

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

Together As we gather here today, let us worship the Lord who continues to be our God and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.

Leader Let us turn our hearts to God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit– who has been and continues to be with us and for us.

Together Let us sing and wonder! Let us sing of God’s great love!

—based on Exodus 20:1-2

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: O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart! Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke through his servant Moses! The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our ancestors; may he not leave us or abandon us, but incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded long ago. We delight in you, O God, who speaks words of life. Amen. — from 1 Kings 8:23, 56-58

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

SING TO THE LORD (PSALM 96) / MUSIC: B. CHADWICK

Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord, all the earth
Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord, all the earth

For great is the Lord
Most worthy of praise
For great is our God
Most worthy of praise

Let the whole earth sing
To the Name above all names

BONHOEFFER’S PRAYER / MUSIC: BIFROST ARTS

Lord, early in the morning
We cry unto You
In You there is light, when I cannot see
In You there is love, patience and peace

Lord, I do not understand Your ways
But You know the way for me

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses and the life of Jesus Christ to direct us in the way of your love. You offer us your Holy Spirit so that we can be born to new life as your children. Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of pride, selfish ambition, and shame have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to their lure. Give us the vision and courage to turn away from the ways of death; give us the vision and courage to turn to your light, love and life. Amen.

Community Silence

SONG OF ASSURANCE

BE THOU MY VISION / TRANS. MARY E. BYRNE

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night; Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my Light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true Son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart; High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

4. High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach Heaven’s joys, O bright Heaven’s sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

WORDS OF COMFORT & PEACE

Leader To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God’s Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God in Jesus Christ and it is sealed in us by the Holy Spirit. Believe and be at peace!

All 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 at this time. The Middle School study is on break for the summer. Please see the back page for more information.

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 LESSONS EXODUS 20:1-12; JOHN 2:13-17 (ESV)

Exodus 20:1 And God spoke all these words, saying, ² “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³ You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

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John 2: 13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

Leader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE Marc Choi “Freed to be Free”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us boldly offer ourselves and the needs of the world to God:

Leader Father God, when we see people doing things that seem wrong, help us to remember how much you forgive us and love us, how your first word is always love. Give us peaceful hands, gentle words, and patient hearts. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Lord Jesus, we pray that your peace would be stronger than the violence in our world. We ask that your truth would drown out the lies in our world. Please let your kindness overcome the selfishness in our world. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Holy Spirit, lead us by the hand as we walk through unfamiliar places and changes. Help us to trust that you will always be with us. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader God of compassion and healing, please be close to everyone who is sick or frustrated or sad or lonely. Give them hope, and help them to see that you can make things new. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer. Give us faith and patience as we wait for you. 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. Pre-packaged elements, which are gluten-free are available. 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

IN CHRIST ALONE / S. TOWNEND & K. GETTY

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
’Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From a life’s first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
’Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I stand.

AARON’S BLESSING / MUSIC: F. ORTEGA

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you
And be gracious to you
And be gracious to you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May He keep you in perfect peace
May He keep you in perfect peace

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader

The love of God the Father, the faithful creator, the peace of Christ, the wounded healer, the joy of the life-giving Spirit, the hope of the Three in One surround and encourage you today, tonight, and forever.

All

Thanks be to God! Amen!

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

ORDINARY TIME

We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost Sunday until the start of Advent. From the Latin “ordus” we look to the Spirit to re-order our lives according to the love of Jesus Christ. As the season of the Spirit, we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus’ followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn’t offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. It is a season in which we learn to recognize the presence of God in the day-to-day. The color of the season is green, symbolizing new life.

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-JUN	JUL ‘22'
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	488,889	211,821	29,397
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,000	228,000	39,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+20,889	-16,179	-9,603

¹as of 7/28/2022; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors



“The purpose of journeying together in spiritual friendship and spiritual community (whether there are just two of you or whether you are in a small group) is to listen to one another’s desire for God, to nurture that desire in each other and to support one another in seeking a way of life that is consistent with that desire. ”

RUTH HALEY BARTON | SACRED RHYTHMS

“Jesus lived a fully human life, but all through that human life it was God who was living it for our sakes that He might reconcile us to Himself and gather our frail human life into union with His divine life. The whole life of Jesus was the life of God with us sinners, God taking our place and doing for us what we could not do for ourselves, God laying hold of our rebellious will, making it His own and bending it back from its disobedience to obedience, form its defiance to love. And so we hear Jesus praying in Gethsemane, ‘Not my will, but thine be done.’”

T. F. TORRANCE |
WHEN CHRIST COMES AND COMES AGAIN

“Theology is the happy science concerned with the task of pointing to him whose yoke is easy, whose burden is light. Theology is not in the business of absolutizing itself, but rather of pointing beyond itself to the one who gives.”

GERHARD O. FORDE | THE CAPTIVATION OF THE WILL

ORDINARY TIME
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