



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 24, 2026 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Preparation for Worship

“Humility is the awareness that there’s a lot you don’t know and that a lot of what you think you know is distorted or wrong.”

“We don’t become better because we acquire new information. We become better because we acquire better loves. We don’t become what we know. Education is a process of love formation. When you go to a school, it should offer you new things to love.”

“Recovering from suffering is not like recovering from a disease. Many people don’t come out healed; they come out different.”

“We can be knowledgeable with other men’s knowledge, but we can’t be wise with other men’s wisdom. That’s because wisdom isn’t a body of information. It’s the moral quality of knowing what you don’t know and figuring out a way to handle your ignorance, uncertainty, and limitation.”

“The social media maven spends his or her time creating a self-caricature, a much happier and more photogenic version of real life. People subtly start comparing themselves to other people’s highlight reels.”

— David Brooks

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.

Prelude

“Awake the Dawn”

My heart is steadfast oh my God. I will sing and make a new song, with all my being. Awake, O harp and lyre, awake the dawn, awake the dawn. I will give thanks to you oh Lord, among the peoples. I will sing praises to you Lord, among the nations for your steadfast love, and your faithfulness. Be exalted O God above, the heavens let your glory be, over all the earth. Be exalted O God above, the heavens let your glory be, over all the earth and, your righteous right hand, deliver us.

Words and music by Zachary Snow & Michael Bobo.

Announcements

Reverence

(God Pursues Us)

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

Call to Worship • From Psalm 19:1-2, 7-9

The heavens declare the glory of God, the sky proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; his testimony is sure, making wise the simple; his precepts are right, rejoicing the heart; his commandment is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; his rules are true, and righteous altogether.

PLEASE STAND

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

Prayer of Invocation

The Welcome of God

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

Songs of Praise

“He Calls Me Friend”

I have a friend, a faithful friend, and Jesus is his name.
He will not leave, he stands by me; my Shepherd, he remains.

I have a friend, a mighty friend, and Jesus is his name.
I shall not fear, he holds me near; his strength will keep me safe.

(Chorus) His name is true King,
Lord of creation, Ruler without end.
I call him hope, peace, wonderful Saviour,
And what joy that Jesus calls me friend.

I have a friend, the kindest friend, and Jesus is his name.
He hears my cry by day or night and wipes my tears away. (Chorus)

I have a friend, a Savior friend, and Jesus is his name.
He fought for me on Calvary and trampled on the grave. (Chorus)

Words and music by Harrison Druery, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson.

“Cornerstone”

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name. (Repeat)

Christ alone, cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Savior's love;
Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide his face
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.

Christ alone, cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Savior's love;
Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.

Christ alone, cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Savior's love;
Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.

Words and Music by Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan & William Batchelder Bradbury.

Reconciliation

(God Restores Us)

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

PLEASE BE
SEATED

Confession of Sin

(Leader) Who can discern our errors? Declare us innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servants from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over us! Then we shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let our words and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

(from Psalm 19:12-14)

God,

**You know the whole of our sin, which is terrifying to admit,
yet liberating when we discover your forgiveness for all of it!**

**Forgive the angry words we spoke, and worse,
the angry words we imagined speaking last week.**

**Meet us in the situations and people who cause us to rest in
our insecurity instead of the assurance of your grace. Amen!**

Silent Confession

We encourage
you to use this
time for silent
reflection.

Song of Lament

“Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)”

From the depths of woe I raise to thee
The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication.
If thou iniquities dost mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before thee?
(Who shall stand before thee?)
O who shall stand before thee?
(Who shall stand before thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth.
No man can glory in thy sight,
All must alike confess thy might,
And live alone by mercy.
(Live alone by mercy.)
And live alone by mercy.
(Live alone by mercy.)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in mine own merit.
On him my soul shall rest; his word
Upholds my fainting spirit.
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience.
(Wait for it with patience.)
I wait for it with patience.
(Wait for it with patience.)

Words by Martin Luther. Music by Chris Miner.

Assurance of Pardon • From Isaiah 43:1-4

Thus says the Lord, he who created us he who formed us, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.”

I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. We are precious in God’s eyes, honored, and loved!

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

Hymn of Response

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched”

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry ’til you’re better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.
This he gives you, this he gives you, ’tis the Spirit’s rising beam.

PLEASE STAND

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

PLEASE BE SEATED

Revelation

(God Speaks to Us)

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn of Response

“Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(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 10:22-42

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.” ³¹ The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. ³² Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” ³³ The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? ³⁵ If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— ³⁶ do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? ³⁷ If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; ³⁸ but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” ³⁹ Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands. ⁴⁰ He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. ⁴¹ And many came to him. And they said, “John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” ⁴² And many believed in him there.

1. Jesus can be perplexing because he is tacit.

tac· it = implied or indicated but not actually expressed

- Jesus knows himself both intrinsically and decisively; in other words, he responds from personal nature and to what God expressly states about him.
- He was clear in revealing who he is throughout John, he is the: Son of God, Son of Man, the bread of life, light of the world, I am!
- Just give me the answer! What student, teacher, parent, spouse, or REAL friend has not heard that or demanded it? True love demands discovery.

2. Jesus can be perplexing because he is tenacious. (vs 26-33)

te· na· cious = a firm hold/ never relinquish/ determined/ persisting

- This passage practically applies the doctrine called the perseverance of the Saints! No Christian is lost regardless of circumstance because of Jesus' grasp!
- What does sin do when it faces pure love? It panics and grabs weapons to kill!
- Jesus is dynamic, powerful, and prepared. He provides the Jews a lagniappe by pointing to the deeds that only God could do. Do we recognize God's acts?

3. Jesus can be perplexing because he is transcendent.

tran· scen· dent = beyond ordinary experience and comprehension

- Jesus was neither a divine imposter nor usurper but coequal and eternal God.
- Stoning biblically demanded a judicial sentence, but the Romans did not allow it, so 'lynch law' prevailed. Acts 7:54ff provides another example.
- Jesus returns to the area made famous by John the Baptist, who did no works and completed his work by embodying the saving work of God in many.

Response

(We Respond to God in Faith)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

“How Sweet and Awesome is the Place”

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors, while everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores. While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast, each of us cries, with thankful tongue, “Lord, why was I a guest?” We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace. Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there’s room, when thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come? ‘Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in; else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin. We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

Words by Isaac Watts. Music by Michael Bobo.

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 1

Q1: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A1: That I am not my own, but belong, body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

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

Rest – God
blesses us to rest
in his peace.

Rest

(God Blesses Us)

PLEASE STAND

Hymn of Response • #44

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.

(Refrain) Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. (Refrain)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim,
my God, how great thou art. (Refrain)

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

Benediction

Postlude

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This Week

Sunday, May 24

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Kyle Parker | John 10:22-42
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM Small Groups

Wednesday, May 27

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

Thursday, May 28

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

Sunday, May 31 *

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Kyle Parker | John 11:1-16
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM Small Groups

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Weekly Bible Reading

Jonah 1-2 • Jonah 3-4 • Hosea 1-3 • Amos 1, 9 • Joel 1-3

Missionaries of the Week

Verne and Alina Marshall serve with Mission to the World in Santiago, Chile. They work with churches in Chile and Peru, teaching and counseling in the context of planting churches.

Due to staff vacation, financial information is not available this week.

Church Life

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 Lynam. The study begins on Monday, June 1. All 4 groups are meeting same schedule as normal. Books are available in the Parlor.

Adult Summer Sunday School

This summer, the adult Sunday School theme is Evangelism, using a two part series: In June, we'll be together in Fellowship Hall, led by the Outreach Ministry Team through their four-fold mission statement, and in July-August each community will disperse for a series called *The Gospel in Life*.

Summer Young Adult Bible Study

Join us this summer on Thursday nights from June 4 to August 6 from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Youth House for dinner, fellowship, and a study in the Psalms. Bring a friend, and we'll see you there.

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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