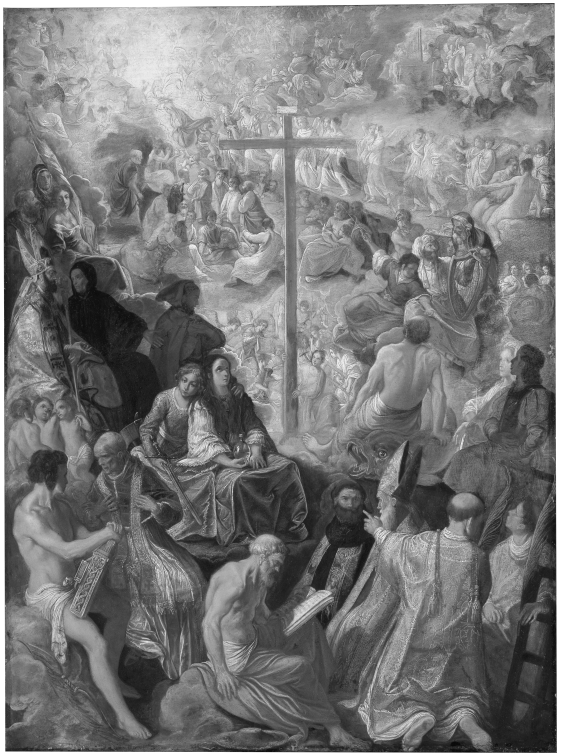
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SOUTH BAY



NOVEMBER 1, 2026

ORDINARY TIME

Sunday November 1, 2026

Ordinary Time

With all the big holidays and celebrations over, Ordinary Time offers us the space to find our place in God's story. We've celebrated and taken in the momentous life of Jesus; now we need a long stretch of days to absorb and assimilate it. In Ordinary Time, we fully take in the gospel, allowing it to take shape in our daily living, making connections between Jesus' story and our lives.

"Seasons." Seeking God's Face, https://seekinggodsface.org/seasons

Grace South Bay exists to

Gather the convinced and unconvinced into community
Grow together as Jesus does His work of forgiving and renewing
Go out to live for a story bigger than ourselves

Fill out our Connect Card

Thanks for visiting Grace! We would love to know a little more about you. The QR code to the right will take you to our online connect card. There you can fill out your name and email address, check any of the boxes that apply and ask any questions you might have. We'll do our best to answer them and help you get more connected at Grace.

Cover Image

Elsheimer, Adam. *The Frankfurt Altarpiece of the Exaltation of the True Cross*, 1603 – 1605

This painting points to the cross, highlighting the King of all kings. The figures surrounding the Cross—Old Testament patriarchs like Moses and Abraham, royal figures like King David, early Church Fathers, and saints—are deliberately arranged to pay homage to this divine focal point. They represent the span of salvation history, all bowing or looking upward toward the ultimate King.

Reflection

The following Reflection Quotes are provided to catalyze thought, and are therefore not always representative of the views of Grace South Bay.

Sometimes YHWH must save us from our saviors…

Dale Ralph Davis, 1 Samuel: Looking on the Heart

For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isaiah 53:2-3

Most of us, in ways that we are not entirely aware of, automatically associate leadership ability with imposing physical stature. We have a sense of what a leader is supposed to look like, and that stereotype is so powerful that when someone fits it, we simply will overrule everything else we know about him.

Malcom Gladwell, Blink

The True King — A Series in 1 & 2 Samuel

Israel wanted a king "like the nations," someone who could fight their battles for them. They got Saul and then David. Both times it went sideways. Saul looked every inch a king and lost the throne, and David, the one God actually chose, won his battles only to break his own household to pieces. These aren't heroes for us to copy; they're an honest record of God's people learning that no ruler, however gifted, could carry the hopes they kept piling on him. That's where the good news comes in. Every ruler and throne in these books turns out at least a size too small. But this checkered story creates an outline of a True King who won't let his people down—one we believe has come. Join us Sunday mornings as we trace how the whole book, from a forgotten woman's song to the showdown with Goliath, strains forward toward Jesus.

Gather Call to Worship

Prelude

Words of Preparation

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

P: Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

L: Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

L: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

P: For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

***Prayer of Approach**

Concluded with the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

All: Our Father, who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

"L" indicates the portion read by the worship leader
"P" indicates the portion read by the people
*** congregation stand, if able**

***Song of Praise**

O For A Thousand Tongues

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of his grace

Jesus, the name that calms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ear
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin
He sets the pris'ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones
Your loosen'd tongues employ
You blind, behold your Savior come
And leap, you lame, for joy

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of your name

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***Song of Praise**

Shout To The Lord

My Jesus my Savior,
Lord there is none like you
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love

My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship you

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, Praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of your name

I sing for joy at the work of your hands
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have
In you

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Scripture Reading

John 14:15-17

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord, You are our Shepherd, yet we still want. You promise us rest, but we refuse to be still. You are our Righteousness, but we look to our own works. You are with us, but yet we still fear and do not trust your promises of protection and cower at our enemies. Lord, forgive us. Cause us to embrace your goodness and mercy that we may truly believe that you will be with us all the days of our life. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Genesis 28:15

Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.

At this time kids are dismissed to their GraceKids classes

***Song of Response**

All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that you would own
A rebel to your will
And if you had not loved me first
I would refuse you still

But as I ran my hell-bound race,
Indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed,
You suffered in my place,
You bore the wrath reserved for me,
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands
Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way you choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is you

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AT A GLANCE

Young Adults First Monday - Nov 2
Women's Hike and Picnic - Nov 7
Congregational Meeting - Nov 8

Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.

- Romans 15:7

SERMON TEXT

1 Samuel 16

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king
over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided
for myself a king among his sons." 2 And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And
the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' 3 And invite Jesse to
the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to
you." 4 Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to
meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5 And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to
sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated
Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." 7 But the
Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have
rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord
looks on the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said,
"Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has
the Lord chosen this one." 10 And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to
Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." 11 Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said,
"There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send
and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." 12 And he sent and brought him in. Now he was
ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he."
13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the
Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

14 Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the Lord tormented him.
15 And Saul's servants said to him, "Behold now, a harmful spirit from God is tormenting you. 16 Let our
lord now command your servants who are before you to seek out a man who is skillful in playing the
lyre, and when the harmful spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will be well." 17 So Saul
said to his servants, "Provide for me a man who can play well and bring him to me." 18 One of the young
men answered, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a man of
valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence, and the Lord is with him."

19 Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me David your son, who is with the sheep."
20 And Jesse took a donkey laden with bread and a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them by
David his son to Saul. 21 And David came to Saul and entered his service. And Saul loved him greatly, and
he became his armor-bearer. 22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David remain in my service, for he has
found favor in my sight." 23 And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the
lyre and played it with his hand. So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed
from him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

See the King

Rev. Bob Crossland

Have questions about this sermon you'd like to hear answered on our weekly sermon Q&A podcast? Ask them at https://gracesouthbay.com/podcastquestions

Grow Responding to the Word

***Song of Reflection**

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
Till from heaven you came running
There was mercy in your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus, for our sake you died

And the morning that you rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored
And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By his blood and in his name
In his freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

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At this time kids will return from their GraceKids classes

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Communion Acclamation

L: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

P: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again!

L: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

P: Therefore let us keep the feast.

L: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Feed on them in your hearts by faith, and with thanksgiving.

Songs of Communion

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He, the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In his living, in his suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law
In him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death, the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him
Praise the Lord, he is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

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Go Blessing and Sending

*Song of Sending

All Things New

Come Lord, and tarry not
Bring the long looked-for day
Oh why these years of waiting here
These ages of delay
Come, for thy saints still wait
Daily ascends their sigh
The Spirit and the bride say come
Does thou not hear their cry

O come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
O come and make all things new
Build up this ruined Earth
Come and make all things new

Come, for creation groans
Impatient of thy stay
Worn out with these long years of ill
These ages of delay
Come, for love waxes cold
Its steps are faint and slow
Faith now is lost in unbelief
Hope's lamp burns dim and low

Come Lord, and wipe away
The curse, the sin, the stain
And make this broken world of ours
Thine own fair world again
Come and begin thy reign
Of everlasting peace
Come, take the kingdom to thyself
Great King of righteousness

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*Benediction

Numbers 6:24 - 26

L: The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

P: Amen!

*Charge

L: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ.

P: Thanks be to God!

Following the Worship Service

We have snacks and coffee every Sunday following the service. Stick around and meet a new friend!

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Women's Care Team *Our pastors and elders have invited this team of women to augment the shepherding ministry of the Session through the Director of Women's Ministry, Jen Stegmann. This team provides an additional layer of care specifically focused on the needs of women here at Grace. These team members are equipped as trusted confidants of our church leadership, attend Session meetings, and communicate regularly with Jen.*

Affiliation *Grace South Bay is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and with a group of churches that partner to form new congregations in major cities throughout the world. If you are moving and need recommendations for churches, please speak with one of our pastors.*

Biblical References *Unless otherwise noted, Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version ©2001*

Community Groups, Affinity Groups, and Ministries

Community Groups are places of care and community where we live the Christian life together. Most groups are discussing the sermon, some share a meal, check one out today!

Location	Leader(s)	Contact
Santa Clara Sunday evenings @ 5pm	Timon Smith, Benjamin Chen	timonsmith@gmail.com
South San Jose Sundays after church (1x/month) Alternating Wednesday evenings	Dom and Bex Ballinger	dominic.ballinger@gmail.com
East San Jose Friday evenings @ 6:30pm	Aaron and Katrina Krive	aaron.krive@gmail.com
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Affinity Groups gather around common interests to dig deeper together

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Announcements

Details and registration: gracesouthbay.churchcenter.com/registrations

Youth Group - Sundays, 5:00-7:00pm
Join us for our weekly gathering with high school and junior high. We eat good food, worship, teach the scriptures, and play a game or two. Join our weekly email list for updated nights off, annual retreats, and other special events. Additional questions? Contact Xavier, xavier@gracesouthbay.com.

Wednesday Youth Girls' Study - 6:30-8:30pm
Meeting at the Lee's house (Santa Clara). Contact Sandee Carlson, sandee@gracesouthbay.com.

Friendsgiving for GraceTeens - Sunday, Nov 22, 5-7:30
Join us for our annual Friendsgiving at the Jin family's home in Cambrian, and feel free to bring a friend along! Both HS/JH are invited. Please register so we know who's coming, and watch for a sign-up sheet if your family would like to provide a favorite dish to share.

Teach Me Tutoring - Saturdays, 10:30am
Want to become a tutor for children in our church neighborhood? Email, Camille Reyes, cdyquiangco@gmail.com.

Deep Reads - Alternating Saturdays, 9:30am
Currently Reading: *The Air We Breathe* by Glen Scrivener. Email Steve Reeber, sreeber@gmail.com with questions.

Prayer Fellowship - Last Sunday of the Month, 10:35am
Our Prayer Team gathers to pray for our church and our community. Questions? Contact, Matt Tiscareno, matthewtiscareno@gmail.com.

Women's Bible Studies - Mondays 7:30pm; Thursdays 9:30am
Join us as we journey through the Sermon on the Mount. Two options available: (1) Monday Evening thru November 2, Zoom, 7:30-9:00pm (2) Thursday Morning thru November 5, Willow Glen, 9:30-11am. Note: childcare is not provided for our Thursday morning study.

Men's Bible Study - Tuesdays, 7:30pm, Zoom (11/3, 11/10, 11/17)
For more information, check the Church Center App.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, Nov 21, 7:30am
RSVP on the Church Center app.

Creative Arts Ministry - Tuesdays, 7:30pm
With the help of the Rabbit Room, CAM is hosting a fall season of Housemoot! Come to connect around shared food and drink, thoughtful conversation, and creativity that points to our good Creator. We will meet at the Chen Home in West San Jose.

Announcement Highlights

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Intro to Grace - Nov 8, 11:00am
Whether you're new to Grace South Bay or you've been attending for a while and wanting to learn more - Intro to Grace is a great place to start. Please come and ask any questions you might have and get to know a few others who are also newer to Grace. Note: Lunch is provided - childcare is not provided. Couples with children are encouraged to alternate attendance so both can participate.

Congregational Meeting - Nov 8, 9:45am
We will start worship early so we can discuss our congregational survey and assessment. Kids will remain in their classes. We'll finish by 10:15am.

Young Adults First Monday of the Month Event - Monday, Nov 2, 7-9:30pm
Are you a young adult looking for some community? These events will be a time for those aged 21-35 to gather in fellowship and connect with those in a similar vein of life. Text Sandee Carlson 408-656-8982 for more info.

5-A-Side Coed Soccer - Various Dates
Interested in playing casual coed 5-a-side soccer? Depending on how many people sign up, we may organize church-vs-church pickup games or enter a local league. All levels welcome. Email Dom Ballinger, dominic.ballinger@gmail.com for info.

Women's Hike and Picnic- Saturday, Nov 7, 10:00am-1:00pm
Join us for a 2-3 mile hike at Picchetti Ranch Nature Preserve, followed by a picnic at Picchetti Winery. Feel free to join for either the hike portion or the winery picnic, just let us know so we can plan accordingly. Contact Laura Grow, laurabgrow@gmail.com, with questions.

Friendsgiving Young Adults - Saturday, Nov 21, 5:30-8:30pm
This will be a time for us to gather together in community, eat good food, and celebrate with the people around us. Invite your friends! (Just have them sign up). Text Sandee at 408-656-8982.

Advent Choir - Sunday, Dec 13, 9:00am
Registration is open! This choir is open to anyone (ages 12 and up) who loves to sing. Additional sectionals can be scheduled within each part-group as needed. Email Esther, esther@gracesouthbay.com