



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 (no later than 10:55 AM please) 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.
- During the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45) adults are free to attend one of the following classes:

Pilgrims: This discussion class will include a brief introduction to the period of the Judges and the life of Samson.

Fellowship Hall: Join us for "Christ and Culture: Living in God's Two Kingdoms". We will study the "two kingdoms" teaching of Scripture and learn how to live as God's people in a world that is often hostile to them.

Young Adult: This class will also be studying "Christ and Culture" using the same resources the Fellowship Hall class.

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.

**VISITORS:
SCAN HERE**



ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 12, 2023 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“What a Beautiful Name”

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High. Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in you, our Christ. What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this. What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus. You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, you brought heaven down. My sin was great, your love was greater; what could separate us now? What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this. What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus. Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you. You silence the boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory for you are raised to life again. You have no rival, you have no equal. Now and forever God, you reign. Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory, yours is the Name above all names. What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against. What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP • *From Psalm 103:1-12, 22*

(Leader) Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel.

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

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

(All) Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

INVOCATION

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

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

"The Lord Almighty Reigns"

There's an endless song waiting to be sung
With the voice of every tribe, the sound of every tongue.

When the bride of Christ on that day of days
Brings with joy unto the Lamb a multitude of praise.
Like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder hear his people sing,

*"Hallelujah, hallelujah! For the Lord Almighty reigns!
Hallelujah, hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns!"*

We will join the feast, rest from battles won;
Tell with great rejoicing all the wonders God has done.
And like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder, all the church will sing,

*"Hallelujah, hallelujah! For the Lord Almighty reigns!
Hallelujah, hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns!"*

PLEASE STAND

Certain of that day, Christ we will proclaim.
Oh, that more would share the prize, salvation in his name.
Then greater will the anthem ring, the mighty chorus rising to the King:

*"Hallelujah, hallelujah! For the Lord Almighty reigns!
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Words and Music by Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Matt Boswell | Matt Papa.

"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."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake."

“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.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PLEASE BE SEATED

Gracious God,

Our hearts praise you

for the wonder of your love in Jesus;

He is heaven's exalted king, but is for us

the incarnate, despised,

rejected, crucified sin-bearer;

When our hearts are stone, forgive us;

melt them with your love.

When our hearts are locked, forgive us;

let your love be the master key to open them.

O Father,

we adore you for your great love in the gift of Jesus,

O Jesus,

we bless you for sacrificing your life for us,

O Holy Spirit,

we thank you for revealing to us

the mystery of the gospel.

Great God, lead us away from false trusts

to rest in Jesus and him alone.

Let us not be so callous to his merit

as not to love him,

so indifferent to his blood

as not to desire cleansing.

In the arms of love enfold and subdue our willful spirits.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Adapted from *Valley of Vision*: "Love Shed Abroad."

SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • 1 John 4:9-10, 15-16

*We receive
assurance that
Christ has been
sent as an atoning
sacrifice for our sins.*

This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 AM Service)

Sarah Jane DeRieux - daughter of Christian & Brooke DeRieux

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #189 (11:00 AM Service)

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

Jesus loves you, this I know for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong

*(1st chorus) Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, he who died, heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

*(2nd chorus) Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way:
If I love him, when I die he will take me home on high. *(2nd chorus)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Q. Why does AVPC baptize infants?

A. In the Old Testament, God commanded his people to administer circumcision to their male infant children as a sign that they were part of God's covenant people. The faith was demonstrated by the parents, not the children. We believe that baptism is the New Testament version of that covenant sign, so church members are strongly encouraged to have that sign administered to their infant boys and girls. As these covenant children grow older and begin to understand their own need for Jesus as their Savior, they then will have to make their own decisions of faith toward Christ. However, it is not necessary for them to be rebaptized.

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

SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 8:31-39

^{8:31} What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SERMON • “At the Summit” Rev. Brad Allison

Many have likened the last part of Romans 8 to a summit atop a high mountain. We have been climbing this mountain of God’s grace, and now Paul wants us to pause and take in the stunning view. He does so by asking seven rhetorical questions, beginning with “What then shall we say to these things?” The “things” he has in mind go all the way back to the beginning of Romans. In other words, Paul wants us to consider everything we have as a result of the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. These questions can be reduced to four.

I. Who Can Be Against Us?

II. Will Not God Give Us All Things?

III. Who Shall Bring Any Charge Against God’s Elect?

IV. Who Shall Separate Us from the Love of Christ?

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SCRIPTURE READING • Ephesians 3:14b-19

^{3:14} I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God

SONG OF RESPONSE

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me, is the current of his love; leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heavens to me; and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore; how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore. How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own; how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heavens to me; and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #520

PLEASE STAND

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,
Ev'n then this shall be all my plea, Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, the endless praise to thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me—
For me a full atonement made, an everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress, Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (March 13 - March 19)

Numbers 20, 27 • Numbers 34-35 • Deuteronomy 1-2 • Deuteronomy 3-4 • Deuteronomy 6-7

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Anthony and Sayo Odothan who live and serve in Chiba, Japan. They serve with MTW where Anthony serves as a ministry assistant and deacon for Bilingual Worship in Oyumino Christ Church.

- **PRAYER MINISTRY NEWS:** The Prayer Prompt bookmarks from the Prayer Ministry Team are now available for use. Pick up your copy from the Parlor or Welcome Center.
- **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH:** Come hungry and join us today, during the 9:45 AM Sunday School hour, for our fellowship brunch. Everyone is welcome to attend – even if you do not attend regularly. Good food will be served and ministry leaders will briefly share about challenges our children and youth are facing in today’s culture, and how the gospel and family of God can bring hope in the midst of these struggles.
- **15 MINUTE CHOIR:** The “AVPC 15-minute choir” will be singing next Sunday, March 19, in the LATE SERVICE. Our anthem will be Andrew Peterson’s well-known song, “Is He Worthy”. The choir will rehearse in the choir room from 10:40–10:55 AM (optional early rehearsal from 10:25–10:40 AM), then sing that anthem with the choir in the LATE SERVICE. We hope you will join us.
- **DIVINE DESIGN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS COMING SOON:** This class (taught by Steve Whitner and Jill & Fran Sciacca) will be offered in April and May. The purpose of this class is to provide a biblical foundation for spiritual gifts and service, and to help believers explore their own unique personality types and spiritual gifts so that they will be fruitful and fulfilled as they discover and utilize their spiritual gifts in a place of service. This class will begin with a 2-hour Myers-Briggs Type Indicator seminar on Saturday, April 1 (led by Jill Sciacca) from 1-3 PM, and will continue during the Sunday School hour in April and May. Due to the personalized nature of this class and the fact that each week builds upon another, size is limited to 12 people and advance signup is required. (Note: The Saturday seminar is mandatory and participants are expected to attend at least 7 out of the 8 classes. You can sign up by calling the church office at 205-967-0680.)
- **MEN’S QUARTERLY GAME NIGHT:** Men of all ages, join us Thursday, March 16 for a night of pizza and board games at the home of Holt and Laura Gray (1416 Buckhead Road) from 6:00-8:30 PM. RSVP to Holt at (205) 999-0213.
- **ALTADENA PARK WORK DAY:** All able bodies – young and old – are encouraged to come help with another Park work day, scheduled for Saturday, March 18, at 8 AM. A variety of projects are on the list, including path and wooden fence improvements. Please bring your work gloves and garden tools, such as shovels and wheelbarrows. Pizza will be provided for lunch.
- **EASTER FLOWERS:** Now is the time to pick up an order form for Easter flowers. Details can be found on the forms located in the Parlor and Welcome Center. Deadline to order is April 2.

Calendar

SUNDAY (MARCH 12)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Church-wide Brunch
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Romans 8:31-39
 5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Community Groups
 Men's Bible Study
 Kids & Youth Activities

MONDAY (MARCH 13)

6:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
 3:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Allison Home

TUESDAY (MARCH 14)

7:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

WEDNESDAY (MARCH 15)

9:00 AM WTW Bible Study - Church Parlor
 6:00 PM Community Groups
 WTW Bible Study - Parker Home
 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
 6:30 PM Youth Small Groups

THURSDAY (MARCH 16)

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

SATURDAY (MARCH 18)

8:00 AM Altadena Park Work Day

SUNDAY (MARCH 19)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Michael | Romans 9:1-5
 5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Community Groups
 Men's Bible Study
 Kids & Youth Activities
 6:30 PM Community Fellowship Meal
 with dessert potluck

- **FAITH PROMISE - DEADLINE TODAY:** If you've not yet made a faith promise pledge, please pickup a Faith Promise card located in the Welcome Center and Parlor. You can drop the completed bottom portion of the card in the offering, in the clay jars, or turn it in to the office.

	03/05/23 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$23,486	\$255,084	\$236,170	\$18,914
Faith Promise	\$4,285	\$47,680	\$39,238	\$8,443

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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