

GRACE TODAY

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Welcome to the Lord's day
worship service at Grace Church.

We are truly blessed to be here
this morning as we open God's
Word together, sing His praises,
and enjoy a time of fellowship
in His presence.

Be sure to take advantage of
the many fellowship and ministry
opportunities available to
our church family today and
throughout the week.



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8:30 & 10:30* am

Sonata V: 3rd Movement • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 373 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart • Congregation

Hymn 377 May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

The Eternal Gates • Trad./Helvey • Worship Choir

Hymn 425 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken • Congregation

God Leads Us Along • Young/Erb • Carmella Jones; Clayton Erb, piano

MESSAGE: **LIVING IN LIGHT OF THE MOUNTAIN**

Paul Twiss • Isaiah 2:1–5

Festal March • Handel • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

For the Cause • Getty-Townend • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism

Hymn 209 Rock of Ages • Offertory

MESSAGE: **THE GLORY OF GOD (SOLI DEO GLORIA)**

Michael Mahoney • Revelation 21:22–27

Postlude

Anthem

The Eternal Gates

The eternal gates lift up their heads, the doors are opened wide,

The King of glory is gone up unto His Father's side.

Oh praise, sing hallelujah, oh praise, sing hallelujah,

And we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.

And ever on our earthly path a gleam of glory lies,

A light still breaks behind the cloud that veils Thee from the eyes.

Oh praise, sing hallelujah, oh praise, sing hallelujah,

And we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.

Lift up our hearts, lift up our minds, and let Thy grace be given,

That, while we live on earth below, our treasure be in heaven;

Oh praise, sing hallelujah, oh praise, sing hallelujah,

And we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.

That, where Thou art at God's right hand, our hope, our love may be:

Dwell in us now, that we may dwell forevermore in Thee.

Oh praise, sing hallelujah, oh praise, sing hallelujah,

And we'll all sing hallelujah, when we arrive at home.

Words by Cecil Frances Alexander (c. 1870)

Music based on the tune *Hallelujah* (early American folk melody)

Setting by Howard Helvey

To maintain a worshipful atmosphere in the services, please do not applaud after musical numbers.

* Interpreting for the deaf is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service. Arabic and Korean translation for the 10:30 a.m. service is available at gracechurch.org/live. A limited number of headsets are available at the front desk for simultaneous translation.

Campus Ministries

THE WELCOME CENTER hosts a reception for visitors following each Sunday-morning service. Enjoy refreshments and find helpful people with answers to any questions you have about our church. You'll also receive one of Pastor MacArthur's books as a thank you for being with us today.

THE MEMBER CENTER has information about membership and baptism. It is located on the north side of the Heritage Building, across from the Welcome Center.

Today's Membership Class
101 • 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. • T375

THE PRAYER ROOM is staffed with counselors, ready to offer pastoral care. It is open after every service, and is adjacent to the Worship Center.

Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School

The following lesson was taught **today** in Sunday School (Preschool through Juniors)



MESSAGE **Jesus Calls the Disciples**

PASSAGE **Mark 1:16–20**

PRINCIPLE Jesus' authority demonstrates that He is God's Messiah.

FEATURED HYMN "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" (Hymns of Grace No. 391)

ASK YOUR CHILD What was Jesus' message?

APPLY By obeying the Lord Jesus, who taught, preached, and healed with authority.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Mark 1:16–20.

NEXT WEEK Matthew 8:5–13

Adapted from the Generations of Grace Family Devotional, available at the bookstore.

On GraceWalk

- **Fundamentals of the Faith**
- **Korean Fellowship**
- **Local Outreach**

On the Patio

- **Spanish Ministry**
(by the Chapel)
- **Special Ministries**
- **Walk for Life**

Bookstore

The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

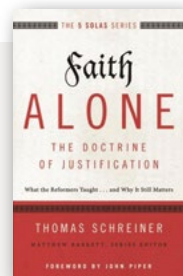
HIGHLIGHT

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on October 29, Grace Books will feature titles on the topic throughout the month, as well as a special, in-store "Reformation" section.

FAITH ALONE by Thomas Schreiner

"The doctrine by which the church stands or fall—that's how Luther described the importance of justification by faith alone. This book will help the church in this generation to stand on solid ground." —Albert Mohler

Available this month for 50% off retail price



Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

- **When Believers Doubt**

- **"Reasons People Lack Assurance, Part 3"**

• KKLA 99.5 FM LOS ANGELES M-F 6:30 am & 7:30 pm
• KDAR 98.3 FM OXNARD-VENTURA M-F 2:00 & 10:00 am; Sun 2:00 am

TELEVISION gty.org/television

- **"The Lord's Greatest Prayer, Part 3"**

• NRBTv CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE gty.org

- John MacArthur's sermons: audio, video, and transcripts
- Resource library: blog, devotionals, articles, Q&As, and more
- Mobile apps: "The Study Bible" and "Grace to You Sermons"

SPECIAL MINISTRIES IS CHRIST'S MINISTRY

Scripture makes it clear that we are to love and serve those with special needs. In Leviticus 19:14 God tells His people to care for those with disabilities, and He gives us examples throughout Scripture of what obeying this command looks like. In the Old Testament, King David showed compassion to Mephibosheth, the disabled son of Saul's son and David's friend, Jonathan, because he wanted to "show [him] the kindness of God" (2 Samuel 9).

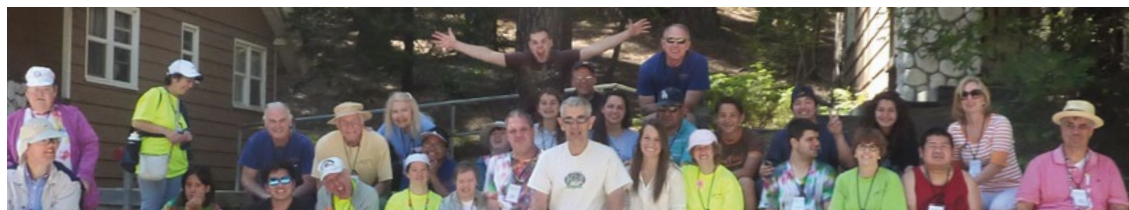
In the New Testament, we see how Jesus showed love and compassion to those with

disabilities—Mark 1:41 tells us that He was "moved with compassion" to heal the leper who came to Him. Christ reached out to the blind, deaf, paralyzed, and mentally ill throughout His ministry, showing that God created those with special needs in order to display His power and strength in their weaknesses (Matthew 15:31, John 9:1–3).

For more than 40 years, the mission of Special Ministries at Grace Church has been to evangelize and disciple the disabled (Matthew 28:18–20). We strive to provide opportunities for people with disabilities to

participate fully in church life, whether this means presenting truth in an accessible way, or facilitating corporate worship. In Jesus' words, we must invite them to the banquet, believing that we will be blessed by doing the work of our Savior (Luke 14:13).

If you're looking for a ministry opportunity, please prayerfully consider serving alongside us. You will find incredible blessings, your life will be enriched by serving our church family in this way, and God will be glorified.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED, STOP BY THE PATIO TABLE AFTER EITHER SERVICE THIS MORNING, OR CALL 818-909-5519.

THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

This month we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, a movement born out of the conviction that Jesus Christ alone, and not the pope, is the Head of the church. A century earlier, John Huss was burned at the stake for making that very assertion. Protestant leaders like Martin Luther followed in Huss's footsteps, seeking to exalt the lordship of Christ over every area of life and doctrine.

The Reformers contended that, because Christ is the Head of the church, His Word is the final authority for the church. Papal decrees and church traditions must be subjected to the authority of Scripture alone (*sola Scriptura*), not the other way around. This commitment to biblical authority led the Reformers to boldly denounce the works-based sacramental system of medieval Catholicism, recognizing that the true gospel ran contrary to the so-called gospel of the Roman church.

Fueled by their study of the Bible, the Reformers proclaimed the truth that salvation is not based on good works. Rather, it is the free gift of God, given to undeserving sinners by grace alone (*sola gratia*) through faith alone (*sola fide*), on the basis of the finished work of Christ alone (*solus Christus*). Recognizing that believers can take no credit for their salvation, the Reformers responded to the wonder of redemption by giving God all of the glory. *Soli Deo gloria* summarizes the triumphant cry of sinners who recognize they are saved solely by grace.

Join us on Sunday evenings throughout October as we set our hearts and minds on the truths of Scripture contained in the five *solas* of the Reformation, and remember the faithful testimony of the Reformers in their fight for biblical authority.

OCTOBER 1
THE GLORY OF GOD
(*SOLI DEO GLORIA*)

MICHAEL MAHONEY

OCTOBER 8
THE WORD OF GOD
(*SOLA SCRIPTURA*)

AUSTIN DUNCAN

OCTOBER 15
THE GRACE OF GOD
(*SOLA GRATIA*)

PAUL TWISS

OCTOBER 22
THE GOSPEL OF GOD
(*SOLA FIDE*)

MIKE RICCARDI

OCTOBER 29
THE WORK OF GOD
(*SOLUS CHRISTUS*)

NATHAN BUSENITZ

CARNIVAL OF CAMPUSES

Plaza Fellowship

OCTOBER 8

*after the evening service*Hosted by
Crossroads

Join us next Sunday evening and get to know our Grace on Campus Bible studies.

Free Hot Dogs, Cotton Candy, Popcorn

Photo Booth, Carnival Games, and more

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$13,714**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Walk for Life: Supporting the Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic

Saturday, October 14 • 8:30 a.m.–Noon • Lifehouse Church, Northridge

Stop by the table on GraceWalk this morning to register and pick up a sponsor pledge form. For more information about the Walk for Life and other ways to serve the Open Arms Pregnancy Center, visit WithOpenArms.org/events.

Parent Dedication

October 8

This is a time when parents commit to raising their children according to the principles in God's Word. Parents who are members of Grace Church and whose babies are 24 months of age or younger may sign up by emailing nsoto@gracechurch.org.

Men Who Rocked the World Conference

The Gospel-Centered Pursuit of the English Martyrs

Speaker: Steve Lawson • October 20–21 • Cost: \$20 (\$25 after today)

For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/logos.

Job Opportunities

Student Data Management Specialist. The Master's University is looking for an individual to be the primary owner, administrator, and resident expert of TMU's campus student information system. Responsibilities include mastery of TMU academic structures and processes; management of student records, transcripts, grade petitions, and graduation processes; monitoring academic guidelines; and ensuring compliance with applicable governing agencies. Reports to the Registrar. Please email humanresources@masters.edu for more information.

Web Programmer. Grace to You is looking for a full-stack developer with experience on the Microsoft .Net platform. Must have experience with C#, MVC, MSSQL, JavaScript, HTML5, and related technologies. Familiarity with .Net Core is a plus. Must give close attention to details, communicate effectively, and work well independently and within a small team. For an application, please contact Gabriel Powell at 661-295-5777, or email gpowell@gtu.org.

Monthly Missions Meeting

Hosted by the Elders' Council Handling Outreach (ECHO)

Tuesday, October 3 • 7 p.m. • T260s

Come hear updates from our missionaries and local outreach ministries, pray for their needs, and learn how you can be involved.

Men of the Word

Q&A with Philip De Courcy

Wednesday, October 4 • 7:00–8:30 p.m. • Worship Center

All men are invited to join us for this special session with Philip De Courcy, senior pastor of Kindred Community Church in Anaheim Hills.

Romans Bible Study in Korean

로마서 성경공부

Today • 12:30 p.m. • H222

The Korean Outreach Ministry is offering a Bible study on the book of Romans taught in Korean. If you or someone you know is a Korean speaker who would benefit from biblical fellowship, please join us on the first and third Sunday of each month. Lunch and childcare are provided. For more information, call Ken Chung at 818-579-3004.

One with Christ

Monday, October 2 • 9:30 a.m. • CC130

Bible study primarily for women who have lost their husbands through death or divorce.

8:30 a.m.**Children's Sunday School**

Visit the Welcome Center
for room locations.
Pastor: Ace Davis

Cornerstone

(All ages) T371
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,
Mark Tatlock, Harry Walls

Doulos (Singles & young

families) T361
Pastor: Carl Hargrove

FaithBuilders (All ages) T261

Pastor: Bill Shannon

GraceLife (All ages)

Family Center
Pastors: Phil Johnson,
Mike Riccardi

Junior High (Grades 7–8)

T73 (Basement)
Pastor: Jay Lennington

Developmentally Disabled

CC130E
Pastor: Rick McLean

Spanish Adult Sunday

School H221–222
Teachers: Josiah Grauman,
José Soria

Spanish Worship Service

Chapel
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney

10:30 a.m.**Children's Sunday School**

Special needs class available
Visit the Welcome Center
for room locations.
Pastor: Ace Davis

Crossroads

(College & young adults)
Family Center
Pastor: Austin Duncan

High School (Grades 9–12)

T73 (Basement)
Pastor: Josh Petras

Joint Heirs (All ages) T261

Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

Mainstream (All ages) T361

Pastors: Rich Gregory,
Carlos Chung

Developmentally Disabled

CC130E
Pastor: Rick McLean

Sojourners (All ages) T371

Pastor: William Varner

Spanish Adult Sunday

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David González

Spanish Worship Service

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Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney

12:30 p.m.**Neighborhood Outreach**

H223–224

5:00 p.m.**Sunday Night Prayer Group**

T385

6:00 p.m.**Adventure Club**

Family Center (Grades 4–6)
Chapel (Grades 1–3)
T270s (Ages 3–5)

Visit our website at

GRACECHURCH.ORG

Fridays 7:30 p.m.**The Guild** (Single adults)

T361
Pastor: Don Carr

Mondays 9:00 a.m.**Monday Morning Prayer Group**

Welcome Center

Building Abbreviation Key

T = Tower
H = Heritage
CC = Children's Center

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Pastoral Care & Counseling

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Prayer

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Spanish

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Special Ministries

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His truth in the world.*

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