



# 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 26, 2026 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## Preparation for Worship

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...”*

— **Colossians 3:16**

*“If you would then keep your hearts as has been persuaded, then furnish your hearts richly with the Word of God, which is their best preservative against sin. Keep the Word, and the Word will keep you.”*

— **John Flavel**

*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.*

### Prelude

#### “My Tribute”

How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me; things so undeserved yet you give to prove your love for me. The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude; all that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to thee. To God be the glory. To God be the glory. To God be the glory for the things he has done. With his blood he has saved me, with his pow’r he has raised me. To God be the glory for the things he has done. Just let me live my life – let it be pleasing, Lord, to thee; and should I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary. With his blood He has saved me, with his pow’r he has raised me. To God be the glory for the things he has done.

Words and Music by Andraé Crouch.

### Announcements

# Reverence

*(God Pursues Us)*

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

**Call to Worship** • *Adapted from Isaiah 42:5-7; Psalm 4:6, 101:1*

PLEASE STAND

(Leader) This is what God the LORD says—

“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;

I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in darkness.

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

**(All) Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD. You have filled our hearts with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound. We will sing of your love and justice; to you, O LORD, we will sing praise.**

## Prayer of Invocation

## The Welcome of God

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

## Song of Praise

### “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin,  
He sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosen'd tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Words by Charles Wesley. Music by Lowell Mason.

# Reconciliation

*(God Restores Us)*

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

PLEASE BE  
SEATED

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus,

We confess that we are spiritually blind, be our light.

We are ignorant, be our wisdom.

We are self-willed, be our guide.

Open our ears to grasp quickly your Spirit's voice,  
and delightfully run after his beckoning hand.

Melt our conscience that no hardness remains,  
make it aware of evil's slightest touch.

When Satan approaches with his accusing voice,  
may we flee to your saving work on the cross.

Be our good shepherd and lead us into the green pastures of your Word;  
cause us to lie down beside the rivers of its comforts.

Fill us with peace, that no disquieting worldly gales  
may disturb a calm trust in you.

May we always see your beauty with the clear eyes of faith,  
and feel the power of your Spirit in our hearts,  
for unless you move mightily in us,  
no inward fire will be kindled.

In your precious name we pray. Amen.

## Silent Confession

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

## **Assurance of Pardon** • *From 1 Peter 2:24-25; Ephesians 1:7-8*

*We receive  
assurance that  
Christ bore our  
sins so that we  
might die to  
sin and live to  
righteousness.*

Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. By his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

PLEASE STAND

### **Song of Response**

#### **“Out of My Bondage, My Sorrow, and Night”**

Out of my bondage, my sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into your freedom, your gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to you.

Out of my sickness, into your health,

Out of my poverty, into your wealth.

Out of my sin into your holy self, Jesus, I come to you.

Out of my shame and my failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into the glorious gain of your cross, Jesus, I come to you.

Out of earth's sorrows, into your balm,

Out of life's storms and into your deep calm.

Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to you.

Out of unrest and my arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;

Into your perfect, blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to you.

Out of my prison to dwell in your love,

Out of despair into raptures above.

Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to you.

Out of my fear and the dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;

Into the joy and the light of your home, Jesus, I come to you.

Out of the deep depths of ruin untold,

Into the peace of your sheltering fold.

Ever your glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to you. Jesus, I come to you.

Original words by W.T. Sleeper. Alternate words by Steve Whitner. Music by Steve Whitner.

# Revelation

*(God Speaks to Us)*

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

## Pastoral Prayer

PLEASE BE SEATED

*(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 9:1-34

<sup>9:1</sup> As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup> and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup> So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup> He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup> They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup> But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”)

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup> He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup> They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup> He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup> And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

<sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

The Apostle John has been emphasizing this theme of light and darkness, and now he brings us a story of blindness vs. seeing. When you're blind, you are in the dark. But when you are given eyes to see, you are in the light. Throughout this passage, the Spirit is asking, what do you see? Jesus calls his followers to receive the light and then walk in the light. And what is that light? Jesus, himself, is the Light of the world.

**1. Jesus – What Does He See?**

**2. The Disciples – What Do They See?**

**3. The Neighbors and Parents – What Do They See?**

**4. The Pharisees – What Do They See?**

**5. The Blind Man – What Does He See?**

**5.1 Us – What Do You See?**

*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.*

*Renewal – through the Holy Spirit, God provides his people spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.*

## Response

*(We Respond to God in Faith)*

### **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Reception of New Members**

Adelaide Allday, Amy Barker, John Boggs, Vivien Cvacho, Andrew Drace, Isla Drace, Philip Drace, Welden Gamble, Owen Ireland, Isaac Lumpkin, Ellie Joy Peters, Malcolm Prettyman, Emma Wilson

## Renewal

*(God Nourishes Us)*

### **Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

*(“Self-serve communion packets” are available at all main sanctuary entrances. Gluten-free “bread” is available in the Welcome Center. As the elements are passed, feel free to state the following words to the person next to you in the pew: Bread—“This is Christ’s body, given for you.” Juice—“This is Christ’s blood, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.”)*

## Song of Response

### “Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood Applied”

I was a wretch; I remember who I was. I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time. Sin separated, the breach was far too wide, but from the far side of the chasm, you held me in your sight. So you made a way across the great divide, left behind Heaven’s throne to build it here inside. There at the cross you paid the debt I owed. Broke my chains, freed my soul, for the first time I had hope. Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied. Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white. Thank you, Jesus, you have saved my life, brought me from the darkness into glorious light. You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin. You were buried for three days, but then you walked right out again. And now death has no sting and life has no end, for I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb. There is nothing stronger than the wonder working power of the blood, the blood, that calls us sons and daughters. We are ransomed by our Father through the blood, the blood. Glory to his name, glory to his name! There to my heart was the blood applied; glory to his name!

Words and music by Charity Gayle, Ryan Kennedy, Steven Musso, David Gentiles, and Bryan McCleery.

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place, laid inside  
my tomb of sin.  
You were buried  
for three days,  
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walked right  
out again. And  
now death has  
no sting and  
life has no end,  
for I have been  
transformed by  
the blood of the  
Lamb.*

## Rest

*(God Blesses Us)*

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

## Hymn of Response

### “Be Thou My Vision”

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.

PLEASE STAND

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.

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.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **Prayer for Upcoming Sabbatical**

Steve & Tracy Whitner Sabbatical (May – July)

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

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

# This Week

## Sunday, April 26\*

8:30 AM    Worship Service  
                  Michael MacCaughelty | John 9:1-34

9:45 AM    Sunday School

11:00 AM    Worship Service

5:00 PM    Small Groups  
                  Kids' Bridge Night  
                  Youth Group

## Monday, April 27

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

## Wednesday, April 29

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 30

9:00 AM    Men's Coffee

6:00 PM    Men's Game Night

## Friday, May 1

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

## Youth Sunday, May 3

8:30 AM    Worship Service  
                  Clint Cvacho | Leviticus 26:1-13

9:45 AM    Sunday School

11:00 AM    Worship Service

12:30 PM    Senior Guys' Fellowship

2:00 PM    Senior Girls' Tea

*\*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

### Weekly Bible Reading

Psalm 51 • 2 Samuel 24; Psalm 24 • Psalm 1, 19 • Psalm 103; 119:1-48 • Psalm 119:49-128

### Missionary of the Week

John & Lynn Lehn are missionaries in Croatia serving with Greater Europe Mission in a church planting and discipleship ministry.

	Contributions for April 19	Year-To-Date Contributions
<b>General Fund</b>	\$18,100	\$514,459
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$2,427	\$119,127

# Church Life

## **Men's Game Night –April 30**

Men of the Valley, join us this Thursday, at 6:00 PM for a night of pizza, board games, and fellowship at the home of Holt and Laura Gray (1416 Buckhead Road).

## **Youth Sunday – May 3**

We praise God for the mighty works we see him doing in the lives of our youth. Join us next Sunday as our youth lead us in worship.

## **High School Senior Guys' Fellowship – May 3**

We invite the men of our church to join us in Altadena Park immediately following the late service for The Fellowship as we encourage our senior guys with a grilled lunch and a time of prayer.

## **High School Senior Girls' Tea – May 3**

We invite the women of our church to join us at 2:00 PM in the home of Alli Campbell (5386 Meadow Brook Road) for a tea to honor and encourage our senior girls.

## **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.

## **Prayer Service – May 17**

Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 17, at 5:00 PM for a time of prayer.

## **Urban Hope Success Academy Snack Donations**

We will collect 8 oz water bottles, Caprisun/juice boxes, chips, cheese crackers, and individually wrapped snacks until Sunday, May 17. NO NUTS. Contact Kelly Driggers with questions.

## **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

### 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 – *Girls' Discipleship*

Emma Snow – *Worship Intern*

### 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*

Blake Harris  
*Associate Pastor, Adult Ministries*

Michael MacCaughelty  
*Associate Pastor, Outreach & Mercy*

Kyle Parker  
*Senior Pastor*

Steve Whitner  
*Associate Pastor, Worship*

### 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*

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