world that you have made. Look upon us in mercy and not in judgement; draw all people from hatred to love; and establish your kingdom of justice and peace on earth as it is in heaven. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace and become whole; so clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you, for the honor of your name. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Spirit of all compassion, soften our hearts to those around us who need your care: the brokenhearted, the fearful, the lonely; those sick, those suffering, those persecuted, those without work, without a home; those with broken homes, those who struggle to find hope. Be near to us, Lord. Help us love one another. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Father, Son, Holy Spirit, in loving wisdom you create, redeem and sustain all things. May we treasure your wisdom in our hearts so that we may readily choose your paths of love in our relationships, work, home life, and leisure, filling all things with your beauty. Lead us to life overflowing. 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 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

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

HOW GREAT THOU ART / C. BOBERG

1. O Lord my God,
when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made;
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed.

CHORUS

Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art,
how great Thou art. (2x)

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

2. And when I think,
that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross
my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

3. When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation,
and take me home what joy
shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow,
in humble adoration,
and there proclaim,
"My God, how great Thou art!"

COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord, you have made us one as you are you one; you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader The Lord set your eyes and gaze directly on his love; the Lord make your ways sure and keep you from swerving to the right or to the left; the Lord guard your heart and make it flow with springs of life. Go in peace and full of God's wisdom to love and serve the world for his name's sake.
— based on Proverbs 4

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

	IAN-DEC '20	IAN-JUL '21	AUG '21 ¹
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	502,102	256,145	16,925
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,00	252,000	36,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+34,102	+4,145	-19,075

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"What one is and what one does are inseparable."

BRUCE WALTKE | PROVERBS

"To seek the greatest good is to live well, and to live well is nothing other than to love God with the whole heart, the whole soul, and the whole mind: It is therefore obvious that this love must be kept whole and uncorrupt, that is temperance; it should not be overcome with difficulties, that is fortitude, it must not be subservient to anything else, that is justice; it must discriminate among things so as not to be deceived by falsity or fraud, that is prudence."

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ORDINARY TIME
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