

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Welcome in the name of God -- Father, Son and Holy Spirit!
All **By the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we gather together in the presence of God with confidence.**

Leader Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.
All **Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering and consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.**

Leader Let us remember our mothers and fathers of faith and live by the same faith, which is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

All **Let us turn to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith who, for the joy set before him, endured the cross.**

— from Hebrews 10-12

SONG OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY / R. HEBER

1. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shall be

3. Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy,
there is none beside Thee;
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All: Our God, we praise you, we worship you, we adore you.
You hold the heavens in your hand; all stars rejoice in your glory.
You come in the sunrise and the song of morn
and bless the splendor of the noonday.
The stars in their courses magnify you; day and night tell of your glory.
Your peace blows over the earth, and the breath of your mouth fills all space.
Your voice comes in the thunder of the storm;
the song of the wind whispers of your majesty.
You satisfy all things living with your abundance,
and our hearts bow at your presence.
Keep our eyes fixed on you and may our lives reflect your love.
We praise you, we worship you, we adore you. **Amen.**

SONGS OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE / ROOTS WORSHIP COLLECTIVE

1. Holy Spirit, light divine;
shine upon this heart of mine
Chase the shades of night away,
turn my darkness into day
Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come

3. Holy Spirit, all divine;
dwell within this heart of mine
Cast down every idol throne,
reign supreme and reign alone
Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come

CHORUS
O Holy Spirit, presence of God
Giver of comfort, power and love
I give You my heart, light divine

2. Holy Spirit, power divine;
cleanse this guilty heart of mine
Long has sin without control,
held dominion o’er my soul
Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come

RECKLESS LOVE / C. ASBURY

1. Before I spoke a word
You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath
You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

CHORUS
Oh the overwhelming never-ending
reckless love of God, oh
it chases me down fights til I’m found
leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn’t earn it and I don’t deserve it
still You give Yourself away
Oh the overwhelming never-ending
reckless love of God

2. When I was Your foe
still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth
You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

BRIDGE
There’s no shadow You won’t light up
Mountain You won’t climb up —
Coming after me
There’s no wall You won’t kick down
Lie You won’t tear down —
Coming after me

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God, you do not change.
You have revealed yourself to us in your Word.
You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.
But we confess that we often worship
not your true self but who we wish you to be.
We too often ask you to bless what we do
rather than seeking to do what you bless.
Forgive us when our worship shapes you
into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want.
Help us to meet you here, that we might bow
before your unspeakable love
and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. **Amen.**

Silence for private confession.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO / G. MATHESON

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in Thy sunshine’s blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life’s glory dead,
and from the ground
there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God. Look to Jesus Christ and see that God will endure anything, even death on a cross, to show you the depths of his love. God’s grace is enough!
Believe and be at peace. — from Deut. 4:24; Heb. 12:28-29

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.*

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

Hebrews 10:19-25; 12:18-25 (ESV)

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.

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: *“Drawing Near”*

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 Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation. Keep us from worshipping those things which cannot save, and let us bear witness to your loving redemption. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader With your own strong hand, intervene in this broken world, full of injustice and violence. Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ’s way of freedom and life. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader You hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress. We pray for those who face sickness, sorrow, or want. Strengthen them in their hour of need, and give them courage and hope in you. Also hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor, needy, sick and dying. Strengthen our deacons, park minis-try, and city partnerships. 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

I SAW THE LIGHT / H. WILLIAMS

1. I wandered so aimless,
life filled with sin
I wouldn’t let my dear savior in
Then Jesus came
like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

2. Just like a blind man,
I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man
that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

REFRAIN

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I’m so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

HIGHER GROUND / J. OATMAN, JR.

1. I’m pressing on the upward way
New heights I’m gaining every day
Still praying as I onward bound
“Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.”

CHORUS

Lord, lift me up and let me stand
By faith on heaven’s table land
A higher plane than I have found
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

2. My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay
Though some may dwell
where these abound
My prayer, my aim is higher ground.

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader

May your worship continue today and through the week, and may your reverence and awe lead to mutual love and hospitality towards the stranger. Remember who you are: you are citizens of a kingdom that cannot be shaken. And remember what God has promised: “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” — from Heb. 10:24; 11:28; 13:2, 5

Together

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

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-SEP ‘21	OCT ‘21¹
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	502,102	325,889	10,044
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,00	324,000	36,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+34,102	+1,889	-25,956

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