

# GRACE TODAY

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PASTOR-TEACHER

Clayton Erb / Minister of Music

**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.



**8:30 & 10:30\* am**

**BILL BRANDENSTEIN, DIRECTOR**

**Scherzo from *Symphony II*** • Vierne • Stephen Sturz, Organist

**Hymn 429 *For the Beauty of the Earth*** • Congregation

***Now Thank We All Our God*** • Crüger/Sanborn-Rice • Instrumental Praise

***See What Love Hath the Father*** • Mendelssohn/Livingston • Worship Choir

**Hymn 91 *The Love of God*** • Congregation

***Sovereign Over Us*** • Keyes-Brown-Mooring/Rice • Michael Mahoney

MESSAGE: **WALKING IN THE SPIRIT, PART 5**

John MacArthur • Galatians 5:16–26

**Doxology Hymn** • Congregation

***Prelude in Classic Style*** • Young • Organ Postlude

**6:00 pm**

***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** • Holden • Instrumental Prelude

**Songs of Praise** • Congregation

**Hymn 25 *The Perfect Wisdom of Our God*** • Offertory

MESSAGE: **"REMEMBER, O YAHWEH": HOW GOD'S PAST ACTS OF DELIVERANCE GIVE US HOPE**

Austin Duncan • Psalm 135

**Postlude**

\* 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](http://gracechurch.org/live). A limited number of headsets are available at the front desk for simultaneous translation.

**Instrumental Praise**

**Now Thank We All Our God**

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

*Word by Martin Rinkart (c. 1636); translated by Catherine Winkworth (1856)*  
*Music by Johann Crüger (1647)*

**Anthem**

**See What Love Hath the Father**

See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in His goodness,  
That we should be called God's own children.

*Words adapted from 1 John 3:1; music by Felix Mendelssohn (1836)*

**Doxology Hymn**

**Hymn 319 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God***

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what You do love, And do what You would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,  
Until my will is one with Yours, To do and to endure.

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

## 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  
102 • 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 **Review Sunday**

PASSAGE **Mark 15–16, Acts 1–7**

PRINCIPLE After Jesus rose and ascended, He sent the Holy Spirit to continue His work on earth.

FEATURED HYMN "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 318)

ASK YOUR CHILD What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?

APPLY By telling the world the good news of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK Review Sunday

NEXT WEEK Acts 8:1–25

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

## On GraceWalk

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

## On the Patio

- **Faith Promise**
- **Spanish Ministry**  
(by the Chapel)
- **Vacation Bible School**
- **Women's Spring Event**

## Bookstore

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

### MOTHER'S DAY HIGHLIGHT

#### GROWING IN GRATITUDE

#### REDISCOVERING THE JOY OF A THANKFUL HEART

BY MARY MOHLER

Women are often encouraged to "count your blessings," but truly biblical gratitude is much more than this. Mary Mohler unpacks Scripture to help women grow in gracious gratitude (thanking God for who He is) as well as natural gratitude (thanking Him for His blessings) and identify and deal with things that can be a hindrance to the joy of a thankful heart.



**Available today for 30% off retail**

## Grace to You

RADIO [gty.org/radio](http://gty.org/radio)

### When Bad Things Happen to God's People

- 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](http://gty.org/television)

### "Supernatural Peace"

- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE [gty.org](http://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"

# BY THIS WE KNOW

## An Interview with Rick McLean, Pastor of Special Ministries

“By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.”

—1 JOHN 3:16

“People ask me every now and then about Special Ministries—why we do it, how the church can help. And to answer, I usually go over why we do this ministry, biblically. We don’t have this ministry just because it’s a good thing to do. I’m not saying it isn’t a good thing to do, but I would say we do this ministry because Jesus loved broken people. You can see where His heart was; He loved these people! It is so clear all through the gospels. And if Jesus loves them, then we need to love them. It’s as simple as that.”

Rick McLean, our Special Ministries pastor, talks about every aspect of special ministries

in terms of *love*. Our church does this ministry because we’re humbled and controlled by Christ’s love. Jesus gave His gospel to the weak and the outcasts—to sinners. Therefore, we do the same.

“In some ways, it’s no different than any other ministry. We want to share the gospel with our disabled friends, and they need to hear the gospel like anybody else. When it comes down to it, we’re all broken. I thank God every day that I’m able to put my clothes on, read my Bible, and walk by myself out the front door, but I also remember that I’m still living with the brokenness of sin. The great news is that there’s hope, because Jesus’ love covers our brokenness.”

Showing and extending Jesus’ love has been the theme of Special Ministries since its beginning. “Camp Grace started in...I think it was ’82,” Rick says, “and the idea was basically to give our campers the experience

of going to the mountains, you know, getting a chance to see God’s creation, no different than other camps. We try to go to places that are really beautiful—we’ve done Big Bear, Lake Arrowhead, and for the past couple of years, Santa Cruz up in the redwood forest—and it’s a great opportunity to teach them about God’s love for His Creation.”

“We really want for this ministry to continue working, and to grow, Lord willing. Last year, we partnered with a church—with a TMS grad in San Jose, Mark Chin—and it was just such a blessing to serve alongside him and members of his church. It really was a taste of the unity we have with other believers in Christ, and we’d love to expand on that experience by partnering with other churches in the future.”

“Camp is a real blessing to everyone who gets involved—especially to the people who get to serve. We had a camper last year who was

# LOVE

just so happy to be with one of the families volunteering, and it really touched the mom that this disabled man loved her kids so much. That happens all the time—they teach me things. Joy. They're joyful despite their disabilities. They have...I think it's God's grace in their lives, that they're so fun to be around."

"Sometimes camp has the greatest impact on us, the ones who get to serve. We learn patience and step outside our comfort zones in ways that make us rely on the Lord as we're stretched, challenged, and encouraged to love others in the same way that Christ has loved us. Please prayerfully consider serving alongside us." ■



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is an urgent need for volunteers to serve in both camps this summer.

LAKE ARROWHEAD • JUNE 11–13

BIG BASIN, SANTA CRUZ • JULY 23–27

If you're interested in learning more about Special Ministries or serving at Camp Grace, call Pastor Rick McLean at 818-909-5519.

For Camp Grace videos and more information visit

[GRACECHURCH.ORG / SPECIAL](https://www.gracechurch.org/special)



## Vacation Bible School

June 25–29 • 9:00 a.m.–Noon

For kids going into grades K–6 this fall.

Register today at [gracechurch.org/vbs](http://gracechurch.org/vbs).

### Happy Mother's Day

*Her children rise up and bless her;  
Her husband also, and he praises her, saying:  
"Many daughters have done nobly,  
But you excel them all."*

—Proverbs 31:28–29

## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$12,359**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

## Local Outreach Spotlight

### Nurses Needed

The Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic has an urgent need for a nurse manager, a staff nurse, and volunteer nurses. For more information email [debi@openarmspregnancy.com](mailto:debi@openarmspregnancy.com).

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## Elders Meeting

Thursday, May 17 • 7:00 p.m. • CC230s

Open to our church family

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## Volunteers Needed

Sundays • 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Children's Ministries is looking for volunteers to serve with special needs children on Sunday mornings and evenings. For more information, email [tsinclair@gracechurch.org](mailto:tsinclair@gracechurch.org) or call 818-909-5578.

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## Parent Dedication June 10

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 before June 1 by emailing [nmouren@gracechurch.org](mailto:nmouren@gracechurch.org).

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## Joint Heirs Ladies TEA Teaching, Edification, Application

Monday, May 14 • 7:00 p.m. • T260s

Topic: Applying the Word in the Workplace • All women are welcome.

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## Sojourners Women's Fellowship Spring Luncheon

Saturday, May 26 • 10:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. • T270s

Guest Speaker: Jackie Martin • Cost: \$15

Childcare for children pre-K and younger by reservation. All women are welcome. Call 818-887-9717 for more information.

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## Communion

May 20 • 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.* —1 Corinthians 11:26

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## Parenting for Life A Biblical Guide for Shepherding the Family

May 27–August 26 (class will not meet in July) • 10:30 a.m. • H223–224

Teacher: Rich Harasick

For more information or to register, visit [gracechurch.org/childrens](http://gracechurch.org/childrens) or call 818-909-5631. Space is limited. Order curriculum at the bookstore.

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## Attend a Fellowship Group

Adult fellowship groups exist to glorify God by studying His Word, practically applying that truth to daily life, and providing God's people with opportunities for worship, ministry, and building relationships with each other.

Times and locations of fellowship groups are listed on the back page of Grace Today.

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## Job Opportunity

**Nursery Workers.** Children's Ministry currently has several part-time openings (10–20 hours/week) for nursery workers. Hours are primarily Sundays and Wednesdays. Must be able to exhibit love to parents, children, staff and desire to serve through humility, patience, and joy. Prior work experience in childcare is preferred, and applicants must be able to successfully pass a background check. Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon and a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact the office of Human Resources at [HR@gracechurch.org](mailto:HR@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672.

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**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  
 School** H221-222  
 Teachers: Rubén Pidal,  
 David González

**Spanish Worship Service**  
 Chapel  
 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](http://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

**MINISTRY DIRECTORY**

**Administration**  
 818-909-5500

**Men**  
 818-909-5537

**Spanish**  
 818-909-5722

**Children**  
 818-909-5631

**Outreach**  
 818-909-5700

**Special Ministries**  
 818-909-5519

**Logos Institute**  
 818-909-5500

**Pastoral Care &  
 Counseling**  
 818-909-5537

**Student**  
 818-909-5593

**Membership**  
 818-909-5644

**Prayer**  
 818-909-5519

**Women**  
 818-909-5521

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 and extend His kingdom by  
 living and proclaiming  
 His truth in the world.*

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