



worship

at Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Altadena

We're glad you are here!

Nursery (ages 0 – 3)

Childcare is available for children 3 and under in the Education Building.

Nursing Mothers

A Nursing Mother's room with an audio feed of the service is located just outside the Sanctuary, next to the Parlor.

Worship Center (ages 4 – 1st grade)

Children ages 4 through Grade 1 are invited to attend Worship Center during the sermon. The worship leader will indicate when children can leave the sanctuary.

Sunday School

Sunday School is available for all ages from 9:45 – 10:45 AM. See the posters in the Parlor and Welcome Center for class locations and more information.

Enfold Disability Ministry

Everyone is welcome to worship with us, including those with disabilities. Sensory supports are available in the Welcome Center for those who need them.

Questions?

Ask a member of our Hospitality Team! You can find them at all church entrances, by the sanctuary doors, and in the Welcome Center.

In consideration of others, please silence all electronic devices.

Order of Worship

May 17, 2026 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

Our prelude serves as a "gathering song," signaling to the congregation when the worship service is about to begin. We encourage you to use this time to prepare your hearts for worship, either by singing along with the praise team or by meditating on the lyrics as the praise team sings.

"Only A Holy God"

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God

*(Chorus) Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God *(Chorus 2X)*

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God. *(Chorus 2X)*

Words and music by Dustin Smith, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson.

Announcements

Reverence

(God Pursues Us)

Reverence – our Holy God pursues us! We are never left to find God on our own.

Call to Worship • *Adapted from Psalm 111:1-4; 9-10*

(Leader) Praise the LORD. We will extol the LORD with all our hearts in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

(Congregation) He has provided redemption for us, his people; he has ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

(All) To him and him alone belongs eternal praise.

PLEASE STAND

Through his Word, God calls his people to enter into his presence in corporate worship.

Prayer of Invocation

We welcome one another as a tangible expression of God's welcome to us.

The Welcome of God

Songs of Praise

“He Is Making All Things Right”

He is making all things right; he is making all things right.
In his goodness, in his time, he is making all things right.

Hail the rightful ruler, Christ who came to save,
King of truth and justice, Lord of love and grace.

He who bore the cross to bring his people peace
Broke the chains of sin and set the captive free.

*(Chorus) He is making all things right; he is making all things right.
In his goodness, in his time, he is making all things right.*

Hail the humble Shepherd bending low to serve,
He's bread for all our hunger and water for our thirst.
He who helps his neighbor loves the least of these,
Welcomes in the stranger, sets the captive free. *(Chorus)*

Hail the coming Savior, hope of every heart,
Healer of the nations, bright and morning star.
He will win the battle, put the world at peace,
Finally and forever set the captive free;
Finally and forever set the captive free. *(Chorus 2X)*

Words by Ben Shive, Bryan Fowler, Skye Peterson

“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
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Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson.

Reconciliation

(God Restores Us)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, the great and awesome God,
who keeps his covenant of love
with all who love him and obey his commands,
we confess that we have sinned against you and done wrong.**

**We have been wicked and have rebelled;
we have turned away from your commands and laws.**

**We have not listened to your servants
who have spoken your word to us.**

*Reconciliation –
God restores us!
His righteousness
reveals our sin,
which is healed
by Christ's grace.*

*PLEASE BE
SEATED*

**O Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts,
turn away your anger and your wrath.**

Hear the prayers and petitions of your servants.

**For your sake, O Lord,
look with favor upon your people.**

**We do not make this request of you
because we are righteous,
but because of your great mercy.**

O Lord, listen!

O Lord, forgive!

O Lord, hear and act!

**For your sake, O God, do not delay,
because we are your people
and we bear your name. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Song of Lament

“O Great God”

O great God of highest heaven occupy my lowly heart. Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power. Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war. You have loved and purchased me. Make me Yours forevermore. I was blinded by my sin; had no ears to hear Your voice. Did not know Your love within; had no taste for heaven's joy. Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your word to me. Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace. Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed. O great God of highest heaven glorify Your name through me.

Words and Music by Bob Kauflin.

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

PLEASE REMAIN
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Assurance of Pardon • *from* Colossians 2:13-14; Philippians 1:6

(Leader) Hear the good news. We were dead in our trespasses and the sins of the flesh, but God made us alive together with him. He forgives all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us. Jesus nailed our sins to the cross.

(All) We are sure of this, that he who began a good work in us will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

*We receive
assurance that
God forgives all
our sins through
Jesus Christ.*

Hymn of Response • #691

“It Is Well With My Soul”

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

*(Refrain) It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *(Refrain)*

My sin— O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *(Refrain)*

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
“Even so”— it is well with my soul. *(Refrain)*

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Revelation – God speaks to us and challenges us through biblical truth.

PLEASE BE SEATED

Revelation

(God Speaks to Us)

Mission Report

Tyler Harris - Unbound Grace

Pastoral Prayer

(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 • John 10:1-21

^{10:1} “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

¹⁹ There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. ²⁰ Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?” ²¹ Others said, “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

Lots of church hurt in AVPC and everywhere this morning! In John 9, religious leaders excommunicate a blind man Jesus healed, showing their savage indifference.

Introduction

- Take a look at Ezekiel 34 this week to connect how intimately who Jesus is as our good shepherd was predicted long ago, and how this exposed the leaders' sin.
- How can we approach this important passage this morning? Jesus' GOODNESS as our shepherd is understood by admitting our need for him to save us from sin.

Jesus our good shepherd is:

I) Genuine with himself. (1-6)

- Jesus reveals the religious leaders are thieves and robbers! Jesus, in contrast, affectionately calls to his sheep who know him, come to him, and trust him.
- Jesus never slinks around our lives or moves about in shadows; he struts in like he owns the place. Eureka, Jesus owns every place, person, and circumstance!

II) Giving of himself. (7-16)

- Jesus graciously meets the densely entrenched indifference of the religious leaders' sin to God's historic redemption with a deepening explanation.
- Not only is Jesus the prophetically expected Davidic shepherd, he is the door of salvation and rest — a saving rest dependent on substitutionary atonement.

III) Gritty in himself. (17-21) Gritty = courage & resolve - tough & uncompromising!

- All opposed to Jesus then and now fail to admit what is clearly seen: Jesus offers to heal sin's blindness, but we choose blindness from power, lust, and fear.
- Where does sin push us to? Killing righteousness, sin is that ugly, stupid, and rapacious for control. Unbeknownst to sinners, Jesus died voluntarily to save.

So What?

- Without Jesus' heroic grace, every person is blind, deaf, dead in sin, and lost!
- Think this week about what leads you, what you choose to stare into, what voices you choose to follow, how lost you truly are in yourself and selfishness.
- Are we going to call evil good and good evil, or in response to God's grace will we admit today and every day that only the good shepherd can lead us home.

Response

(We Respond to God in Faith)

Response – in faith, we respond to God's grace through joyful giving and declaring what we believe.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Song of Response

“The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)”

The Lord is my shepherd, I've all that I need. He makes me lie down where the pastures are green. Beside quiet water, He leads me to rest and guides me on paths of His righteousness. This He has done His great name to display. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen. Though I walk through the valley, the shadow of death. Because You are with me, no evil I dread. Your rod and Your staff ever comfort my soul in banquets of mercy, my cup overflows. He refreshes my soul. For surely your goodness and glorious grace will follow me closely in all of my ways. I'll dwell in the house of the Lord all my days.

*Rest – God
blesses us to rest
in his peace.*

PLEASE STAND

Rest

(God Blesses Us)

Hymn of Response • #599

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

Benediction

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

Postlude

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This Week

Sunday, May 17

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Kyle Parker | John 10:1-21
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM Prayer Service

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 20

6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
6:30 PM Small Groups

Thursday, May 21

9:00 AM Men's Coffee
6:30 PM Women's Book Group

Sunday, May 24

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Kyle Parker | John 10:22-30
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM Small Groups

Weekly Bible Reading

1 Kings 16-17 • 1 Kings 18-19 • 1 Kings 21-22 • 2 Kings 2 • 2 Kings 5-6

Missionaries of the Week

Tyler & Jordan Harris serve Unbound Grace. Tyler focuses on discipleship and outreach to churches needing addiction recovery ministry for their members.

	Contributions for April 12	Year-To-Date Contributions
General Fund	\$13,701	\$496,359
Faith Promise	\$3,305	\$116,700

Church Life

Prayer Service – May 17

Join us in the Sanctuary tonight at 5:00 PM for a time to gather together in prayer to “cast all our anxieties” on Him because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7).

Urban Hope Success Academy Snack Donations

We will collect 8 oz water bottles, Caprisun/juice boxes, chips, cheese crackers, and individually wrapped snacks. NO NUTS. Today is the final day to donate. Contact Kelly Driggers with questions.

Women’s Book Group

The women of AVPC will be reading Appalachian Song by Michelle Shocklee and will meet to discuss the book on Thursday, May 21, at 6:30 PM in the Preteen Hangout (basement of GHK).

Worship Center

Preschool Worship Center will not meet during either service on May 31. In June and July, Worship Center will be held only at 8:30 service.

Office Closed - Memorial Day

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

Women’s Summer Bible Study

This summer we will be studying The Nature of Rest by Eryn Lynum. The study begins on Monday, June 1. All 4 groups are meeting same schedule as normal. Books are available in the Parlor.

Service Opportunity

Shepherds Fold is a ministry partners, which houses and serves men recently released from prison. We desire to bring a meal to them in June. Email John Wimberly (johiwi@gmail.com)

Covenant Family Memory Verse

May’s memory verse is Leviticus 26:11-13.

“I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves. And I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.”

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.

Elders

Jim Baird Mike Becker Brian Beckett Clint Cvacho John Franklin Nicholas Ireland Jay Lloyd
Kelley Lloyd Barry Parker Karl Poythress Jeff Schofield Danny Wachs John Wimberly

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Emma Snow – *Worship Intern*

Women's Ministry

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