



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

May 1, 2022 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Youth Sunday Service

PRELUDE

“How Majestic”

Mothers, come adore his name. Sisters, raise your hands in praise. Lift your heads. Taste and see all he’s done—heaven to earth has come. Fathers, shout the victor’s cry. Brothers, feast upon his life. Joy has dawned, death has been overthrown, mercy is on its throne. Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Sinners, come behold your King. Sufferers, rise with hope and sing, “All is well!” Mercies are new this day; burdens all met with grace. All helpless, all secure, all hopeful and all broken, all thankless and all poor, all peaceful and all violent, all fearless, all afraid, all angry, all rejoicing, all doubting, all assured, all joyful and all mourning—come gaze upon his glory. Come receive his love and mercy. His grace declares his glory. You are loved forever, wholly.

Words and Music by Adam Skatula | Brian Eichelberger | Nathan Furtado | Spencer Abbott | Zach Bolen.

CALL TO WORSHIP • *Adapted from Psalm 46:1-3, 10*

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Be still, and know that he is God. Let us exalt his name among the nations; let us exalt his name in the earth.

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

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.*

INVOCATION

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

"Isaiah 43"

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you
And the waves they will not overcome you.
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine.

(Chorus)

(Men) For I am the Lord your God.

(Women) I am the Lord your God.

(Men) For I am the Lord your God.

(Women) I am...

(Together) ... the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior.

(Men) For I am the Lord your God.

(Women) I am the Lord your God.

(Men) For I am the Lord your God.

(Women) I am...

(Together) ... the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior.

I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)

(Last time only) I am the Lord.

When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned.

And the flames they will not consume you.

Do not fear. For I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name, you are mine. *(Chorus)*

A LITURGY FOR THOSE FLOODED BY TOO MUCH INFORMATION

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(Leader) In a world so wired and interconnected,

our anxious hearts are pummeled by
an endless barrage of troubling news.

We are daily aware of more grief, O Lord,

than we can rightly consider,
of more suffering and scandal
than we can respond to,

of more hostility, hatred, horror, and injustice
than we can engage with compassion.

***(All)* But you, O Jesus, are not disquieted
by such news of cruelty and terror and war.
You are neither anxious nor overwhelmed.
You carried the full weight of the suffering
of a broken world when you hung upon
the cross, and you carry it still.**

“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)

*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.*

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)

*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.*

(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.

*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.*

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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.*

Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Rueben Morgan.

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(Leader) When the cacophony of universal distress
unsettles us, remind us that we are but small
and finite creatures, never designed to carry
the vast abstractions of great burdens,
for our arms are too short and our strength
is too small.

**(All) Justice and mercy, healing and
redemption, are your great labors.**

(Leader) And yes, it is your good pleasure to accomplish
such works through your people,
but you have never asked any one of us
to undertake more than your grace
will enable us to fulfill.

**(All) Guard us then from shutting down our empathy
or walling off our hearts because of the glut of
unactionable misery that floods our awareness.**

"Jesus, I Come"

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of my sickness into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of earth's sorrows, into thy balm, out of life's storms and into thy calm.
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

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(Leader) You have many children in many places
around this globe.

Move each of our hearts
to compassionately respond to those needs
that intersect our actual lives, that in all places
your body might be actively addressing
the pain and brokenness of this world,
each of us liberated and empowered by
your Spirit to fulfill the small part
of your redemptive work assigned to us.

**Give us discernment
in the face of troubling news reports.**

**Give us discernment
to know when to pray,
when to speak out,
when to act,
and when to simply
shut off our screens
and our devices,
and to sit quietly
in your presence,
casting the burdens of this world
upon the strong shoulders
of the one who**

alone

is able to bear them up.

Amen.

“Jesus, I Come” (continued)

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of myself to dwell in thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of thy home,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
Ever thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Jesus, I come to thee.
Jesus, I come to thee.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR RECOGNITION (11:00 AM Service)

Colson Cwynar - *Oak Mountain High School*
Zaydn LaBreche - *Evangel Christian School*
Joanna Linder - *Westminster Classical School*
Caleb Lumpkin - *Evangel Christian School*
Andrew McCallister - *Oak Mountain High School*
Ben McCallum - *Briarwood Christian School*
Luke Richards - *Oak Mountain High School*

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING • 2 Peter 3:10-18

^{3:10} But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. ¹⁵ And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, ¹⁶ as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

SERMON • “The End...” Clint Cvacho

If you have had any contact with people at all in the past year, then you will know that few people think things are going well and few people have much faith that they will be getting better anytime soon. A simple internet search for “fear of the future” yields a multitude of hits with articles entitled, “How Can I Cope With My Feelings About The Future?” and, “75 Percent of Young People Are Frightened By The Future.” As we watch things seemingly spiral out of control, an increasing number of people are envisioning a Mad Max-type future where people are roaming from bunker to bunker in their battle wagons across a post-societal landscape. However, is it possible that we are worrying about the wrong things? Is it possible that we are failing to find hope in the right place? The apostle Peter will help us explore those possibilities today as we examine his description of the coming of the end of all things, the day of eternity.

I. ...of fruitless hope (10)

II. ...of fruitless living (11-14)

III. ...of fruitless words (15-17)

IV. ...of fruitless faith (18)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Jude Doxology”

Remember, Jesus brought you out of Egypt. Remember, he has sought you as his people. Remember, he has saved you from your sin. Remember, remember him. Remember, Jesus brought you through the Red Sea. Remember, mighty miracles that you have seen. Remember, you were slaves and now are free. Remember that he is King. To the only God, our Savior Jesus Christ, be glory, honor, power and dominion before all time, and now and evermore. Remember, Jesus reigns above the heavens. He's coming, he is coming with his Kingdom. Do not forget, he is seated on the throne. Remember, what he has done. To the only God, our Savior Jesus Christ, be glory, honor, power and dominion before all time, and now and evermore. Before all time, and now, and forevermore.

Words and Music by Cam Huxford.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

PLEASE STAND

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away.

*(Chorus) I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the promised land.*

No chilling winds nor pois’nous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more. *(Chorus)*

When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blest?
When shall I see my Father’s face
And in his bosom rest? *(Chorus)*

BENEDICTION

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

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (May 2 - May 8)

Psalm 119:129-176; 139 • Psalm 148-150 • 1 Kings 2 • 1 Kings 3, 6 • 1 Kings 8-9

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Brad and Colleen Taylor with World Reach, where Brad serves as a professor and coordinator for their Mobile Bible Institutes. He teaches MDiv level courses in Bible, Theology and Ministry in mobile seminaries and Bible Institutes throughout Latin America, Africa and Asia. Colleen and Brad do marriage conferences together, and Colleen helps with World Reach's medical mission trips and ministers to women and children.

- **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 SUNDAY:** We praise God for the mighty works we see him doing in the lives of our youth. Today we are honoring the youth of AVPC, with both services being led by the youth department. This afternoon, the graduating seniors will be recognized with the yearly events of "Free Flight" for the boys, and "Senior Tea" for the girls.
- **SUMMER CAMPS:** Registrations for Camp Solid Rock volunteers and campers are now available, as well as WACK campers. Forms for both camps can be found in the Parlor or Welcome Center. You can also visit the "Events" tab of the church website to register.
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER:** Our last Wednesday night dinner until the fall will be May 4, beginning at 5:15 PM. The cost of this meal will be donations only, so please give as you are able. No reservations are required. This meal is brought to you by the MacCaughelty and Beckett community groups.
- **YAKAMA MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER:** You are invited to participate in a church-wide talent show to raise funds for the upcoming youth mission trip to Sacred Road Ministries and the Yakama people. Come join the fun on Saturday, May 21 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Participating acts should register with Clint Cvacho by today. Questions? Contact clint@avpc.org.
- **PRAYER SERVICE:** Mark your calendar for our next prayer service scheduled for May 15, at 5:00 PM, in Altadena Park. More details will be coming soon.
- **OUR CONDOLENCES:** We extend our deepest sympathy, and pray the Lord's comfort and peace be upon Melanie Richards and her family, as they mourn the recent passing of her father, Pat Wallace.
- **WEBSITE REDESIGN:** With the close of our current website host, we found it necessary to change companies and with that has come an updated, redesigned AVPC website. We can still be found at www.avpc.org, so be sure to take a look and get familiar with the new layout and expanded features. If you have any questions, call the church office for assistance.

Calendar

YOUTH SUNDAY (MAY 1)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Clint | 2 Peter
 12:30 PM Senior Guys Free Flight
 2:30 PM Senior Girls Tea
 2:30 PM Mercy Leadership Team Mtg
 5:00 PM Community Groups
 Men's Community Group
 Preteens and Superkids
 Youth Group

MONDAY (MAY 2)

6:30 AM Men's Study

WEDNESDAY (MAY 4)

9:00 AM WTW Bible Study
 5:15 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
 6:15 PM Community Groups
 Praise Team Rehearsal
 Children's Activities
 Youth Activities

SUNDAY (MAY 8)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Brad preaching | Genesis 2

- **URBAN HOPE:** Volunteers are needed for the Urban Hope Success Academy in Fairfield on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during the period of June 6-June 30 from 11:30-4:00. If interested, or if you have any questions, please contact Kelly Driggers at (205) 936-4937 or Sandra Hardy at (616) 723-1588.
- **URBAN HOPE:** Snack/drink donations needed! It is that time of year again when we support Urban Hope Success Academy by collecting individually wrapped snacks, water bottles, and drink boxes. No peanut items, please! Items may be placed in the tubs in the parlor and welcome center from now until May 22.

	04/24/22 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$13,850	\$391,295	\$414,343	(\$23,048)
Faith Promise	\$2,793	\$103,722	\$106,525	(\$2,803)

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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