



# 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

# Youth Sunday

May 3, 2026 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## Preparation for Worship

### Prelude

#### “Grace Alone”

I was an orphan lost at the Fall, running away when I'd hear you call, but Father, you worked your will. I had no righteousness of my own; I had no right to draw near your throne, but Father, you loved me still. And in love before you laid the world's foundation, you predestined to adopt me as your own. You have raised me up so high above my station. I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone. You left your home to seek out the lost, you knew the great and terrible cost, but Jesus, your face was set. I worked my fingers down to the bone, but nothing I did could ever atone; but Jesus, you paid my debt. By your blood, I have redemption and salvation. Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown, and you rose that I might be a new creation. I am born again by grace and grace alone. I was in darkness all of my life; I never knew the day from the night, but Spirit, you made me see. I swore I knew the way on my own, head full of rocks, a heart made of stone, but Spirit, you moved in me. And at your touch, my sleeping spirit was awakened. On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone, called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken, Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone. So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone. I will run the race by grace and grace alone. I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone. I will reach the end by grace and grace alone.

Words and Music by Dustin Kensrue. Additional words by John Newton, Chris Tomlin, & Louie Giglio.

*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.*

### 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 27

(Leader) Hear, O people of God: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your soul and with all your strength. This is the great and first commandment.

**(Congregation) Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

And a second commandment is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

**Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

**(All) Praise the Lord!**

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*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

### “Steadfast”

I will build my house whether storm or drought,  
On the rock that does not move.  
I will set my hope in your love, O Lord,  
And your faithfulness will prove.

*You are steadfast, steadfast.*

By the word you spoke, all the starry host  
Are called out by name each night.  
In your watchful care, I will rest secure  
As you lead us with your light.

*You are steadfast, steadfast.*

*You are steadfast, steadfast.*

I will not trust in the strength of kings;  
On your promise I will stand.  
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,  
“Hallelujah to the Lamb!”

*You are steadfast, steadfast.*

*You are steadfast, steadfast.*

In the moment of emptiness, all was fulfilled,  
In the hour of darkness, your light was revealed.  
In the presence of death, your life was affirmed.  
In the absence of holiness, you are still God.

*You are steadfast, steadfast.*

*You are steadfast, steadfast.*

*You are steadfast, steadfast.*

*You are steadfast, steadfast.*

Words and Music by Joshua Silverberg, Leslie Jordan, and Sandra McCracken.

## “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.

*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.

*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.*

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

*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.*

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

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# Reconciliation

*(God Restores Us)*

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

Blessed Lord Jesus, you told us in your Word:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,”

**but we have been rich in pride.**

“Blessed are those who mourn,”

**but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.**

“Blessed are the meek,”

**but we are a proud and stiff-necked people.**

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,”

**but we are filled to the full with other things.**

“Blessed are the merciful,”

**but we are harsh and impatient.**

“Blessed are the pure in heart,”

**but we have impure hearts.**

“Blessed are the peacemakers,”

**but we have not sought peace and reconciliation.**

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,”

**but our lives do not challenge the world.**

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you

and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account,”

**but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.**

**Lord forgive us, cleanse us, and give us hearts**

**that desire to be more and more like Jesus.**

**It is in his name that we ask these things. Amen.**

Based on Matthew 5:3-11.

## Silent Confession

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

## Assurance of Pardon • Romans 3:21-24

Hear the Good News. A righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We receive  
assurance that  
through Jesus  
Christ, we are  
justified and  
redeemed.*

## Song of Response

### “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)*

*(Refrain) 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. *(Refrain)*

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. *(Refrain)*

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

PLEASE STAND

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

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# Revelation

*(God Speaks to Us)*

## **Senior Recognition** *(11:00 AM Service)*

Charis Armstong, Pierce Gamble, Daniel Lumpkin, Ezekiel Putman, Isaac Savoie, Emma Snow

## **Prayer of Supplication**

Clint Cvacho *(8:30 AM)*

Callen Moyer *(11:00 AM)*

*(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 • Leviticus 26:1-13**

<sup>26:1</sup> “You shall not make idols for yourselves or erect an image or pillar, and you shall not set up a figured stone in your land to bow down to it, for I am the Lord your God. <sup>2</sup> You shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> “If you walk in my statutes and observe my commandments and do them, <sup>4</sup> then I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. <sup>5</sup> Your threshing shall last to the time of the grape harvest, and the grape harvest shall last to the time for sowing. And you shall eat your bread to the full and dwell in your land securely. <sup>6</sup> I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid. And I will remove harmful beasts from the land, and the sword shall not go through your land. <sup>7</sup> You shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

<sup>8</sup> Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand, and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. <sup>9</sup> I will turn to you and make you fruitful and multiply you and will confirm my covenant with you.

<sup>10</sup> You shall eat old store long kept, and you shall clear out the old to make way for the new. <sup>11</sup> I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you.

<sup>12</sup> And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.

<sup>13</sup> 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.”

## Sermon • “The High Calling” Clint Cvacho

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Perhaps no book of the Old Testament is more inscrutable to modern Christians than Leviticus, with its dizzying amount of strange instructions dealing with sacrifices and seemingly pointless restrictions on mundane daily activities. (Seriously, “you shall not round off...the edges of your beard?!”) Some of the confusion likely comes from the fact that our English translation harkens back to the Septuagint and means “things concerning the Levites,” which leaves us wondering why we should care about instructions for priests. However, the original Hebrew title comes from the first verse of Leviticus and means, “and He called,” referencing the fact God spoke these statutes to Moses. Thus, God is telling Moses what His people, a people who have been redeemed, should look like, and it covers so much more than priestly duties, it covers every facet of life. Praise God that our hope is faith in the One who perfectly fulfilled the Law, Jesus Christ, not in our ability to do so. However, in these confusing times, as we are told by many different sources what a Christian should look like, it is a fitting moment for us to ponder what God is calling His people to. Today may we use God’s Law as a lens to view His heart and come away with a renewed sense of the blessing we have been given in Jesus Christ!

### I. **God’s Commands = God’s Heart**

### II. **God’s Blessings = God’s Son**

# 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

### Song of Response

#### “Let This Heart Not Wander”

Let my eyes see nothing but your glory, my Lord. Let this heart not wander from your mercy, my Lord. May I always linger in your presence, my Lord. I will ever praise you; you are worthy, my Lord.

*Words and music by Eric Marshall.*

*May I always linger in your presence, my Lord.*

### Nicene Creed

Christians, what do we believe?

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is**

**worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

## Rest

*(God Blesses Us)*

PLEASE STAND

### **Hymn of Response • #100**

#### **“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see.  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee –  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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

### **Benediction**

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# This Week

## Youth Sunday, May 3

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8:30 AM    Worship Service  
              Clint Cvacho | Leviticus 26:1-13  
9:45 AM    Sunday School  
11:00 AM    Worship Service  
12:30 PM    Senior Guys' Fellowship  
2:00 PM    Senior Girls' Tea

## Wednesday, May 6

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

## Thursday, May 7

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9:00 AM    Men's Coffee

## Friday, May 8

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1:00 PM    Women's Bible Study (Bates Home)

## Sunday, May 10

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8:30 AM    Worship Service  
              Blake Harris | John 9:35-41  
9:45 AM    Sunday School  
11:00 AM    Worship Service

### Weekly Bible Reading

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

### Mission of the Week

LOGOI, directed by Ed Thompson, provides Bible college and seminary training for Latin American church leaders in 22 different countries.

	Contributions for April 26	Year-To-Date Contributions
<b>General Fund</b>	\$11,538	\$525,998
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$2,600	\$121,727

# Church Life

## **Youth Sunday – May 3**

We praise God for the mighty works we see him doing in the lives of our youth. Celebrate with us today as our youth lead us in worship.

## **High School Senior Guys' Fellowship – May 3**

We invite the men of our church to join us in Altadena Park immediately following the late service for The Fellowship as we encourage our senior guys with a grilled lunch and a time of prayer.

## **High School Senior Girls' Tea – May 3**

We invite the women of our church to join us at 2:00 PM in the home of Alli Campbell (5386 Meadow Brook Road) for a tea to honor and encourage our senior girls.

## **100 Envelopes Fundraiser**

Our annual fundraiser to support the Youth summer mission trip with Sacred Road Ministries has begun. Visit the display in the Welcome Center for more information.

## **Camp Solid Rock Volunteer Training – May 17**

Adult volunteers are invited to join us in the Children's Ministry Office during the Sunday School hour for training and a preview of this year's camp.

## **Prayer Service – May 17**

Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 17, at 5:00 PM for a time of prayer.

## **Urban Hope Success Academy Snack Donations**

We will collect 8 oz water bottles, Caprisun/juice boxes, chips, cheese crackers, and individually wrapped snacks until Sunday, May 17. NO NUTS. Contact Kelly Driggers with questions.

## **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

## Deacons

Jason Allday   Zac Campbell   David Coley   Kevin Drace   Steve Driggers   Matt Jackson  
Brannan Jones   Russell Lloyd   Tom McCallum   John Oliver   John Peters   Darren Popwell   Drew Russell

## Staff

### Children's Ministry

Catie Lumpkin – *Director*

Abi Bostrom – *Nursery Director*

Amanda Amerson – *Ministry Assistant*

Danielle Harris – *Administrative Assistant*

### Youth Ministry

Clint Cvacho – *Director*

Callen Moyer – *Girls' Discipleship*

Emma Snow – *Worship Intern*

### Women's Ministry

Heather Sommer – *Director*

### Adult Ministry

Nick Moyer – *College Ministry Assistant*

### Worship Ministry

Heather Sommer – *Ministry Assistant*

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Michael Bobo & Ricky Klose – *Sound Ministry Directors*

### God's House Kindergarten

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Michael MacCaughelty  
*Associate Pastor, Outreach & Mercy*

Kyle Parker  
*Senior Pastor*

Steve Whitner  
*Associate Pastor, Worship*

### Administrative & Facility

Anna Waldrip – *Church Administrator*

Connor Bingham – *Administrative Assistant*

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