

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader O God, we joyously come together to worship, realizing we need not summon you into our midst, for you are here.

Together **Where can we go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from you?**

Leader Give us new eyes of faith, so that we may see you.

Together **Open our ears, so that we may hear you.**

Leader Give us sensitive minds and hearts, so that we may know the depths of your love more and more.

Together **Give us open hands, so that we may freely receive and share your blessings.**

Leader Lord, open our lips,

Together **and our mouths will proclaim your praise!** —from Psalm 139:7

SONG OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD / M. LUTHER

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper He, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe,
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not His equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His name,
from age to age the same;
and He must win the battle.

3. And though this world,
with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God’s truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Together:
God of the past, who has created and nurtured us, we are here to honor you.
God of the future, who is always ahead of us, we are here to thank you.
God of the present, who is here in the midst of us, we are here to glorify you.
God of resurrection, who makes streams to flow in the desert
and surprises us with abundant life in the desolate places,
we rejoice in your glorious and steadfast love.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
we bow down before you and give you our praise! **Amen.**

SONGS OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS / T. CHISHOLM

1. Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not;
as Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

CHORUS
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see:
all I have needed
Thy hand hath provided,
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter
and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness,
mercy and love.

3. Pardon for sin
and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide,
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside.

EVIDENCE / JOSH 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

Together
Wondrous God, who sets suns and moons above us and the ground beneath us,
and friends and strangers, all made in your image, among us:
how often have we been blind to the evidence of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.
Wondrous God, who revealed yourself in the face of Jesus Christ
and declared the depths of your love for us in his death on the cross:
how often we have forgotten you and doubted your love.
Christ, have mercy.
Wondrous God, who freely pours out the Holy Spirit:
how often have we ignored your promptings,
how often have we rejected your comfort and gifts.
Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

Silence for private confession.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

FALLING DOWN / R. DELMORE

1. Jesus, King of glory, be
The key of truth that sets me free
A treasure to the poor man’s soul
A weary sinner’s only hope

CHORUS
And I’m falling down
Yes, I’m falling down
Lord, I’m falling down before You now

2. You make the broken heart to sing
With ears to hear and eyes to see
You crown the humble with Your love
And through Your blood
our healing comes

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal, no desolation so great that God cannot fill. Turn to Jesus and know that God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Believe, and be at peace.

Together **Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

Together **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.*

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

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 LESSONS

Matt. 14:13-22; Col. 1: 15-18 (ESV)

Mat. 14:13 Now when Jesus heard this [the news of John the Baptist’s death], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15 Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” 16 But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” 17 They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” 18 And he said, “Bring them here to me.” 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. 22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

Col. 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord

Together **Thanks be to God!**

THE MORNING MESSAGE

Marc Choi

Sermon Series: *Our Vision & Core Values*
Sermon Title: *“In Every Sphere of Life”*

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 in Heaven, you love us first; help us never to forget that you are love so that this sure conviction might triumph in our hearts over the seduction of the world, over the inquietude of the soul, over anxiety for the future, over fright of the past, over the distress of the moment. For this, O Lord, we pray:

Together **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Jesus Christ, you are recreating us in your image: grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Grant that we may reverently use our freedom for the well-being of others, especially the poor, orphan, widow, and prisoner. Help us to recognize your resurrection work in our communities and nations, so that we may participate in it and rejoice in your goodness. For this, O Lord, we pray:

Together **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life and of health: comfort and relieve your sick servants, give healing power to those who minister to their needs. May those for whom our prayers are offered be strengthened in their affliction and have confidence in your loving care. For this, O Lord, we pray:

Together **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

HE WALKS WITH ME / M. HAGGARD

1. I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The son of God discloses

2. He speaks and the sound of his voice
Is so sweet, the birds hush their singing
And the melody that he gave to me
Within my heart is ringing

CHORUS
And he walks with me
And he talks with me
And he tells me I am his own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

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 Christ be with you, before you and behind you; may Christ be in you, beneath you, above you; may Christ be on your right and on your left, when you lie down or sit down; may Christ be in the eyes that see you and in the ears that hear you. Wherever you go, may you find the One who made you and redeems you waiting for you and ready to surprise you and the watching world with his grace.

Together

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. Pick-up 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	31,819
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,00	288,00	36,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+34,102	+1,905	-4,181

¹as of 9/23/21; 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.

ORDINARY TIME
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