



# 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.

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 or greeter for directions to where the childcare area is located.
- Children ages 4 through Grade 1 are invited to attend Worship Center. They may meet their teachers in the Welcome Center after the Pastoral Prayer. (The worship leader will indicate when the children can exit the sanctuary.) 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.
- A Nursing Mother's room, with an audio feed of the service, is located just outside the Sanctuary, next to the Parlor.
- As part of our discipleship efforts, we are pleased to offer Sunday School for all ages during the hours of 9:45-10:45. Information sheets with a location map of all classes and a list of topics for the adult classes are available in the Welcome Center and 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.

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



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 17, 2024 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## PRELUDE

### “By Thy Mercy”

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven thy gracious ear; while our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear. From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin, from all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within, by thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord. When temptation sorely presses in the day of Satan's power, in our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour; when the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease, earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace, by thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord. In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain, when we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain; in the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day, may our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay. By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord.

Words by James J. Cummins. Music by Greg Thompson.

*Our prelude serves as a “gathering song,” signalling to the congregation when the worship service is about to begin. We encourage you to use this time to prepare your hearts for worship.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP • *From Isaiah 55:1-2; 6-7; Psalms 145:13-16; 27:4*

(Leader) Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

**(Congregation) The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to him, and he gives them their food in due season. He opens his hand; he satisfies the desire of every living thing.**

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

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

**(All) One thing we ask from the Lord, this only do we seek: that we may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

## INVOCATION

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

## THE WELCOME OF GOD

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### **"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)*

PLEASE STAND

*(Bride)* 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.

## **"There Is One Gospel"**

There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity.  
It is my story, my Father's plan, the Son has rescued me.  
Oh, what a Gospel, oh, what a peace. My highest joy and my deepest need.  
Now and forever, he is my light. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.  
For there, where justice and mercy meet, he saved me on the cross.  
No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I carry the weight of sin.  
For he has brought me from death to life. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel where hope is found, the empty tomb still speaks.  
For death could not keep my Savior down, he lives and I am free.  
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes, my life is his and his hope is mine,  
For he has promised I too will rise. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And in this Gospel the church is one, we do not walk alone.  
We have his Spirit as we press on to lead us safely home.  
And when in glory still I will sing of this old story that rescued me.  
Praise to my Savior, the King of life! I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Words and Music by Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson.

## **“His Mercy is More”**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father so tender is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

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Words and music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell.

## **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

PLEASE BE SEATED

**Heavenly Father, be merciful to us as sinners;  
this we are by nature and practice,  
this your Word proclaims us to be.**

**Yet you have not left us to despair,  
for there is no “perhaps” in your grace;**

**We have all the assurance we need  
that with you is plenteous redemption.**

**In spite of the number of our sins  
may we encourage ourselves  
by a sense of your all-sufficiency,  
by faith in your promises.**

**To that dear refuge  
in which many have sheltered from every storm,  
may we return.**

**In that fountain always freely open for sin  
may we be cleansed from every defilement.**

**By your Holy Spirit within us, transform our hearts  
so that we might joyfully consent to your law  
and delight in your will and love for us.**

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

Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*: “Mercy.”

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Ephesians 2:4-10

*We receive  
assurance that by  
God's grace we  
have been saved  
through faith; it  
is the gift of God,  
not a result of our  
works.*

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace we have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace we have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

PLEASE STAND

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### **“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”**

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*(Refrain) Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,  
Points to the Refuge, the mighty cross. *(Refrain)*



Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;  
Whiter than snow you may be today. *(Refrain)*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PLEASE BE SEATED

## **TESTIMONY**

*Josh Moore*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

\* "For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling.... He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee." (1 Corinthians 5:1-2a, 5) "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:20)

## CHORAL RESPONSE

### "When I Can Read My Title Clear"

When I can read my title clear to \*mansions in the skies, I'll bid farewell to every fear, and wipe my weeping eyes. Then not a wave of care will roll across my peaceful breast when I shall bathe my weary soul in seas of heav'nly rest. Let cares, like mighty torrents come, and storms of sorrow fall! May I but safely reach my home, my God, my heav'n, my all.

Words by Isaac Watts. Hymn tune by James C. Lowrey from *Kentucky Harmony*, 1817.

*(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 • Malachi 4:1-6

<sup>4:1</sup> "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup> And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

<sup>4</sup> "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup> "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

**SERMON NOTES**

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

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE**

#### **“Thy Mercy, My God”**

*“Without thy  
sweet mercy I  
could not live  
here; sin would  
reduce me to  
utter despair; but  
through thy free  
goodness my  
spirits revive, and  
he that first made  
me still keeps me  
alive.”*

Thy mercy, my God is the theme of my song; the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy free grace alone from the first to the last hath won my affections and bound my soul fast. Without thy sweet mercy, I could not live here; sin would reduce me to utter despair; but through thy free goodness my spirits revive, and he that first made me still keeps me alive. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart which wonders to feel its own hardness depart; dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground and weep for the praise of the mercy I've found. Father of mercies, thy goodness I own, and the covenant love of thy crucified Son; all praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine. All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

Words by John Stoker. Music by Sandra McCracken.

## **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.

## **BENEDICTION**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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### **WEEKLY BIBLE READING (March 18 - March 24)**

Deuteronomy 8-9 • Deuteronomy 30-31 • Deuteronomy 32, 34 • Joshua 1-2 • Joshua 3-4

# Announcements

**OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK** are Anthony and Sayo Odtohan 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.

- **EASTER FLOWERS:** If you would like to purchase Easter flowers to be placed in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of someone for Easter, please complete an Easter Flower order form, which can be found in the Parlor and Welcome Center. The deadline to submit an order is Sunday, March 24.
- **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** Our Good Friday Service will be on March 29 from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM. Join us as we remember the suffering of Christ on our behalf. We encourage you to invite your family, friends, and co-workers for this special service. Childcare provided through age 5.
- **AVPC EASTER EGG HUNT:** Please join us Saturday, March 30, at 10:30 AM in Altadena Park for our annual outreach neighborhood egg hunt. Bring a friend and join us!
- **CANDY AND EGG DONATIONS:** If you would like to leave a donation of plastic eggs or candy for the Easter Egg Hunt, you can do so in one of the labeled boxes in the Parlor or Welcome Center.
- **EASTER AT AVPC:** Easter is only two weeks away! Our Easter services will begin with a sunrise service at 7:00 AM at Acton Memorial Cemetery followed by an Easter breakfast at 7:20 AM.
- **FAITH PROMISE FOR MISSIONS UPDATE:** We have received 94 pledges equaling \$306,004 toward a goal of 110 pledges and \$335,000. Additional pledges are welcome. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to Faith Promise.
- **MEMBERSHIP NIGHT:** Are you thinking about church membership at Altadena? Come to our next Membership Event on Friday, April 19. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM, followed by an informational meeting. You will meet church staff and hear about ministry opportunities. You can sign up on the AVPC website. Attendance at this or another membership night is required for church membership. The deadline to register is April 14.
- **CHURCH WIDE TALENT SHOW:** Do you have a talent that you would be willing to share with others, all while helping raise support for the youth mission trip to Washington state? Then make plans to join us in the Fellowship Hall on April 20 at 6:00 PM for an evening you will not soon forget! If you would like to participate in the talent show, you can contact Clint Cvacho (clint@avpc.org) or sign up on our church website.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Urban Hope Success Academy is an outreach ministry of Urban Hope, our sister church in Fairfield. The program offers academic support for middle schoolers over the summer and builds relationships with their families. For more information, contact Sandra Hardy (shardy0228@gmail.com).
- **OUR CONDOLENCES:** We extend our sincere condolences to Tom and Bettie De Shazo upon the death of their son, Tommy. Please remember them and their family in your prayers.

# Calendar

## MERCY SUNDAY (MARCH 17)

- 8:30 AM     Worship Service  
              Dion Watts | Malachi 4:1-6
- 9:45 AM     Sunday School
- 11:00 AM    Worship Service
- 12:15 PM    Pastoral Search Committee Meeting
- 5:00 PM     Kid's Bridge Night  
              Youth Group  
              Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
              Community Groups  
              Men's Bible Study - Parker Home

## MONDAY (MARCH 18)

- 6:30 AM     Men's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 PM     WTW Bible Study - Klose Home

## TUESDAY (MARCH 19)

- 7:00 PM     Session Meeting

## WEDNESDAY (MARCH 20)

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

## THURSDAY (MARCH 21)

- 9:00 AM     Men's Coffee

## FRIDAY (MARCH 22)

- 1:00 PM     WTW Bible Study - Bates Home

## PALM SUNDAY (MARCH 24)\*

- 8:30 AM     Worship Service  
              Brad | Be Hospitable to One Another
- 9:45 AM     Sunday School
- 11:00 AM    Worship Service

*\*Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

### SAVE THE DATE - MORE INFORMATION COMING

#### Spring 2024 Events

- March 31 - Easter Sunday
- April 19 - Membership Night
- April 21 - Prayer Service
- May 5 - Youth Sunday

#### Easter Events

- March 29 - Good Friday Service at 12:00 PM
- March 30 - Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 AM
- March 31 - Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM
- March 31 - Easter Breakfast at 7:20 AM

	Contributions for the Week	Year-To-Date Contributions	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
<b>General Fund</b>	\$79,101	\$376,195	\$293,262	\$82,934
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$12,195	\$66,872	\$44,262	\$22,610

## 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.

## PASTORAL STAFF

Bradford E. Allison  
*Senior Pastor*

Stephen Whitner  
*Associate Pastor—Worship*

Michael MacCaughelty  
*Associate Pastor—Outreach/Mercy*

Blake Harris  
*Associate Pastor—Adult Ministries*

## CHURCH LEADERS

### ELDERS

Paul Barber Steve Barley Brian Beckett Grahame Bobo Brent McClenny Jack Morris  
Barry Parker Karl Poythress Thomas Prettyman Danny Wachs John Wimberly

### DEACONS

Woody Armstrong Hunter Boggs Zac Campbell David Coley Steve Driggers Al Foster Trey Holmes Matt Jackson  
Russell Lloyd Tom McCallum Josh Moore John Peters Darren Popwell Josh Putman Drew Russell Bill Sommer Ed Wofford

### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer  
*Women's Ministry Director*

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catie Lumpkin Allie Campbell  
*Children's Director Nursery Director*

Mary Frances Snyder  
*Children's Administrative Assistant*

Amanda Amerson  
*Children's Ministry Assistant*

### YOUNG ADULTS & MEN'S MINISTRIES

Blake Harris  
*Associate Pastor*

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

Clint Cvacho  
*Youth Director*

Callen Moyer  
*Girls' Discipleship Director*

Benjamin Lumpkin  
*Youth Worship Intern*

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITY

Anna Waldrip  
*Church Administrator*

Connor Bingham  
*Administrative Assistant*

Dave Mayhew Heather Sommer  
*Facilities Manager Financial Administrator*

Michael Bobo Hillary Gamble  
*IT Director Kitchen Coordinator*

### WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer  
*Worship Ministry Assistant*

Young jin Jeon  
*Organist*

Carol Apol & Ricky Klose  
*Sound Ministry Directors*