



worship

at Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Altadena Valley

We are glad you are here.

Please visit our website at www.avpc.org for more information about our beliefs, our staff and our ministries.

We want you to feel as comfortable as possible while attending worship with us, so here are a few details which might be helpful to you.

- Children are always welcome to participate in worship with their families. But, in case you need it, we do offer childcare for children ages 3 and under during both morning services. Please ask an usher for directions to where the childcare area is located.
- Midway through the worship services, children ages 4 to 6 years old will be dismissed and escorted to their own church time in Room L-1 of the Education Building. Parents can pick up their children after Sunday School or after the 11:00 AM service.
- A Nursing Mother's room, with an audio feed of the service, is located just outside the Sanctuary, next to the Parlor.

If you are visiting with us, we would love an opportunity to get to know you better. Please scan the QR code below, or sign the pew registry pad. We give our first-time visitors a small gift, which you can get in the Welcome Center or Narthex.

Come, let us worship together!

In consideration of others, please silence all electronic devices.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 28, 2022 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Come Alive (Dry Bones)”

Through the eyes of man it seems there’s so much we have lost as we look down the road where all the prodigals have walked. And one by one the enemy has whispered lies and led them off as slaves. But we know that you are God, yours is the victory. We know there is more to come that we may not yet see, so with the faith you’ve given us, we step into the valley unafraid. We call out to dry bones, “Come alive! Come alive!” We call out to dead hearts, “Come alive! come alive!” Up out of the ashes let us see an army rise. We call out to dry bones, “Come alive!” God of endless mercy, God of unrelenting love, rescue every daughter, bring us back the wayward sons. And by your Spirit breathe upon them, show the world that you alone can save. So breathe, oh, Breath of God, now breathe. We call out to dry bones, “Come alive!”

Words and Music by Lauren Daigle and Michael Farren.

CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

“Behold, the people say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”
Ezekiel 37

*Our welcome
of one another
is a tangible
expression of
God's welcome
to us.*

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

"Good, Good Father"

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like,
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.
And you tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone.

*(Chorus 1) You're a good, good Father. It's who you are, it's who you are,
It's who you are, and I'm loved by you.*

It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am. (2nd X go to Bridge)

Oh, I've seen many searching for answers far and wide,
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide
'Cause you know just what we need before we say a word. *(Chorus 1)*

(Bridge) You are perfect in all of your ways.

You are perfect in all of your ways.

You are perfect in all of your ways to us. (Repeat Bridge)

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak;
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As you call me deeper still, as you call me deeper still,
As you call me deeper still into love, love, love.

*(Chorus 2) You're a good, good Father. It's who you are, it's who you are,
It's who you are, and I'm loved by you.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am. (Repeat Chorus 2 twice)*

*You're a good, good Father; a good, good Father.
You're a good, good Father; a good, good Father.*

Words and Music by Anthony Brown and Pat Barrett.

"How Firm a Foundation"

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold.
He must hold me fast.

*(Refrain) He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so.
He will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are his delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His Promises shall last.
Bought by him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast. *(Refrain)*

For my life he bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied,
He will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life,
He will hold me fast;
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last. *(Refrain)*

Words and music by Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker.

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CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways
like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

We have offended against your holy laws.

**We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done.**

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults.

**Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

**And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Worship Sourcebook 2.2.12.

PLEASE BE SEATED

*As a corporate
body, we confess
our sins to God
and call out to
him for mercy and
forgiveness.*

SILENT CONFESSION

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

*We receive
assurance that
Christ has taken
upon himself the
penalty of our sin.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Isaiah 53:5-6; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Jesus was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. God made Jesus, who had no sin, to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #498 (vs. 1-3, 5)

“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! What a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort helps my soul.
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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR TEACHERS & LEADERS

Children, Youth, and Adult Ministries.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*At this time,
children ages 4-6
are dismissed for
their worship.*

SCRIPTURE READING • Luke 15:1-7

^{15:1} Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

SERMON • “Jesus with the Lost and Found” Rev. Michael MacCaughelty

In Luke 15, Jesus tells three parables in answer to the question of why tax collectors and sinners are drawing near to Him. The first one shows us the love and sacrifice that the shepherd has for his one lost sheep. Jesus is helping us to see our lostness, His finding, and the rejoicing that results.

I. The Attraction of Meticulous Law Keeping: Us vs. Them (verses 1-3)

II. The Motivation for Seeking the Lost: Love and Honor (verses 4-6)

III. Jesus’ Restoration of Repentance: Being Found is a Party (verse 7)

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

What does the outward sign of communion signify? Jesus Christ, the perfect Lamb of God, sacrificing his life and shedding his blood for the forgiveness of our sins. It also signifies that those who have been cleansed of their sins by Christ are now partakers of his body and blood (in a spiritual sense). In other words, just as a person experiences physical nourishment and growth after eating physical food, so do Christians experience spiritual nourishment and growth when in faith and the power of the Holy Spirit, they partake of Christ's body and blood, spiritually present in the bread and juice.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

"Friend of Sinners"

Redeemer! Wither should I flee, or how escape the wrath to come? The weary sinner flies to thee for shelter from impending doom. Smile on me, Gracious Lord, and show thyself a friend of sinners now, smile on me, Gracious Lord, and show thyself a friend of sinners now. Beneath the shadow of thy cross the heavy laden soul finds rest. I would esteem the world but dross so I might be of Christ possessed. I'd seek my every joy in thee. Be thou both life and light to me. I'd seek my every joy in thee. Be thou both life and light to me. Close to the highly shameful tree, Jesus, my humble soul would cleave; despised and crucified with thee, with thee resolved to die and live; this prayer and this ambition mine. Living and dying to be thine, this prayer and this ambition mine; living and dying to be thine. There fastened to the rugged wood by holy love's resistless claim and life deriving from thy blood never to wander wide again. There may I bow my suppliant knee and own no other Lord but thee. Smile on me, Gracious Lord, and show thyself a friend of sinners now.

Words by Augustus Montague Toplady. Music by Jeff Koonce and Brian T. Murphy.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #460 (vs. 1-4, 6)

PLEASE STAND

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace! — how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

BENEDICTION

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

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (August 29 - September 4)

Matthew 24 • John 17 • Matthew 26 • Matthew 27 • John 19

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are James and Lisa Dougherty. James serves as the OMF U.S. President and Co-National Director, and Lisa serves as Co-National Director. They work in mobilization, helping individuals and churches all over the world join in the work of building God's church in Asia.

- **COVID PROTOCOL:** Both early and late services are mask-optional in the Sanctuary; seating in the Parlor is social distanced and mask-required for the early service
- **5 WEEK OUTREACH EMPHASIS:** Today is week four of our focus on outreach in our worship services. Please pray with us that the Spirit compels us to marvel again at our great salvation and propels us to love those in our lives who don't yet know our Savior Jesus.
- **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH:** Join us today, during the 9:45 AM Sunday School hour, for another fun-filled fellowship brunch. Everyone is welcome to attend – even if you do not attend regularly. Good food and fun activities are planned again, so you don't want to miss this.
- **ALL PARENTS OF AVPC YOUTH AND CHILDREN:** Join us on tonight at 5 PM in Acton Hall to hear our vision of serving and partnering with you this year as we minister to your teens and children. Childcare will be provided. Bring a snack to share as we fellowship!
- **NEW TOPICS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Our Fall Sunday School will begin September 4. You can pick up an informational sheet from the Parlor or Welcome Center to read what topics will be offered for Adults, Youth and Children.
- **BOILER ROOM PRAYER – NEW LOCATION:** The boiler room prayer location has changed to GHK E-6. This is in the GHK building – next to their offices. This location is convenient and has no stairs to maneuver. Please consider joining us during early or late service.
- **WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY:** This fall, we will again offer two study times. Beginning tomorrow, we will meet at the home of Wendy Allison from 3-4:30. And then beginning Wednesday, August 31, we will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9-11:00 AM in the church parlor. There is childcare for all ages offered Wednesday mornings, including supervision for homeschool work. We will be studying the book of Ecclesiastes. Study guides are available for \$9.00 in the church parlor.
- **AVPC KIDS VOLUNTEER LEADERS MEETING/TRAINING:** Do you currently serve in worship center, Sunday school or just as a helper? Or, are you interested in learning more about how you can impact our covenant children in these areas and more? Please join us as we discuss these opportunities on Wednesday evening, August 31, 5:30 PM, in the Fireplace Room. Light snacks will be provided. The goal is to have this meeting last only one hour! **YOUTH ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**
- **MEN'S RETREAT 2022:** Save the date for the next men's retreat on October 7-8 at Camp Chula Vista. Registration begins September 6. Contact Blake@avpc.org with any questions.

Calendar

SUNDAY (AUGUST 28*)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Fellowship Brunch
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Michael | Luke 15: 1-7
 5:00 PM Parents Meeting (Youth &
 Children)

MONDAY (AUGUST 29)

3:00 PM WTW Bible Study

WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 31)

9:00 AM WTW Bible Study
 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

THURSDAY (SEPT 1)

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 4)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Steve | 2 Kings 5:1-15

- **WOMEN'S FALL LUNCHEON:** Ladies! Come enjoy lunch on us, September 18, immediately following the late service. This event will be held in Fellowship Hall and no reservations are required. We want you to come enjoy fellowship with your old friends, and make some new friends too. There is no childcare provided for this event, so dad can take the little ones home for nap time, and you can enjoy some 'adult' time. Come hungry! See you there!
- **ANSWERED PRAYER – KITCHEN MINISTRIES COORDINATOR:** This week we were able to hire a much-anticipated kitchen ministries coordinator. Christin Murphy brings a wealth of catering knowledge and organizational skills, which will serve her well as she steps into this position. We are so excited to welcome Christin in this role, and we are looking forward to sharing a fellowship meal as a church soon. Christin and Brandon are regular attenders, along with their son, Zeke. Thank you for your faithful prayers over the past 2 years and praise the Lord for this provision.

**Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

	08/21/22 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$34,855	\$744,029	\$829,251	(\$85,222)
Faith Promise	\$11,780	\$208,984	\$212,710	(\$3,726)

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.

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