

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Do you want to be healed?
Jesus Christ invites us into his healing presence with these words:
“I am the Lord, who heals you.”

All **Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated, we come hungering for health that only God can provide.**

Leader Jesus calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician.
We bow before him in faith and expectancy!

All **We bow before him, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Through him all things were made. Alleluia!**

—based on Ex. 15:26; Mk. 2:17; Is. 6:10; the Nicene Creed

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS / E. MOTE

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness! I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay!

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found; Dressed in His righteousness alone; Faultless to stand before the throne.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

ALL: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
You have known us; you have loved us; we worship you, Triune God.
To you we pray and turn our hearts; upon you rests all our hope of salvation. Have mercy on us according to your great mercy. May our prayers and praise be counted as sweet incense before you and a blessing to the world you love. **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

10,000 REASONS / M. REDMAN

Chorus
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I’ll worship Your Holy name*

1. The sun comes up,
It’s a new day dawning
It’s time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

2. You’re rich in love
And You’re slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

AMAZING GRACE / J. NEWTON

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2. ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved!
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to serve.
As you came to a blind man and gave him sight,
come to us in our darkness and show us the things we cannot see.
As you came to a man tormented in his mind
and gave him peace and healing,
come to us in our tensions and make us whole.
As you came to Lazarus, who was dead,
and brought him from the grave,
come to us in our deadness and bring us to real life now with our living Lord.
Lord Jesus Christ, you came not to be served but to serve.
But we see life the other way round: to get where we do not give,
to exploit whom we have not helped, to use what we have not earned.
Come to us now in forgiveness and give us hope. **Amen.**

Community Silence

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!
He will save you, He will save you,
‘tis the Gospel’s constant theme!

3. Lo! Th’ incarnate God ascended,
pleads the merit of His blood;
venture on Him, venture wholly;
let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus,
can do helpless sinners good.
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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!**

MINISTRY UPDATE

Caroline Huxell

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 LESSON

JOHN 5:1-18 (ESV)

¹ After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³ In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵ One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” ⁷ The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” ⁹ And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. ¹⁰ So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” ¹¹ But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’”¹² They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” ¹³ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. ¹⁴ Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. ¹⁶ And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

¹⁸ This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Ben Ewen

“Savior of the Dull-Minded at the Pool”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Leader Father, pour out your Spirit on your church throughout the world, that we would be a blessing in every circumstance and situation. Let us live as those who believe in the redemptive power of your love.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, we pray for peace in the world, especially in places of bitter division and violence, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples. Have mercy on those whom you have made. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep watch, Spirit of comfort, with those who work, or watch, or weep during these days and nights. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love’s sake. In silence we remember and lift those who need your healing touch. (*silence*) For your beloved people, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer. With hope and expectation we wait on 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

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY / H. BONAR

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say:
“Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thy weary one, lay down
thy head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
and He has made me glad
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold; I freely give
the living waters, thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
out of the Living Stream;
my thirst was quenched,
my soul revived, and now I live in Him

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s Light;
look unto Me; thy morn shall rise
and all thy days be bright.”
I looked to Jesus and I found
in Him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk;
‘til traveling days are done
Ending
I heard the voice of Jesus say
“Come unto Me and rest...
“Come unto Me and rest...
“Come unto Me and rest...
“Come unto Me and rest.”

DOXOLOGY / T. KEN

Praise God,
from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen

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	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.
CHRISTMAS	
EPIPHANY	
LENT	
EASTER	
PENTECOST	
ORDINARY TIME	

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 ‘21</u>	<u>JAN-JUN</u>	<u>JUL ‘22’</u>
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



“There lay so many there, and yet only one was healed, while He could by a word have raised them all up. What, then, must we understand but that the power and the goodness was doing what souls might, by His deeds, understand for their everlasting salvation, than what bodies might gain for temporal health? For that which is the real health of bodies, and which is looked for from the Lord, will be at the end, in the resurrection of the dead.”

ST. AUGUSTINE | COMMENTARY ON JOHN 5

“Consider the work of God: who can make straight what he has made crooked.”

ECCLESIASTES 7:13

“Everything can be treated, nothing can be cured.”

ALAIN EHRENBURG | THE WEARINESS OF THE SELF

“When we acknowledge that we are not our own but belong to Christ...God looks at our face and sees the beauty and righteousness of His Son. And the judge of all assures us that we are loved, accepted, and adored. We live before a personal God, not the mechanical god of proceduralism of efficiency. The relentless, impersonal, litigious, crushing force of progress and self-improvement is ended in Christ. The demands of universal benevolence, which asks us to carry the world on our shoulders, are resolved in Christ and his providence. In this way, we are not only able to stand transparently before God without fear of condemnation, but we are only truly ourselves when we do.”

ALAN NOBLE | YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN

ORDINARY TIME
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