

# GRACE TODAY

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PASTOR-TEACHER

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FEATURED ARTICLES

**Celebrating  
45 Years of Worship  
with Stephen Sturz**

**VBS**

Volunteer Registration



**9:00 & 11:00\* am**

**Sonata III: Con moto maestoso** · Mendelssohn · Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude

**Hymn 116 Rejoice, the Lord Is King** · Congregation

**Hymn 120 Jesus Shall Reign**

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor** · Teschner/Rice · Brass Ensemble

**Let Your Joy Be Known** · Bock/Rice · Worship Choir & Children's Choir

**Psalm 24** · Beck/Marsh · Worship Choir

**Hymn 102 Jesus Is Lord** · Congregation

MESSAGE: **THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR**

Phil Johnson • Luke 18:9–14

**Grand Triumphal Chorus** · Guilment · Organ Postlude

**6:00 pm**

**Prelude**

**Songs of Praise** · Chris Burnett

**Baptism**

MESSAGE: **YAHWEH'S INSTRUCTION: REDEMPTION**

Josiah Grauman • Exodus 19–24

**Postlude**

\* During the 11:00 am service, interpreting in American Sign Language (ASL) is available in the Worship Center and livestream translations in Arabic, Korean, Mandarin, and Russian are available at [gracechurch.org/live](http://gracechurch.org/live). During the 6:00 pm service, livestream translation is available in Spanish.

**Anthem**

**Psalm 24**

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;  
The world, and those who dwell therein.

For He hath founded it upon the seas,  
And established it upon the floods.  
Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?  
Or who shall stand in His holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;  
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,  
Nor sworn deceitfully.  
He shall receive the blessing, the blessing from the Lord,  
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.  
He shall receive the blessing, the blessing from the Lord.

This is the generation of those who seek Him,  
Who seek Thy face, O God of Jacob, O God of Jacob, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors;  
And the King of glory shall come in, the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle,  
Lift up your heads, O ye gates,  
And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors;

And the King of glory shall come in, the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory, the King of glory,  
He is the King of glory!

Words adapted from Psalm 24 by John Ness Beck; music by John Ness Beck.  
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## Campus Ministries

**THE WELCOME CENTER** hosts a reception for visitors following each Sunday morning service. There, you will find helpful people with answers to any questions you have about our church. You'll also receive one of Pastor John'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 east side of the Upper Room, north of the Welcome Center.

Today's Membership Class • April 2  
101 • 9:00 & 11:00 am • TMS Library (West)

**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



MESSAGE The Son of Man Resurrected

PASSAGE Luke 23:50–24:56

PRINCIPLE Believers should tell unbelievers about Christ's resurrection.

FEATURED HYMN "Hallelujah, What a Savior!" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 296)

ASK YOUR CHILD What instructions did Jesus give the disciples before returning to heaven?

APPLY By telling others that forgiveness of sin comes through repentance and faith in Jesus.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Luke 23:50–24:56.

NEXT WEEK 2 Samuel 11:1–12:25

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

## GraceWalk

- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Grace Academy
- Local Outreach
- VBS Volunteer Registration

## Grace Books

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

### *Zechariah: MacArthur Old Testament Commentary*



No eschatology is complete or true which does not embrace the prophecy of Zechariah. Written to comfort Israel after the remnant's return from Babylon, Zechariah's message assured the Israelites that the Lord had not abandoned His people. Filled with visions, prophecies, signs, and vivid imagery, this revelation traces the flow of history to its climax when Christ will reign over the earth from His throne in Jerusalem.

**Now available.**

## Grace to You

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

### *The Empty Tomb*

- 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
- KABC 790 AM LOS ANGELES Sat 7:30 am

TELEVISION [gty.org/television](http://gty.org/television)

### **"Christ: Our Example in Life and Death"**

- 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"

# Planting Gospel Seeds

## An Invitation to Serve Our Children



June 20-23

For the past seven years, our Children's Ministry has had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the Great Commission and to bless countless families and their children through Vacation Bible School. This summer will be our eighth VBS here at Grace Community Church! We are excited to share the gospel once again with the children of both our church and the community in the hope that some will become disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This year's theme, "In Search of the Savior," will focus on the life of Jesus. Our prayer is that the children who join us will be forever impacted by the life of Christ and trust in Him as their Savior. They will learn from the conversation between Nicodemus and Jesus what one must do to have eternal life (John 3:1-18). They will see the authority of Jesus to forgive sin in the healing of the paralytic (Mark 2:1-13). They will discover that, in their search for the Savior, it is Jesus who came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:1-10). Finally, they will be taught that the necessary response to God's revelation of His Son is to confess that Jesus is the risen Lord who conquered sin on behalf of sinners (John 20:19-29).

We expect this summer's VBS to be even bigger than last year's, as we are anticipating over 1,000 children to fill our campus. This is an incredible opportunity for our church to proclaim and uphold God's truth and to exemplify the love and care that our Savior has for children.

Children's Ministry has been actively planning for this week, and we invite you to join us! There are three practical ways our church family can help:

### 1. Pray

Pray for the children, the families, and the members of our community who participate in VBS. Pray that the gospel of Jesus Christ would be communicated clearly and that hearts would be receptive to God's saving truth.

### 2. Volunteer

We are looking for volunteers to help during the week of VBS, June 20–23, with set-up, small groups, games, crafts, food, and more—all with the goal of planting seeds for the gospel.

### 3. Give

If you are not able to volunteer but would still like to assist in the ministry, consider donating. All children who attend VBS attend free of charge, and all financial gifts help us to continue offering VBS at no cost to families.

We hope you will join us for VBS this summer. We are excited to see how the Lord will use this week to make an impact for eternity.

**For volunteer registration or to give, visit [gracechurch.org/vbs](http://gracechurch.org/vbs). To learn more, stop by the Patio table this morning.**

**Registration for children will begin in May.**



[gracechurch.org/vbs](http://gracechurch.org/vbs)

# Celebrating 45 Years of Worship with Stephen Sturz



Scan for more photos  
from Stephen's years  
of faithful ministry:



This month, we are celebrating a remarkable anniversary in the life of Grace Church. Our organist, Stephen Sturz, has been ministering to our congregation for 45 years. Stephen started piano lessons at the age of eight and shortly thereafter began playing in church. He went on to study music at Biola University, and then to pursue graduate studies in organ performance at USC, all while faithfully participating in music ministry for the body of Christ.

Stephen came to Grace Church in early 1978, and ever since we have been blessed each week with amazing preludes and postludes; communion services; and hymn, choir, and vocal accompaniments from the organ. In today's era of music, it is rare for someone to have mastered "The King of Instruments" to the degree that Stephen has. Although his abilities and training had prepared him for a successful career as a concert musician, Stephen's heart has always been to serve the church and use beauty and artistry to help people worship our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you, Stephen, for your ministry to us and the Lord. We praise God for 45 years of enriching our corporate worship at Grace Church with your profound and beautiful musicianship!



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## Grace Around the World

### The Ricedorff Family

Kyle & Christine, Jeremiah, Jonathan, Amelia

Serving in **Poland** since **2019**

#### Prayer/Praise

- Pray for open doors for the gospel and for the boldness to walk through those doors.
- Pray for Christine's health as we prepare to welcome our fourth child at the end of May.

For more information, visit [gracechurch.org/ricedorff](http://gracechurch.org/ricedorff).



### Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$12,784**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

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## Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic

### Fundraising Banquet

**Friday, April 28 - 6:30 pm - Family Center**

The Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic invites you to join us for our annual Fundraising Banquet, featuring guest speaker Dr. William Lile. Open Arms is a Christian ministry offering life-affirming services to those facing unintended pregnancy. This fundraiser is a tangible way to provide the message of physical and spiritual life with people in a very real time of need. To register, visit [openarmspregnancy.com/events](http://openarmspregnancy.com/events).

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## Glorifying the Risen Savior

### Good Friday Communion Service

**April 7 - 7:30 pm**

Featuring special music by the Worship Choir, Orchestra, and Vocalists. Overflow will be in the Family Center. Nursery care (birth–five years) will be available.

### Resurrection Sunday Worship Services

**April 9 - 9:00 & 11:00 am**

Overflow for the 11:00 am service will be in the Family Center. Fellowship Groups will meet at their usual times. Note, there will be no evening service.

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## Grace Equip

### David the Messiah Reigns as King: A Study of 2 Samuel

**Tuesdays, April 11–May 16 - 6:30–8:30 pm**

This study of 2 Samuel will show how the narrative unfolds with David as king over God's chosen people. Study the logical flow of this high point in Old Testament history, grow in your understanding of the book's themes and purpose, and let it shape your doctrine and fortify your faith. This course is offered in person at Grace Church or online via Zoom. For more information or to register, visit [gracechurch.org/equip](http://gracechurch.org/equip).

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## Sojourners Women's Fellowship Spring Luncheon

### Becoming Free Indeed

**Saturday, April 29 - 10:30 am–2:00 pm - Family Center**

**Speaker: Jinger Vuolo - Cost: \$20**

Join us for a testimony and a time of fellowship, followed by our annual fashion exchange. All women are welcome. To purchase tickets, call 818-909-5521.

**9:00 am**

**Anchored** (All ages) T360  
Pastors: Carl Hargrove,  
Bill Shannon

**Cornerstone** (All ages) T370  
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,  
Mark Tatlock, Harry Walls

**GraceLife** (All ages)  
Family Center  
Pastors: Phil Johnson,  
Mike Riccardi

**Jr. High** (Grades 7-8)  
T70 (Basement)  
Pastor: Jay Lennington

**Steadfast** (All ages) T270  
Pastor: Brian Biedebach

**Both 9:00 & 11:00 am**

**Spanish Worship Services**  
Chapel  
Pastors: Luis Contreras,  
Josiah Grauman

**Spanish Adult Sunday School**  
TMS Library (East)  
Pastors: Luis Contreras,  
Josiah Grauman

**11:00 am**

**Commissioned** (All ages) T270  
Pastors: Rodney Andersen,  
Brad Klassen

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

**High School** (Grades 9-12)  
T70 (Basement)  
Pastor: Isaías Muñoz

**Joint Heirs** (All ages) T360  
Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

**Sojourners** (All ages) T370  
Pastors: Abner Chou,  
Joe Zhakevich

**Children's Ministry**  
Visit the Welcome Center for  
room locations.  
Pastor: Jay Lennington

**Developmentally Disabled**  
CC130E  
Pastor: Rick McLean

**1:00 pm**

**Neighborhood Outreach**  
H221-222

**5:00 pm**

**Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting**  
H114

**6:00 pm**

**Adventure Club**  
Family Center (Grades 4-6)  
Chapel (Grades 1-3)  
CC230 (Ages 3-5)

**Mondays 9:00 am**

**Monday Morning Prayer Group**  
Welcome Center

**Fridays 7:00 pm**

**Foundation** (Young professionals)  
Tower Basement  
Pastor: Mark Zhakevich

**Building Abbreviation Key**  
T = Tower H = Heritage  
CC = Children's Center

**Ministry Directory**

**Administration**  
818-909-5500

**Children**  
818-909-5631

**Grace Equip**  
818-909-5674

**International Outreach**  
818-909-5503

**Local Outreach**  
818-909-5721

**Membership**  
818-909-5644

**Men**  
818-909-5581

**Pastoral Care & Counseling**  
818-909-5581

**Prayer**  
818-909-5519

**Spanish**  
818-909-5722

**Special Ministries**  
818-909-5519

**Student**  
818-909-5593

**Women**  
818-909-5521

For more information about Sunday fellowships scan the QR code or visit [gracechurch.org/about/sunday-fellowships](http://gracechurch.org/about/sunday-fellowships).



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