



# worship

at Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church

# Welcome to Altadena

*We're glad you are here!*

## **Nursery (ages 0 – 3)**

Childcare is available for children 3 and under in the Education Building.

## **Nursing Mothers**

A Nursing Mother's room with an audio feed of the service is located just outside the Sanctuary, next to the Parlor.

## **Worship Center (ages 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade)**

Children ages 4 through Grade 1 are invited to attend Worship Center during the sermon. The worship leader will indicate when children can leave the sanctuary.

## **Sunday School**

Sunday School is available for all ages from 9:45 – 10:45 AM. See the posters in the Parlor and Welcome Center for class locations and more information.

## **Enfold Disability Ministry**

Everyone is welcome to worship with us, including those with disabilities. Sensory supports are available in the Welcome Center for those who need them.

## **Questions?**

Ask a member of our Hospitality Team! You can find them at all church entrances, by the sanctuary doors, and in the Welcome Center.

*In consideration of others, please silence all electronic devices.*

# Order of Worship

April 12, 2026 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## Preparation for Worship

*“As a Christian I do not have to find my validity in my status, or by thinking myself above other men. My validity and my status are found in being before the God who is there...The Christian should be the man with the flaming imagination and the beauty of creation.”*

— Francis A. Schaeffer

*“When we are securely rooted in personal intimacy with the source of life, it will be possible to remain flexible without being relativistic, convinced without being rigid, willing to confront without being offensive, gentle and forgiving without being soft, and true witnesses without being manipulative.”*

— Henri J.M. Nouwen

### Prelude

#### “Give Thanks to the Lord”

Give thanks to the Lord, for the works of his hand,  
For a kingdom that cannot be shaken.  
Give thanks to the Lord for we all now can stand  
And fear not of being forsaken.

*(Chorus) Give thanks to the Lord for his righteousness.  
Give thanks to the Lord for his love.  
Let us worship his name and his holiness.  
Give thanks to the Lord, oh, give thanks to the Lord. Give thanks.*

Give thanks to the Father for sending his Son.  
Give thanks to the Son for the Spirit.  
Now lift up your voices to God three in one,  
And shout so the whole world can hear it. *(Chorus)*

### Announcements

*Our prelude serves as a “gathering song,” signaling to the congregation when the worship service is about to begin. We encourage you to use this time to prepare your hearts for worship, either by singing along with the praise team or by meditating on the lyrics as the praise team sings.*

# Reverence

*(God Pursues Us)*

*Reverence – our Holy God pursues us! We are never left to find God on our own.*

## **Call to Worship** • *From Psalm 92:1-2,4-5*

(Leader) It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. How great are your works, O Lord!

The Lord be with you!

**(Congregation) And also with you!**

PLEASE STAND

*Through his Word, God calls his people to enter into his presence in corporate worship.*

## **Prayer of Invocation**

## **The Welcome of God**

*We welcome one another as a tangible expression of God's welcome to us.*

## **Songs of Praise**

### **“Arise, My Soul, Arise”**

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 fear and rise.*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;  
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. *(Chorus)*

My God is reconciled; his pard'ning 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. *(Chorus)*

Words by Charles Wesley. Music by Kevin Twit

### **"Jesus What A Friend For Sinners"**

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! I do now receive him, More than all in him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

# Reconciliation

*(God Restores Us)*

*Reconciliation –  
God restores us!  
His righteousness  
reveals our sin,  
which is healed  
by Christ's grace.*

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

(Leader) Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. *(Micah 7:18)*

**Heavenly Father,**

**We repent of our pride and vanity!**

**Restore our joy through living in humble dependence on Christ.**

**Restore our sight to see your glory as our comfort.**

**Restore our ears to hear your words over our opinions.**

**Restore graciousness to our speech over our words that harm.**

**Restore wonder and awe in your beauty and truth.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

PLEASE BE  
SEATED

## Silent Confession

*We encourage  
you to use this  
time for silent  
reflection.*

PLEASE REMAIN  
SEATED

## **Song of Lament**

### **“Vanity, Vanity”**

Generations come, generations go,  
But the earth remains forever,  
The day begins to dawn, and soon the sun is gone.  
The night is quickly spent, day begins again.

Vanity, All is vain.  
All this work, what's to gain?  
What will be, is what's been done,  
Nothing new under the sun.

Blowing south and north, always back and forth,  
Round goes the wind, it always comes again.  
To the sea all streams they go, yet never overflows  
Back where it began, the waters flow again.

Full of weariness, hard to speak of this  
The eyes can never see enough,  
The ear is never filled, so Jesus took on flesh  
He brings us perfect rest  
He gives you eyes to see his face,  
ears to hear His voice

Christ redeems our vanity.  
Through His work He set us free.  
Through His blood, sins curse undone,  
All made new under the Son.  
So Jesus took on flesh.  
He brings us perfect rest.

Words and Music by Michael Bobo and Zach Snow.

**Assurance of Pardon** • *From 2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

Everyone in Christ is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new as come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

**We are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. For our sake he made Jesus to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we become the righteousness of God.**

*We receive assurance that Jesus Christ has won the victory over sin and death.*

**Hymn of Response** • #261

**“What Wondrous Love is This”**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!

PLEASE STAND

*Revelation – God speaks to us and challenges us through biblical truth.*

PLEASE BE SEATED

## Revelation

*(God Speaks to Us)*

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Choral Response (11:00 AM Service)**

#### **“Spring Carol”**

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son; thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

*(At this time, children ages 4 through Grade 1 are invited to attend Worship Center. They will exit to the Welcome Center to meet their teachers. If you are a first- or second-time visitor, please walk with your child so you are able to register them. Children may be picked up in Sunday School classes after the early service and in the Worship Center Room after the late service.)*

### **Scripture Reading • John 8:37-47**

<sup>8:37</sup> I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. <sup>38</sup> I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

<sup>39</sup> They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, <sup>40</sup> but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. <sup>41</sup> You are doing the works your father did.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.”

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. <sup>43</sup> Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. <sup>44</sup> You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. <sup>45</sup> But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. <sup>46</sup> Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup> Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

## Sermon • Rev. Kyle Parker

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Where are we headed this morning? This passage provides us with the opportunity to connect our various identity 'markers' including family, interests, and goals with how we conduct ourselves towards God and other people.

### Introduction

- These leaders have some really damaging 'daddy issues' which limited their ability to experience God by wrongly believing that they have inherited Him.

### I) Our sin's violence — we are deaf to Christ (37-40)

- Jesus mentions the religious leaders' intent to kill him. Our tendency at times is to take the Bible lightly — how does this passage challenge us to listen intently?
- What does this passage reveal about how far some are willing to go to keep hold of power?

### II) Our sin's vengeance — we deny Christ (41-44)

- Abraham raced to meet Jesus in Genesis 18 with reverence, awe, worship, and love. Refusing Jesus by seeking his harm is proof they are not Abraham's kids!
- Think about the implication of the Jews making claims about Abraham who Jesus personally knew!
- Romans 9:6-7 "...not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring."

### III) Our Savior's victory — we are delivered in Christ (45-47)

- A properly aligned parent-child relationship learns to trust in the other person's word.
- Those opposed to Jesus are frightened because all they can come up with is violence because they cannot find an accusation they can make stick.

### Conclusion

- Jesus knows everyone all the time! How is this a combination of really scary and profoundly good as we discover his love and care for us?

## Response

*(We Respond to God in Faith)*

### Giving of Tithes and Offerings

#### Hymn of Response • #691

##### “It Is Well with My Soul”

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

*(Refrain) It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed his own blood for my soul. *(Refrain)*

My sin – O the bliss of this glorious thought! –  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *(Refrain)*

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
“Even so” – it is well with my soul. *(Refrain)*

*Response – in faith, we respond to God's grace through joyful giving and declaring what we believe.*

*As an act of worship, we give back to God a portion of our many blessings.*

*Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.”*

*\* The universal church; the whole church in all times and places.*

*Rest – God blesses us to rest in his peace.*

PLEASE STAND

*Our worship concludes with God sending us into the world with his blessing.*

## Confession of Faith • The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

## Rest

*(God Blesses Us)*

## Song of Response

### “All Glory Be To Christ”

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive,  
Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain its builders strive.  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?  
A mist that vanishes at dawn; all glory be to Christ.

*(Chorus) All glory be to Christ our king. All glory be to Christ.  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing; all glory be to Christ.*

His will be done, his kingdom come on earth as is above,  
Who is himself our daily bread; praise him the Lord of love.  
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price.  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet; all glory be to Christ. *(Chorus)*

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true,  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.  
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light,  
And we shall e'er his people be; all glory be to Christ! *(Chorus)*

Music based on a traditional Scottish folksong. Words and arrangement by Dustin Kensrue.

## Benediction

# This Week

## Sunday, April 12

8:30 AM    Worship Service  
                  Kyle Parker | John 8:37–47  
 9:45 AM    Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
 5:00 PM    Small Groups  
                  Kids' Bridge Night  
                  Youth Group

## Monday, April 13

2:00 PM    Women's Bible Study (Conf. Room)

## Tuesday, April 14

7:00 PM    Diaconate Meeting

## Wednesday, April 15

9:00 AM    Women's Bible Study (Church Parlor)  
 6:00 PM    Women's Bible Study (Parker Home)  
 6:15 PM    Praise Team Rehearsal  
 6:30 PM    Small Groups

## Thursday, April 16

9:00 AM    Men's Coffee  
 5:00 PM    GHK Art Show Fundraiser

## Friday, April 17

1:00 PM    Women's Bible Study (Bates Home)

## Sunday, April 19

8:30 AM    Worship Service  
                  Kyle Parker | John 8:48-59  
 9:45 AM    Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
 12:30 PM    Young Adult Lunch (Parker Home)  
 5:00 PM    Small Groups  
                  Kids' Bridge Night  
                  Youth Group  
 6:30 PM    Fellowship Dinner

### Weekly Bible Reading

1 Samuel 17–18 • 1 Samuel 19–20 • 1 Samuel 21–22 • Psalm 22; 1 Samuel 24 • 1 Samuel 28, 31

### Missionary of the Week

Hysen and Esmeralda Kanani serve with CRU among students in Albania.

	Contributions for April 5	Year-To-Date Contributions
<b>General Fund</b>	\$56,557	\$482,659
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$11,430	\$113,395

# Church Life

## **GHK Art Show – April 16**

The Art Show fundraiser will be this Thursday from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. There will be face painting, a silent auction, a bake sale, and more! Visit the church website to purchase tickets and to volunteer.

## **100 Envelopes Fundraiser**

Our annual fundraiser to support the Youth summer mission trip with Sacred Road Ministries has begun. Visit the display in the Welcome Center for more information.

## **Young Adult Lunch – April 19**

Join us next Sunday following the late service at the home of Barry and Lea Anne Parker for a Young Adult Lunch. Parking is limited, so carpool if able.

## **Fellowship Dinner – April 19**

Join us next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM for a time of food and fellowship.

## **Membership Weekend – April 24-25**

Anyone interested in learning more about membership at AVPC can visit the church website for more information and to register.

## **Women’s Hike – April 25**

Ladies are invited to join us at 10:00 AM for a hike through Aldridge Gardens.

## **Kid’s Summer Camps**

Registration for Camp Solid Rock and WACK is filling up quickly! Register online or with a brochure in the Parlor or Welcome Center by May 17 for Camp Solid Rock and June 14 for WACK.

## **Covenant Family Memory Verse**

April’s memory verse is John 11:25-26:

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

### **AVPC Vision**

A community of Christ's coming kingdom, bringing hope to a broken world.

### **AVPC Mission**

Loving God and loving others as we are transformed by his love.

### **Elders**

Jim Baird   Mike Becker   Brian Beckett   Clint Cvacho   John Franklin   Nicholas Ireland   Jay Lloyd  
Kelley Lloyd   Barry Parker   Karl Poythress   Jeff Schofield   Danny Wachs   John Wimberly

### **Deacons**

Jason Allday   Zac Campbell   David Coley   Kevin Drace   Steve Driggers   Matt Jackson  
Brannan Jones   Russell Lloyd   Tom McCallum   John Oliver   John Peters   Darren Popwell   Drew Russell

### **Staff**

#### **Women's Ministry**

Heather Sommer – *Director*

#### **Adult Ministry**

Nick Moyer – *College Ministry Assistant*

#### **Worship Ministry**

Heather Sommer – *Ministry Assistant*

Young jin Jeon – *Organist*

Michael Bobo & Ricky Klose – *Sound Ministry Directors*

#### **God's House Kindergarten**

Sky Macrory – *Director*

#### **Children's Ministry**

Catie Lumpkin – *Director*

Abi Bostrom – *Nursery Director*

Amanda Amerson – *Ministry Assistant*

Danielle Harris – *Administrative Assistant*

#### **Youth Ministry**

Clint Cvacho – *Director*

Callen Moyer – *Girl's Discipleship*

Emma Snow – *Worship Intern*

#### **Administrative & Facility**

Anna Waldrip – *Church Administrator*

Connor Bingham – *Administrative Assistant*

Peggy Keller – *Financial Administrator*

Dave Mayhew – *Facilities Manager*

Michael Bobo – *IT Director*

Courtney McCrory – *Kitchen Coordinator*

Blake Harris  
*Associate Pastor, Adult Ministries*

Michael MacCaughelty  
*Associate Pastor, Outreach & Mercy*

Kyle Parker  
*Senior Pastor*

Steve Whitner  
*Associate Pastor, Worship*

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