



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 31, 2026 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Preparation for Worship

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.

PLEASE STAND

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

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

Prelude

“Patient Kingdom”

Let my soul rise up to meet You, as the day rises to the sun. Let my soul rise up to meet You. Let that patient kingdom come. When's the last time you felt steady in the chaos? Hear the sound when the seed falls to earth? Is it time to give up your destination? Slow me down let love do its work. As the trees and hummingbirds lead the chorus, they work so hard, in their center, so still. Is it time for a change in direction? Slow me down where I bend to Your will. Slow me down. Slow me down let love do its work. Let that patient kingdom come. Let that patient kingdom come.

Words and music by Sandra McCracken, Gareth Davies-Jones and Sarah Masen.

Announcements

Reverence

(God Pursues Us)

Call to Worship • Psalm 145:1-2, 10-13, 21

(Leader) We will exalt you, our God the King; we will praise your name forever and ever. All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

(All) The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. Our mouths will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Prayer of Invocation

The Welcome of God

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

Songs of Praise

“Come People of the Risen King”

Come people of the risen King
Who delight to bring him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the morning star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to him.
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

(Chorus) Rejoice, rejoice, let every tongue rejoice.
One heart, one voice, O church of Christ, rejoice.

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night.
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change
And his mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace. (Chorus)

Come young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call.
The truth that cries through every age,
Our God is all in all. (Chorus)

Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend.

“Praise to the Lord”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the “Amen” sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him!
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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) O most great, most just, and most gracious God;

Your eyes are too pure to look at iniquity;
but you have promised mercy
through Jesus Christ
to all who repent and believe in him.

**(All) We confess that we have all sinned
and come short of the glory of God.**

**We have neglected
and abused your holy worship.**

**We have dealt unjustly
and unlovingly with our neighbors.**

We have not sought first your kingdom.

(Leader) You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ
and have offered us pardon and salvation in him;
but we have turned away.

We have run into temptation;
and the sin that we should have hated,
we have committed.

(All) Have mercy on us, most merciful Father!

**In your Son is our salvation,
in your promises our hope.**

**Remind us that we are your children
and enliven us with the Spirit of the Son,
and in the end receive us into your glory,
through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.**

Adapted from The Savoy Liturgy, 1661.

We encourage you to use this time for silent reflection.

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon • *Based on Hebrews 4:14-16*

(Leader) Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

(All) Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hymn of Response

PLEASE STAND

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands;
My name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free:
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the Risen Lamb;
My perfect spotless righteousness.
The great unchangeable I Am,
The King of Glory and of grace.
One with himself I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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My soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

Words by C.L. Bancroft. Music by Vikki Cook.

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

PLEASE BE SEATED

Revelation

(God Speaks to Us)

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 11:1-16

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹ After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Introduction

- Joni Eareckson Tada: 'I do not care if I am confined to this wheelchair provided that I can bring glory to God.'
- Hudson Taylor: 'Trials afford God a platform for his working in our lives. Without them, I would never know how kind, how powerful, how gracious he is.'
- We never grasp good news until we grapple with bad news.

I) We are baffled by Jesus interest in us. (1-5)

- Notice the restorative impact of Jesus restoring Mary from her shame within her entire family! Then notice his close friendship that developed with them.
- When Lazarus fell ill, the sisters risked the ire of Jewish leadership and called for Jesus — they had learned to boldly seek Jesus. Take a look at Luke 7:36-50.

II) We are baffled by Jesus insight for us.(5-11)

- In an instant gratification society, waiting on the Lord is tough to learn. Bruce Milne: God will come, in his own time and way. No doubt He is often later than we like; however, He created time and is never late for His appointments.
- **Romans 5:6** While we were still weak, at the right time XP died for the ungodly.
- **Ecclesiastes 3:1,11** For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven... He made everything beautiful in its time.
- **2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you.

III) We are baffled by Jesus influence over us. (12-16)

- 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.

Conclusion

- I was heartened this week to see the transition from outsiders perplexed by Jesus to insiders like us baffled by the daily realization that he is too good to be true!
- Set aside time early this week to reflect on those times where life seemed impossible yet looking back Jesus used them to prove his love is unstoppable.

Response

(We Respond to God in Faith)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Reception of New Members (8:30 AM Service)

Ellie Joy Peters

Renewal

(God Nourishes Us)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(“Self-serve communion packets” are available at all main sanctuary entrances. Gluten-free “bread” is available in the Welcome Center. As the elements are passed, feel free to state the following words to the person next to you in the pew: Bread—“This is Christ’s body, given for you.” Juice—“This is Christ’s blood, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.”)

Hymn of Response

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel’s veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains. The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; and there may I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away. E’er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow’r, till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

Words by William Cowper. Music by Karl Digerness.

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.

Renewal – through the Holy Spirit, God provides his people spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

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

PLEASE STAND

Rest

(God Blesses Us)

Hymn of Response

“Whate’er My God Ordains is Right”

Whate’er my God ordains is right, his holy will abideth;
I will be still whate’er he does, and follow where he guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road; he holds me that I shall not fall;
And so to him I leave it all, and so to him I leave it all.

Whate’er my God ordains is right, he never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path, I know he will not leave me.
I take content, what he has sent; his hand can turn my griefs away;
And patiently I wait his day, and patiently I wait his day.

Whate’er my God ordains is right, though now this cup in drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking.
My God is true, each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart;
And pain and sorrow shall depart, and pain and sorrow shall depart

Whate’er my God ordains is right, here shall my stand be taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken.
My Father’s care is round me there; he holds me that I shall not fall;
And so to him I leave it all, and so to him I leave it all.

Words by Samuel Rodigast & Catherine Winkworth. Music by Keith Getty & Matt Merker

Benediction

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

Postlude

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This Week

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
 Kid's Bridge Nights

Monday, June 1

- 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Conf. Room)

Wednesday, June 3

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Parlor)
- 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Parker Home)
- 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM Small Groups

Thursday, June 4

- 9:00 AM Men's Coffee

Friday, June 5

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

Sunday, June 7

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

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Weekly Bible Reading

Isaiah 6, 9 • Isaiah 44-45 • Isaiah 52-53 • Isaiah 65-66 • Micah 1, 5

Missionaries of the Week

Jeremy and Angel Martin, serve with Serge in Southall, London. They work with New Life Masih Ghar Church in diaconal ministry, discipleship, leadership development and hospitality.

	Contributions for May 24	Year-To-Date Contributions
General Fund	\$24,194	\$622,036
Faith Promise	\$7,018	\$138,867

Church Life

Women's Summer Bible Study

This summer we will be studying *The Nature of Rest* by Eryn Lynam. The study begins tomorrow, 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.

Camp Solid Rock Summer Celebration

Join us on Thursday, June 11, from 5:45-7:15 for our annual Camp Solid Rock celebration. This event is open to the entire church and community.

Urban Hope Donations Needed

The Mercy Team is collecting snacks for Urban Hope Success Academy. You can bring 8 oz water bottles, Caprisun, juice boxes, or individually wrapped items. **NO SNACKS WITH NUTS.** Contact Kelly Driggers with questions (205-936-4937). June 14 is the deadline to donate.

Worship Center

In the months of June and July, Worship Center will be held only during the 8:30 service.

WACK Registration

Registrations are open for this year's WACK week, July 6-9. Grab a pamphlet from the Welcome Center or Parlor or you can register on our website. Register by May 31 to receive a \$10 discount per student.

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

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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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Associate Pastor, Worship

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