

GRACE
SACRAMENTO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 15, 2018
Service Order

SERVICE ORDER | OVERVIEW

10:25-10:30a	Prelude: <i>Because He Lives (Amen)</i> [Tomlin, Carson, Cash, Gaither, Ingram, Maher, Gaither]	Worship Team
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GATHERING

10:30-10:33a	Welcome / Call to Worship*	Olivia Carpenter
10:33-10:43a	Worship* Song: <i>This is Amazing Grace</i> [Riddle, Farro, Wickham] Song: <i>Arise, My Soul, Arise</i> [Wesley, Twit]	Worship Team
10:43-10:50a	Call to Confession / Words of Assurance	Mike Boyd
10:50-10:54a	Offering Song: <i>You are my King (Amazing Love)</i> [Foote] Song: <i>Doxology</i>	Daniel Yoon
10:54-11a	Prayers > Prayers of the People > GraceKids [Prayer and Release] > Ministry Highlights	Daniel Yoon

WORD

11a-11:05a	Scripture Reading* Text: John 20:24-29	Olivia Carpenter
11:05-11:35a	Sermon Title: <i>Pursuing Thomas</i>	Brad Carpenter

TABLE

11:35-11:42a	Communion Song: <i>This I Believe (The Creed)</i> [Fielding, Crocker] > Communion Servers: Mike Boyd, Ken McDonald > Prayer Minister: Jeff Lynch	Brad Carpenter
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SENDING

11:42-11:44a	Benediction*	Brad Carpenter
11:44-11:49a	Postlude	Worship Team

* Please stand if you are able

GATHER | PREPARATION

REFLECTIONS

"It's not denial. I'm just selective about the reality I accept." [[Bill Watterson](#), *Calvin and Hobbes*]

"For mainstream Christianity, reason, argument and honest doubt have always played an integral role in belief." [[Terry Eagleton](#) (*Marxist scholar*)]

PRELUDE | Worship Team [Chris Chu, Daniel Yoon]

Song: *Because He Lives (Amen)*

[Verse 1] I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

[V2] I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

[Chorus] *Amen, amen*
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
(Because He lives)

[Bridge] Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand

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WELCOME | Olivia Carpenter

> Welcome to Grace Sacramento

> My name is _____ and I'm so happy you are here. One of my favorite things about this church is . . .

> Please move one row to the front and to the sides . . .

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on 1 Peter 1:3-5) | Olivia Carpenter

LEADER: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: **He has given us new life and hope; He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

LEADER: God has claimed us as his own.

PEOPLE: **He has brought us out of darkness; He has made us light to the world.**

LEADER: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

GATHER | WORSHIP

SONGS OF ADORATION | Worship Team

Song: *This is Amazing Grace*

[V1] Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

[Chorus] *This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross*

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Song: *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

[V1] Arise, my soul, arise
Shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears
Before the throne my Surety stands
Before the throne my Surety stands
My name is written on His hands

[Chorus] *Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

[V2] He ever lives above for me to intercede
His all redeeming love
His precious blood, to plead
His blood atoned for every race
His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

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*You lay down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me*

[V2] Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King of Glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

[V3] Five bleeding wounds He bears
Received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers
They strongly plead for me
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

[V4] My God is reconciled
His pardoning voice I hear
He owns me for His child I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry

GATHER | CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Isaiah 25:6-9) | Mike Boyd

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.

ALL: **Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear these assuring and true words from 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

LEADER: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Song: You are my King (Amazing Love)

[V1] I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again

[Bridge] You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

[Chorus] *Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You*

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OFFERING & DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GATHER | PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | Daniel Yoon

LEADER: On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the people he has redeemed. That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross, let us pray to the Lord:

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: That all people may receive the good news of his victory, let us pray to the Lord:

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: That those born to new life in the waters of baptism may know the power of his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: That those who suffer pain and anguish may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: That in the undying love of Christ we may have union with all who have died in the faith of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead, to the mercy and protection of God this day.

Let us Intercede for those people and situations that weigh on our hearts

(I invite you to say "out loud" the names and situations that you would like to bring before God)

- We pray for the people of...(countries or regions)
- We pray for our sisters and brothers... (churches and other believers)
- We pray for friends, relatives, and neighbors...
- We pray for the day and its tasks, individuals in need, the world and its needs, and for the Church and her life...

GRACEKIDS PRAYER

ALL: **May God be with you as you worship**

GraceKids: And also with you

MINISTRY MOMENT

- > Meals Ministry!!
- > Work Day (next Saturday)
- > Bible Studies

WORD | SCRIPTURE READING & SERMON

Series: 40 Days of Wonder

Title: *Pursuing Thomas*

Text: John 20:24-29

SCRIPTURE READING | Olivia Carpenter

> Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from John 20:24-29. ***Please join me in reading the verses printed in green.***

[24] Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin,^[a] was not with them when Jesus came.

[25] So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

[26] Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

[27] Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."

[28] Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

[29] Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON | Pastor Brad Carpenter

TABLE | THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION | Brad Carpenter

> Communion Servers: Brad Carpenter, Daniel Yoon, Mike Boyd, Ken McDonald

> Prayer Minister: Jeff Lynch [**Standing in the back during communion**]

SUGGESTED PRAYERS DURING THE TABLE

Prayer for those searching for truth

Lord Jesus, you claimed to be the way, the truth, and the life. As I search for spiritual truth, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Trusting in God's love and in your death and resurrection on my behalf, I ask you to forgive me, merciful Lord, and fill me with your Holy Spirit. Relying upon your grace, I promise to confess you publicly before others, to serve you daily and walk in your way. Amen.

Prayer of commitment

Lord Jesus, you called your disciples to be baptized and follow your commandments. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to become one with you and with your church, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE | Worship Team

Song: *This I Believe (The Creed)*

[Verse 1] Our Father everlasting
The all creating One, God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

[Chorus] *I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

[V2] Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

[Chorus 2] *I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

[Bridge] I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

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SENDING | BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION | Brad Carpenter

> Prayer Minister: Jeff Lynch [*Standing in the front after the service*]

If you would like to be prayed for by a member of the prayer team, please come to the front.

> Deacon On-Call: Ross Lauger (April 9-15)

POSTLUDE | Worship Team