



# worship

at Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church

# Welcome to Altadena Valley

## **We are glad you are here.**

Please visit our website at [www.avpc.org](http://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

July 17, 2022 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## PRELUDE

### **“I Need Thee Every Hour”**

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford. I need thee every hour, stay thou nearby; temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. I need thee, O, I need thee every hour; I need you Lord, O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee. I need thee every hour, in joy or pain; come quickly and abide, or life is vain. I need thee every hour, teach me thy will; and thy rich promises in me fulfill. I need thee every hour, most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.

*We encourage you to use this time to prepare your hearts for worship.*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP • From Psalm 118: 1-2, 6-9, 14, 16, 21, 28-29**

(Leader) Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**(Congregation) Let the people of God say: “His love endures forever.”**

The LORD is with us; we will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to us?

**The LORD is with us; he is our helper.**

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans.

**It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.**

The LORD is our strength and our defense; he has become our salvation.

**The LORD’s right hand is lifted high; the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”**

We will give you thanks, for you answered us; you have become our salvation.

**You are our God, and we will praise you; you are our God, and we will exalt you.**

**(All) Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

*Through God’s Word, his people are called to enter into his presence in corporate worship.*

*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

#### ***“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”***

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take him at his word;  
Just to rest upon his promise;  
Just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

*(Chorus) Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to trust his cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood! *(Chorus)*

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that thou art with me,  
Wilt be with me to the end. *(Chorus)*

## **“Mighty to Save”**

Everyone needs compassion,  
A love that’s never failing.  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness,  
The kindness of a savior,  
The hope of nations. (Hope of nations)

*(Chorus 1) Savior, he can move the mountains.  
My God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.  
Forever author of salvation; he rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave. (2<sup>nd</sup> X to Bridge)*

So take me as you find me,  
All my fears and failures.  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow.  
Everything I believe in,  
Now I surrender. (I surrender) *(Chorus 1)*

*(Bridge) Shine your light and let the whole world see;  
We’re singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus.  
Shine your light and let the whole world see;  
We’re singing for the glory of the risen King.*

*(Chorus 2) Savior, you can move the mountains.  
God, you are mighty to save, you are mighty to save.  
Forever author of salvation; you rose and conquered the grave,  
Yes, you conquered the grave. (Repeat Chorus 2)*

Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Rueben Morgan.

**"I Will Trust My Savior Jesus"** (11:00 AM Service)

I will trust my Savior, Jesus,  
When my darkest doubts befall;  
Trust him when to simply trust him  
Seems the hardest thing of all

I will trust my Savior, Jesus,  
Trust him when my strength is small  
For I know the shield of Jesus  
Is the safest place of all.

*Jesus, only Jesus,  
Help me trust you more and more;  
Jesus, only Jesus,  
May my heart be ever yours.*

I will trust my Savior, Jesus,  
He has said his way is best  
And I know the path he's chosen  
Leads to everlasting rest.

*Jesus, only Jesus,  
Help me trust you more and more;  
Jesus, only Jesus,  
May my heart be ever yours.*

(Bridge) Oh, on that cross how it was seen.  
I can go now ever trusting  
In the one who died for me.  
What could I bring for your gift is complete,  
So I trust you simply trust you  
Lord with every part of me.

*Jesus, only Jesus,  
Help me trust you more and more;  
Jesus, only Jesus,  
May my heart be ever yours.*

Words and music by Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson, Lucy Ann Bennett, Rich Thompson, and Tiarne Tranter.

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PLEASE BE SEATED

**O Righteous, Holy, and Sovereign God,**

**Fix us firm in our faith,**

**for we are prone to wander;  
our decisions are smoke and vapor,  
and we do not glorify you,  
or behave according to your will.**

**Save us from ourselves,**

**from the deceits of sin,  
from the treachery of our old nature,  
from denying your just charge against our offences,  
from a life of continual rebellion against you,  
from wrong principles, views, and ends;  
for we know that apart from Christ,  
all our thoughts, affections, desires,  
and pursuits are alienated from you.**

**We have acted as if we hated you,  
although you are love itself.**

**We have sinned in word and in thought.**

**O Father and King,**

**cast us not into destruction,  
drive us not from your presence,  
but wound our hearts  
that they may be healed;  
break our hearts with your own hand,  
so that they may be made whole.**

**In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*: "The Cry of a Convicted Sinner".

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

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

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Hebrews 9:15**

Hear the word of the Lord: "Behold, the days are coming, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." Jesus Christ is the mediator of this new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We receive assurance that through Christ, we are given a new heart and a new spirit that desires to follow after God.*

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #457**

PLEASE STAND

### **“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander — Lord, I feel it —  
Prone to leave the God I love:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SHARING & PRAYER

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

## SCRIPTURE READING • Esther 4:12-17

<sup>4:12</sup> And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. <sup>13</sup> Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup> For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" <sup>15</sup> Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, <sup>16</sup> "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." <sup>17</sup> Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

## **SERMON • “An Exile’s Story” Rev. Brad Allison**

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Christians are citizens of both the common kingdom and the redemptive kingdom. As we saw in Jeremiah 29 last week, we are exiles in the common kingdom because our home is in the redemptive kingdom. Much of our work lives is spent in the common kingdom, and we are commanded to seek the good of that kingdom where we live as exiles. Jeremiah gave us the command, and in today’s passage Esther gives us a real-life story about life as an exile. She lived in the Persian kingdom and ended up as Queen of the entire land. She neither separated from the Persians nor assimilated to their values, but remembered that she was first of all a citizen of Israel. Her life supplies us with three important principles for our work in what we are calling the common kingdom.

### **I. Expect Opposition**

### **II. Don’t Be Afraid of Powerful Opponents**

### **III. Fear God Alone**

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

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE**

#### **“He Leadeth Me”**

He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. Sometimes 'mid  
scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, by waters still,  
o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. He leadeth me, he leadeth  
me, by his own hand he leadeth me. His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by his  
hand he leadeth me. Lord, I would clasp the hand in mine, nor ever murmur or  
repine; content, whatever lot I see, since tis my God that leadeth me. He leadeth  
me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me. His faithful foll'wer I would  
be, for by his hand he leadeth me. And when my task on earth is done, when  
by thy grace the vict'ry's won. E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God  
through Jordan leadeth me. He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he  
leadeth me. His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

## HYMN OF RESPONSE • #32

PLEASE STAND

### “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

(Refrain)

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

## BENEDICTION

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### WEEKLY BIBLE READING (July 18 - July 24)

Nehemiah 13 • Malachi 1 • Malachi 2 • Malachi 3 • Malachi 4

# Announcements

**OUR MISSION OF THE WEEK** is the Alabama Church Planting Network (ACPN). ACPN partners with three Alabama PCA presbyteries as well as churches from other groups to establish new churches around our state. They are currently involved with 12 mission churches. Jeph Guinan is the Director.

- **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.
- **YOUTH MISSION TRIP:** Please be praying for our youth and the adults traveling with them, who are serving this week with Sacred Road Ministries, working among the Yakama people in Washington state.
- **BABY SHOWER:** The women of Altadena are hosting a baby shower tomorrow, July 18, at 7:00 PM, at the home of Lynn Bratton. This shower will be honoring Heather Prettyman and Abi Bostrom. You can contribute online through CCB, through this link <https://ppay.co/D29qU-p6Mdo>, or in the collection envelope in your Sunday school class. Please designate 'baby shower' in the memo line of your check.
- **PICNIC IN THE PARK:** This Saturday, July 23, we have another Picnic in the Park Outreach event. Held across the street in Altadena Park, these events are designed to engage our neighbors in fun, inviting, activities that encourage unity, connection, and friendship. See you at 6:30 PM on Saturday.
- **WOMEN'S SUMMER SMALL GROUP LUNCHEON:** Next Sunday, July 24, you can join a small group of ladies for lunch. Get to know each other, make a new friend and enjoy rich fellowship. Locations vary. Let Heather know TODAY if you would like to participate.
- **CRATES FOR UKRAINE:** We are collecting basic wound care supplies to be flown into Poland and then transported by Ukrainian Christians into parts of Ukraine. For a detailed list of items and links, refer to the announcement in the Enews. Donations must be collected by July 31.
- **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH:** Come hungry and join us July 31, during the 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. July 31, 9:45 AM.
- **LOST AND FOUND:** The church lost and found is overflowing with unclaimed items. If you've been missing anything, check the lost and found shelf, located in the church office next to the Parlor door. Any items unclaimed by July 31 will be donated to charity.

# Calendar

## **SUNDAY (JULY 17)**

8:30 AM     Worship Service  
 9:45 AM     Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
                  Brad | Jeremiah 29: 1-9

## **MONDAY (JULY 18)**

3:00 PM     WTW Bible Study

## **TUESDAY (JULY 19)**

7:00 PM     Session Meeting

## **WEDNESDAY (JULY 20)**

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

## **THURSDAY (JULY 21)**

6:30 PM     YA Summer Thursdays

## **SATURDAY (JULY 23)**

6:30 PM     Picnic in the Park

## **SUNDAY (JULY 24)**

8:30 AM     Worship Service  
 9:45 AM     Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
                  Brad | Isaiah 28:23-39  
 12:30 PM    Women's Summer Luncheon

|                      | <b>07/10/22<br/>Receipts</b> | <b>Year-To-Date<br/>Receipts</b> | <b>Year-To-Date<br/>Requirements</b> | <b>Over(Under)<br/>Budget</b> |
|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>  | \$19,282                     | \$616,925                        | \$685,791                            | (\$68,866)                    |
| <b>Faith Promise</b> | \$3,000                      | \$180,772                        | \$179,255                            | \$1,517                       |

## **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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