

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Hear the words of Jesus Christ:  
“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**All We come to Jesus, the fountain of life.  
We come to drink deeply and freely.  
We come to be made whole  
by the one who conquered sin and death.**

Leader Christ is risen!  
**All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!** —based on Mt. 11:28-30

## SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

**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!

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

**All:** Almighty God, we praise you for welcoming us  
into fellowship with you and one another.  
We pray for your blessing on the church in this place.  
Here, in your presence, may the faithful find salvation,  
and the careless be awakened.  
Here, in your presence, may the doubting find faith,  
and the anxious be encouraged.  
Here, in your presence, may the tempted find help,  
and the sorrowful find comfort.  
Here, in your presence, may the weary find rest,  
and the strong be renewed.  
We thank you for your faithful presence  
and we praise your name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! **Amen.**

## SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

**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

**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!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All:** God of grace,  
we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you.  
We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes  
that are not consistent with you and your purposes.  
We have permitted our schedules to come first  
and have not taken the time to worship you.  
We have not always honored those who guided us in life.  
We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it.  
We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships.  
We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours,  
and we have misrepresented others’ intentions.  
Forgive us, O God, and renew us by your love  
that we may be a people of love. **Amen.**

*Silence for private confession.*

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

**COME YE SINNERS / J. HART**

1. Come ye sinners, poor and needy,  
bruised and broken by the fall!  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
full of pardoning love for all.  
He is able, He is able;  
He is willing, doubt no more!  
He is able, He is able;  
He is willing, doubt no more!

2. Let not conscience make you linger,  
nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all that He requires of sinners  
is to lean and trust on Him.  
He will save you, He will save you,  
‘tis the Gospel’s constant theme!  
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## WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader Are you striving? Here are words you may trust: Christ Jesus came into  
the world to save sinners. To all who confess their sins and resolve to  
lead a new life, he says, “Your sins are forgiven. He also says, “Follow  
me.” Now to the one who rules all worlds, immortal, invisible, the  
only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. —based on 1 Tim. 1:15, 17

**All Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## 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 at this time. Middle School students  
are also invited to participate in Sunday School. Please see the back page for more information  
about these programs.*

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!

## GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & 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 give via our website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Genesis 1:26-2:3 (ESV)**

<sup>1:26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them  
have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over  
the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the  
earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill  
the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the  
birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup> And God  
said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all  
the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And  
to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that  
creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green  
plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and be-  
hold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup> And  
on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the  
seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day  
and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in  
creation.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God!**

## MORNING MESSAGE

**Marc Choi**

**“The Gift of Sabbath ”**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Send forth your strength, O God, and establish what you have  
wrought in us; give us delight and rest. As we receive your gifts,  
show us how we may extend them to the world around us in our  
individual and shared intentions, thoughts, and actions; may our  
lives reflect your faithful love and presence to the watching world.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Jesus Christ, our King, open the eyes of the blind, set the prisoners  
free, and lead your people into your kingdom. Judge the nations;  
may the leaders of our world humble themselves before you and  
remember they are accountable to you. Be the good King you have  
promised to be and bring your justice. For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy Spirit, our Comforter, sustain the orphan and widow, give  
food to those who hunger, and bring home to those who have been  
uprooted. We pray for all who grieve and know pain, suffering  
and loss. Grant them the joy of your help and a sustaining taste of  
your wholeness. In silence, we bring before you the people and  
situations in need of the resurrection life... (*silence*)

**All We pray in the name of Jesus.  
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.

## SONGS OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

**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

## THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader May the God of peace, who raised to life the Great Shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
 All **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!**

## 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 '21	JAN-APR	MAY '22 <sup>1</sup>
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	488,889	142,610	27,981
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,000	150,000	39,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+20,889	-7,390	-11,019

<sup>1</sup>as of 5/20/2022; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors



“Man is not a beast of burden, and the Sabbath is not for the purpose of enhancing the efficiency of his work.”

ABRAHAM HESCHEL | *THE SABBATH*

“I sense that striving for wholeness is, increasingly, a countercultural goal, as fragmented people make for better consumers, buying more bits and pieces—two or more cars, two homes and all that fills them—and outfitting one's body for a wide variety of identities: business person, homebody, amateur athlete, traveler, theater or sports fan. Things exercise a certain tyranny over us.”

KATHLEEN NORRIS | *THE QUOTIDIAN MYSTERIES*

Leisure cannot be achieved at all when it is sought as a means to an end, even though that end be “the salvation of Western civilization. Celebration of God in worship cannot be done unless it is done for its own sake. That most sublime form of affirmation of the world as a whole is the fountainhead of leisure.

JOSEF PIEPER | *LEISURE, THE BASIS OF CULTURE*

## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT  
 CHRISTMAS  
 EPIPHANY  
 LENT  
**EASTER**  
 PENTECOST  
 ORDINARY TIME

“The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word *pentekoste* means “fiftieth”). The Easter season is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy...”

– from “Seeking God's Face” by Philip Reinders



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6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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