

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Come and hear the good news:
Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
and by his light you have come out of darkness!

All **The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
and his glory pierces the darkness!

All **By his light all the nations will walk and the kings and queens
of the earth will bring their glory into his kingdom.**

Leader Let us sing and wonder!

All **Let us testify to the goodness of our God
in this place and to the ends of the earth!**

— based on Jn. 8; Ps. 27; Rev. 21, Acts 1

SONG OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD / L. JONES

1. Would you be free
from the burden of sin?
There’s pow’r in the blood,
pow’r in the blood!
Would you o’er evil a victory win?
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood.

3. Would you be whiter,
much whiter than snow?
There’s pow’r in the blood,
pow’r in the blood.
Sin stains are lost
in its life giving flow;
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood.

4. Would you do service
for Jesus your King?
There’s pow’r in the blood,
pow’r in the blood.
Would you live daily
His praises to sing?
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood.

CHORUS
There is pow’r, pow’r,
wonder working pow’r
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is pow’r, pow’r,
wonder working pow’r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

2. Would you be free
from your passion and pride?
There’s pow’r in the blood,
pow’r in the blood.
come for a cleansing
to Calvary’s tide;
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

All: Mighty God,
by your power you raised Jesus Christ to rule over us.
We praise you that he puts down tyrannies
that threaten to destroy us and unmask powers that claim our allegiance.
We thank you that he alone commands our lives
and gives us freedom to love the world.
Glory to you for the gift of his life!
Glory to you for his saving death!
Glory to you for bringing us into his kingdom!
Glory to you for Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns as our risen Lord, now and forever. **Amen.**

SONGS OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

PROVIDE FOR ME / R. DELMORE

Maker of the heavens
Maker of the earth
I look up to the mountains
Where does my help come from?
It comes from You, it comes from You
It comes from You
My strength and my shield

You will save me in times of trouble
You will hold me in times of doubt
You will provide for me
Lover of my soul
You will provide for me

TREMBLE / MOSAIC

1. Peace, bring it all to peace
The storm surrounding me
Let it break at Your name
Still, call the sea to still
The rage in me to still
Every wave at Your name
CHORUS
Jesus, Jesus,
You make the darkness tremble
Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear
Jesus, Jesus,
You make the darkness tremble
Jesus, Jesus

2. Breathe, then call these bones to live
Call these lungs to sing
Once again, I will praise
BRIDGE
Your name
is a light that the shadows can’t deny
Your name cannot be overcome
Your name is alive forever lifted high
Your name cannot be overcome

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: We confess, Father, that we do not live
as your sons and daughters or as citizens of Christ’s kingdom.
We are more ready to resent than to forgive,
more ready to use and manipulate than to serve,
more ready to fear than to love.
We are more ready to keep our distance than to welcome,
more ready to compete than to help,
more ready to put ourselves first and above our neighbor.
We are selfish and full of mistrust and cold unbelief.
We fail to love, because we fail to believe in your love for us and the world.
Lord, forgive us, and help us. **Amen.**

Silence for private confession.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

MORE LOVE TO THEE / E. PRENTISS

1. More love to Thee, O Christ,
more love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make
on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

2. Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek,
give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

3. Then shall my latest breath
whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry
my heart shall raise;
Still all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that
whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For
God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but
in order that the world might be saved through him.” — Jn. 3:16

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

Acts 1:1-11 (ESV)

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do
and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands
through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented
himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them
during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ And while staying
with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the
promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized
with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from
now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this
time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to
know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you
will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will
be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of
the earth.” ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he
was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were
gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,
¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus,
who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you
saw him go into heaven.”

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: *“Kingdom-Minded Movement”*

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 through the
prayer our Savior taught. We are bold to pray:*

Leader Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
*(In silence, offer prayer of praise and thanks for the ways you have
experienced or seen God’s love this week.)*

your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
*(In silence, ask God to reveal his goodness and mercy in the
broken places of your lives, homes, city and world around you.
Ask the Holy Spirit to help you proclaim God’s kingdom.)*

Give us today our daily bread.
*(In silence, offer God your hopes and desires; lift the names of
those who are in need of God’s care.)*

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
*(In silence, consider how you may move towards others with
forgiveness and reconciliation.)*

Save us from the of trial, and deliver us from evil.
*(In silence, offer to God your fears and worries; ask God to clothe
you in his love and grace.)*

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. **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. Receive the bread and juice from the servers. 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

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS / H.W. BAKER

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death’s dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through
all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
Grace to you and peace from God our Father

And the Lord Jesus Christ
And the Lord Jesus Christ
And the Lord Jesus Christ

BENEDICTION & SENDING

- Leader

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,
whom death could not contain,
who lives to disturb and heal us,
bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the gospel.
Go and be witnesses of Jesus’s love in Pasadena,
in all Los Angeles County and Southern California,
and to the ends of the world.
The grace of God be with you all, now and always.
- 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.

LOCAL & GLOBAL PARTNERS OF THE MONTH

Please pray for our following partners and consider ways you could get involved. Contact the deacons or other leaders of the church to learn more at info@gracepasadena.org.

- The Pasadena Senior Center, committed to serving the seniors of our city.
- Fabien and Regina Girard, church planters in France.

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. We also offer the following:

- 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

	<u>JAN-DEC ‘20</u>	<u>JAN-SEP ‘21</u>	<u>OCT ‘21</u> ¹
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	502,102	326,389	32,980
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,00	324,000	36,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+34,102	+2,389	-3,020

¹as of 10/28/21; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors



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