

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader God anointed Christ to console the afflicted.  
**Together Come, let us worship the Lord our Comforter!**  
Leader God anointed Christ to emancipate the enslaved.  
**Together Come, let us worship the Lord our liberator!**  
Leader God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded.  
**Together Come, let us worship the Lord our healer!**  
Leader God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled.  
**Together Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!**

## SONG OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

*LIFT UP YOUR HEADS / WORDS: Ps. 94, MUSIC: GEORGE WEISEL*

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here!

2. A helper just, He comes to thee;  
his chariot is humility;  
his kingly crown is holiness;  
his scepter, kindness in distress!

3. O blest the land, the city blest,  
where Christ the Ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes,  
to whom this King in triumph comes!

4. Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart!  
The Word made flesh descends to dwell  
with joy for you who His mercies tell.

5. So come, my Lord, and enter in,  
let new and nobler life begin!  
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on  
until Thy glorious victories won!

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

**All:** Glory be to you, O God, whom we worship in awe and wonder.  
You are the author of all beginnings and all that is pronounced “good.”  
In you, both day and night have purpose,  
both calm and storm have meaning.  
Open the eyes of our imagination,  
that we may be ready to receive your gifts  
and discern your activity in our midst.  
Open the ears of our heart,  
that we may hear your voice calling each of us “beloved.”  
In the name of Jesus, in whose baptism we too are baptized. **Amen.**

## SONGS OF RESPONSE & PRAISE

*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

**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*

*JESUS’ NAME / R. DELMORE*

So beautiful, no name is higher  
So wonderful, is Jesus’ name  
Is Jesus’ name

*And every knee will bow  
In heaven and the earth  
And every eye will see  
The measure of Your worth  
There is no one like You  
Risen Son of God*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All:** 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.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.  
We have not done justice, loved kindness,  
or walked humbly with you, our God.  
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.  
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.  
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.  
Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation  
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*—based on Psalm 51:10-12*

*Silence for private confession*

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE BRILLIANCE*

You hear us calling  
You hear us calling  
Abba Father

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy

## WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Beloved! You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba!  
Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we  
are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and  
joint heirs with Christ. Praise God that in the power of the Spirit we  
are joint heirs with Christ! — *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 are invited to participate in Children’s Church during announcements and the sermon. The Middle School program will resume next week. 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](http://www.gracepasadena.org/give).*

**Giving Statements:** 2021 statements will be available soon. Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date in Breeze. Email [info@gracepasadena.org](mailto:info@gracepasadena.org) with questions.

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Sam. 3:1-11; Mk. 1:9-11(ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Sam. 3:1 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. <sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.” <sup>11</sup> Then the Lord said to Samuel, “Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.

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Mk. 1:9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord  
**Together Thanks be to God!**

## THE MORNING MESSAGE

Marc Choi

*Sermon Title: “Call & Response”*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH & HOPE

Having heard the Good News of God’s redemption in Jesus Christ, let us bring to mind the joys, concerns, and worries of our church, households, neighbors and world. (*silence*) With confidence, let us lift our prayers to God, remembering who he is and promises to be. Brothers and sisters, in whom do you believe and place your hope?

**All:** Our only hope is Jesus Christ.

After we refused to live in the image of God,  
he was born of the virgin Mary,  
sharing our humanity, entering our culture,  
speaking our language, fulfilling the law of our God.  
Being united to Christ we know ourselves when we rest in him.

Jesus Christ is the hope of God’s world.  
In his death, the justice of God is established;  
forgiveness of sin is proclaimed.

On the day of his resurrection,  
the tomb was empty; his disciples saw him;  
death was defeated; new life had come.  
God’s purpose for the world was sealed.

Our ascended Lord gives hope for two ages.

In the age to come, Christ is the judge,  
executing justice against evil,  
blessing the new creation in Christ.  
In this age, the Holy Spirit is with us,  
calling nations to follow God’s path, uniting people through Christ in love.  
Our only hope is Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*(Adapted from “Our Song of Hope”)*

## 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

### EVERY STEP / J. TWEEDY

Every step of the way  
I found grace  
If I lead or follow  
Change my pace  
I get tired lose my way  
My lord he knows me  
every step of the way

### TAKE MY LIFE / F. HAVERGAL

1. Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, for Thee.  
Take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
2. Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for Thee;  
swift and beautiful for Thee.  
3. Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be

filled with messages from Thee;  
filled with messages from Thee.

4. Take my will and make it Thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
it shall be Thy royal throne.

5. Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for Thee;  
ever, only, all for Thee.

## BENEDICTION & SENDING

**Leader** God the Father, who sent his Spirit upon his Son, bless you with the presence of his Spirit. Jesus, who received the Spirit and manifested the Father, abide in you and make you a manifestation of his life. And God the Spirit, who came upon Christ in the fullness of power, empower you to live a life of faith. To the glory of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Together** **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

## THE EPIPHANY SEASON

Christmastide ends with the Epiphany on Jan. 6, which commemorates the Magis' visitation of Jesus Christ and the revelation of Jesus as the Messiah of all people, not just Israel. Two additional events unfold this truth: the baptism of Jesus and the wedding feast at Cana. As Phillip Reinders explains in *Seeking God's Face*: "Each event unveils the fuller dimensions of the man we call Jesus. He is the worshiped King of kings, the dearly loved Son of God, and the miracle working Lord of the feast. Throughout the season of Epiphany we focus on the ministry [and life] of Jesus. As we journey through Epiphany, which leads up to Lent, we catch sight of the uniqueness of Christ. The epiphany of Epiphany is that this is no mere teacher or prophet—this is the Son of God, the Messiah."

Epiphany Day is often celebrated with a King Cake, which can be eaten through the season until Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, the season of fasting before Easter. The color of the season is green symbolizing growth and new life.

## 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](mailto: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 bring your child(ren) to their designated classroom. Pick-up for 2s and 3s is at the classroom; older children will be dismissed directly back into the service. Don't forget to check-in your children at the children's welcome table before service begins.
- 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-NOV '21</u>	<u>DEC '21'</u>
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	<b>502,102</b>	<b>416,367</b>	<b>71,372</b>
BUDGETED GIVING _____	<b>468,00</b>	<b>396,000</b>	<b>72,000</b>
DIFFERENCE _____	<b>+34,102</b>	<b>+20,367</b>	<b>-628</b>

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"I forget people's names, and I know what this forgetfulness really means. It means that in my deepest heart I am more interested in the programmes I am trying to get people involved in than in the people themselves. When you call a person by name, that means that you care something for that person as a person. And nothing less than this is a true reflection of the way God looks at people."

**LESLIE NEWBIGIN** | *THE GOOD SHEPHERD*

"Part of doing something is listening."

**MADELEINE L'ENGLE** | *SWIFTLY TILTING PLANET*

## EPIPHANY

**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**JANUARY 9, 2022**