

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader The God who created you of his own will by the word of truth is the same one who calls and welcomes you now.

Together **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;** they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!

Leader Let us rejoice and be glad!

Together **Let us rejoice and extend God’s grace to one another and the world!**

— based on James 1:8; Lam. 3:22-34

SONG OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG (PSALM 96) / MUSIC: 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

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
we praise you and give you thanks,
for you are the giver of life.
In this time and place,
may we experience the joy of our salvation anew,
that our hearts may be filled with joy, hope, and peace,
that we might sing new songs of praise,
that we might find rest and comfort,
that we might be strengthened to face the challenges of the day,
that we might become the persons we are called to be,
that we might affirm your image in each other
and extend your love with boldness and generosity. **Amen.**

SONGS OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

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!

LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST (COL 3:15-17) / MUSIC: B. CHADWICK

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
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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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns and interests.
We humbly ask you to make us like trees planted by the waterside,
that we may bring forth fruits of your Spirit in due season
and readily share the abundance of your love.
Forgive our past offenses, sanctify us now,
and direct all that we should be in the future, for Christ’s sake. **Amen.**

Silence for private confession.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

KYRIE ELESION / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Elei—son

Christe, Christe Eleison
Christe, Christe Eleison
Christe Eleison
Christe Elei—son

MINISTRY MOMENT

City Groups

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Who condemns you? There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Believe these words and rest in the grace of Jesus Christ. —based on Romans 8:1

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 and Middle School students are invited to participate in their in-person programs during the announcements and sermon. Please see the back page for more information about these programs.*

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

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Luke 13:18-21 (ESV)

Ezekiel 17:22 Thus says the Lord God: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.²³ On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest.²⁴ And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

Luke 13:18 He said therefore, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? ¹⁹ It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.”

²⁰ And again he said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹ It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord

Together **Thanks be to God!**

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Brannin Pitre

Sermon Series: *Our Vision & Core Values*
Sermon Title: *“Experience & Extend”*

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 Father, you sent your Son to bring the good news of your kingdom. Anoint us with your Holy Spirit, and rouse us to work in his name. May we be a sign and taste of your kingdom. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Jesus Christ, you said in touching the poor and needy, we touch and honor you. Send us to bring help to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy Spirit, just as you were sent to be our comfort, send us to those who mourn, to bring joy and gladness instead of grief. Send us to proclaim that the time is here for you to save your people. 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

BE THOU MY VISION / TRANS. MARY E. BYRNE

1. Be Thou my Vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my Light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom,
and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee
and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father,
I Thy true Son;
Thou in me dwelling,
and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not,
nor man’s empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance,
now and always:
Thou and Thou only,
first in my heart;
High King of Heaven,
my treasure Thou art.

4. High King of Heaven,
my victory won,
May I reach Heaven’s joys,
O bright Heaven’s sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
Still be my Vision,
O Ruler of all.

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

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader

May the Lord make you rich in love and may he make you his instruments of love. Where there is hatred, may you sow peace and reconciliation; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

All

Thanks be to God! Amen!

CHILDREN & YOUTH

It is our great joy that you and your family are with us today! We want you to know that all children, no matter their age, are welcome in our worship service. However, some may want to take advantage of our programs for children and youth:

- Throughout the service, we offer a wiggle room for little ones and parents or guardians. The wiggle room is located behind the children’s check-in table in the community room. The entire service is streamed for parents and guardians.
- During the announcements and sermon, we offer two classes for children. The first, located in the Cliff Benedict room, is for toddlers ages 2-3. The second, located on the back patio, is for children age 4 to 5th grade. When dismissed, please meet leaders in the hallway on the east side. Pickup will be in the same location. Don’t forget to check-in your children at the children’s welcome table.
- Students in middle school are invited to participate in a youth Bible study during announcements and the sermon. Meet Ben in the hallway at the start of announcements.

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-AUG ‘21	SEP ‘21¹
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	502,102	289,905	10,875
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,00	288,00	36,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+34,102	+1,905	-25,125

¹as of 9/10/21; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors



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



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