

Grace Today

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Today at Grace

8 am

Coffee and Donuts
(Chapel Plaza)

9 and 11 am

Worship Services
Fellowship Groups
Children's Sunday School
Spanish Ministries
Membership Classes

After Morning Services

Welcome Center
Member Center
Ministry Tables (Patio)

- Children's Hunger Fund
- Day of Prayer
- Fundamentals of the Faith
- Local Outreach
- Missionary in Training
- VBS Volunteer Information

Grace Books
Scholar's Desk
Steeple House Coffee

1pm

Armenian Outreach (CC230)
Korean Outreach (H223-224)
Neighborhood Outreach
(H221-222)

5 pm

Prayer Meeting (H114)

6 pm

Evening Service
Adventure Club

See back for building locations.

During the 11 am service, interpreting in ASL is available in the Worship Center. Foreign language livestreams for the 11 am and 6 pm services are available at gracechurch.org/live.

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Morning Worship Service — 9 and 11 am

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Stephen Sturz, Organ Prelude • Hassler/Sturz, Barham-Gould/Sturz

Call to Worship

Hymn 206 Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

Congregation

Scripture Reading & Prayer

What Wondrous Love Is This?

Worship Choir • Walker/Krogstad

Announcements & Offering

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Philip Webb • Trad./Rhoades-Hart-Rice

Hymn 277 Lift High the Cross

Congregation

MESSAGE

The Coming Ecological Destruction

John MacArthur • Revelation 8:6-13

Communion

The Solid Rock

Organ Postlude • Bradbury/Sturz

Evening Worship Service — 6 pm

Hymnology Event

Join us for a special time of congregational singing as Philip Webb leads us in praise, accompanied by the The Master's University Orchestra and Singers. Together we will sing hymns and Psalms from the church's past and present.

ANTHEM

What Wondrous Love Is This?

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down from the weight of my sin,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

Words by Annie S. Hawks, 1872; music by Robert Lowry, 1872.

TODAY

Expressing Our Appreciation During Worship Services

We recognize that there are times when spontaneous applause is an appropriate and worshipful expression of joy. However, to maintain a worshipful atmosphere during our services, please do not feel obligated to applaud after each song.

New Here?

Following each Sunday morning service:

- **The Welcome Center** hosts a reception for visitors.
- **The Member Center** has information about membership and baptism.
- **The Prayer Room**, located adjacent to the Worship Center, is staffed with counselors ready to talk and pray with you, following both the morning and evening services.

See back for locations.

FEATURED BOOK

Knowing the Cross

By Geoffrey Thomas

Knowing the Cross is an excellent introductory theology of the doctrine of salvation. Topics covered in this volume include imputation, substitution, propitiation, redemption, reconciliation, satisfaction, and more.

Available today for
40% off retail
at Grace Books or
Scholar's Desk.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School

9 and 11 am

Ananias and Sapphira Lie to the Holy Spirit

Acts 4:32–5:11

Main Idea: Believers should fear being hypocrites.

Application: Fear God, who has power over life and death.

Featured Hymn: *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God* (Hymn 318)

Review: Why did God take the lives of Ananias and Sapphira?

Next Week: Acts 6–7

Adventure Club

6 pm

Lesson 20: Jesus' Death Satisfies God's Wrath

Memory Verse: 1 John 4:10

For Sunday School and Adventure Club room locations, visit Children's Check-in. gracechurch.org/childrens

Who Is the Church?

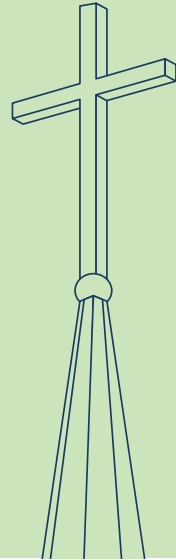
Often, we view the church as something we attend or a place we go, rather than something we are. But from a biblical perspective, the church is not so much a particular place or event as much as it is a corporate identity. Indeed, the church is the redeemed family of God, among whom God is pleased to dwell (1 Tim 3:15); with whom the Son is pleased to be joined (Eph 1:13–14); and whom the Spirit is pleased to seal (Rev. 19:7–9).

The word commonly translated “church” (*ekklesia*) is especially illustrative. It essentially means an “assembly” or “congregation” of people “called out” by God. As the church, we have been “called out” by God—out of our pitiful condition of spiritual death through the redeeming work of Christ and the power of the Spirit. We have become God’s people in a particular sense, fitted for a purpose that culminates not simply in our personal salvation, but also in our consistent, corporate adoration of the triune God.

This transcendent purpose of the church surpasses the closest of human relationships. Even in the most intimate and stable of bonds we have here on earth, such as with friends or family, the unity we find can disappoint us because it is ultimately dependent on the integrity of fallen people. A distinguishing feature of the church is that the strength of its relationships is not contingent on the merits of its members, but on the transcendent value and unifying power of its head, Jesus Christ (Col 1:18).

Because the church’s source of unity transcends itself, the acceptance and sense of belonging its members experience is reliable and unwavering. The church completely satisfies these most fundamental of human longings because her acceptance and belonging are grounded not in human performance, but in divine perfection.

Our appreciation of who we are as the church deepens further when we understand why it became such an integral part of God’s plan in the first place. Before



creation, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit enjoyed perfect love and fellowship with one another. So great was this love that the Father promised the Son the gift of a redeemed family as a bride that would reflect Him. The Son reciprocated His love by purchasing and redeeming this people, and the Spirit seals the church for its final and consummate union to Jesus Christ.

When we see that as God's people, we have been chosen before time even began, we are compelled to willingly partake in His beautiful design of the church. This is the glory of our corporate identity as

Christians, together as a spiritual family longing to be finally united to our Lord Jesus Christ. As we await that final day, we commit ourselves to Christ our head, and naturally then to His body, through which we are made to be more like Him.

For more information on our church, visit the Member Center after either morning service or visit gracechurch.org/membership.

Membership Department

818-909-5644

membership@gracechurch.org



The Spitale Family

*Raffaele & Manuela, Naomi,
Simeone*

Serving in Italy since 2014

Pray for the salvation of our children and of the other unbelieving children and adults attending our church. Pray for the spiritual growth of our church.

| gracechurch.org/spitale

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$8,950**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries.

LOCAL OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

Children's Hunger Fund

Project Food Pak

Through Project Food Pak, CHF partners with local churches to deliver food directly to children in need and their families, as well as to open a door for the gospel. Pick up or return Food Paks today at different points on campus. Collection points for returning boxes will be available for the last time next Sunday, April 28.

Upcoming at Grace

- 4/27 Day of Prayer
- 4/28 Right Hand of Fellowship
- 5/5 The Master's Seminary Commencement
6 pm
- 6/18-21 Vacation Bible School
gracechurch.org/news

HIGHLIGHTS

Day of Prayer

Join us for a day dedicated to prayer on Saturday, April 27, at any point from 6 am to 6 pm. Elders will open each hour with Scripture reading and prayer, and will invite you to pray for the specific needs of one another, our ministries, and the world.

This will be a great opportunity for you to spend time with elders and fellow believers, trusting in the Lord together through prayer. Prayer request cards can be picked up and turned in at the Patio table today, or throughout the week to the church office. To commit to pray at a specific time, or to submit your own prayer requests, visit the Patio table or gracechurch.org/dayofprayer.

Saturday, April 27, 6 am–6 pm, T70



Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

Families touched by dementia are invited to meet monthly for spiritual encouragement, helpful shepherding, and warm fellowship. Loved ones with dementia are welcome, and we offer activities and care for these loved ones during a portion of our meeting.

Saturday, April 27, 9 am, CC130

Info: Pastor Rick McLean, 818-909-5519

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*.



This summer, the Music Department will be hosting a workshop for string musicians, ages 10–18, who are interested in using their gift of music to worship the Lord in an orchestra setting. Musicians will receive individual and group instruction. Parents of participants must attend Grace Church.

Wednesday–Friday, July 17–19, 10 am–2 pm
Grace Church, gracechurch.org/music



Premarital & Marriage Seminar

A prerequisite for engaged couples desiring to get married at Grace Church, this seminar is also helpful for those who are purposefully dating, as well as married couples interested in God's plan for a successful marriage.

Part 1 Friday, May 17, 7–9 pm & Saturday, May 18, 9 am–12 pm

Part 2 Friday, June 7, 7–9 pm & Saturday, June 8, 9 am–12 pm

Cost: \$35 per couple for church members and TMS/TMU students; \$65 per couple for non-members.

Register: gracechurch.org/premarital,
818-909-5581

Grace to You

Radio: *The World vs. the Kingdom of God*

KKLA 99.5FM LA / M–F 6:30 am & 7:30 pm

KDAR 98.3FM Oxnard-Ventura / M–F 2 & 10 am; Sun 2 am

KABC 790AM LA / Sat 7:30 am

TV: "Providing Shade for Our Children, Part 3"

gty.org

Grace Equip Courses

- Puritans on the Christian Life
Thursdays, April 25–May 30, 6:30–8:30 pm
Instructor: Dave Crater
- God's Word on the End Times
Mondays, April 29–June 10, 6:30–8:30 pm
Instructor: Chris Burnett
- Surveying Wisdom Literature: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs
Tuesdays, April 30–June 11, 6:30–8:30 pm
Instructor: Caleb Cunningham

All courses are offered at Grace Church and via Zoom.

Register: gracechurch.org/equip

Grace Church Job Openings

Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon or deaconess and a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact Human Resources at hr@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

PT: Part-time; FT: Full-time

- Custodian, PT
- Director of IT, FT
- Dishwasher, PT
- Nursery Supervisor, PT
- Security Patrol, PT

Grace Academy

- Secondary School Teacher, PT/FT

For a full description of jobs and benefits, visit gracechurch.org/jobs.



Open Arms Pregnancy Clinic Job Openings

PT: Part-time; FT: Full-time

- Director of Development, PT
- Marketing Strategist, PT

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/opportunitysheet

Sunday Ministries

For a complete list of Sunday and midweek ministries, including those for men, women, and specific age groups, visit gracechurch.org/ministries.



9 am

Anchored T360
Pastors: Carl Hargrove, Bill Shannon

Cornerstone T370
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz, Mark Tatlock, Harry Walls

GraceLife Family Center
Pastors: Phil Johnson, Mike Riccardi

Steadfast T270
Pastor: Brian Biedebach

Xchange (Middle School, Grades 6–8) T70 (Tower Basement)
Pastor: Jay Lennington

11 am

180 (High School) T70 (Tower Basement)
Pastor: Isaías Muñoz

Commissioned T270
Pastors: Rodney Andersen, Brad Klassen

Crossroads (College & Young Adult) Family Center
Pastor: Austin Duncan

Joint Heirs T360
Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

Sojourners T370
Pastors: Abner Chou, Joe Zhakevich

9 and 11 am

Children's Ministry
For room locations, visit *Children's Check-in*.
Pastor: Jay Lennington

Developmentally Disabled CC130E
Pastor: Rick McLean

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

Spanish Worship Services Chapel
Pastors: Luis Contreras, Josiah Grauman

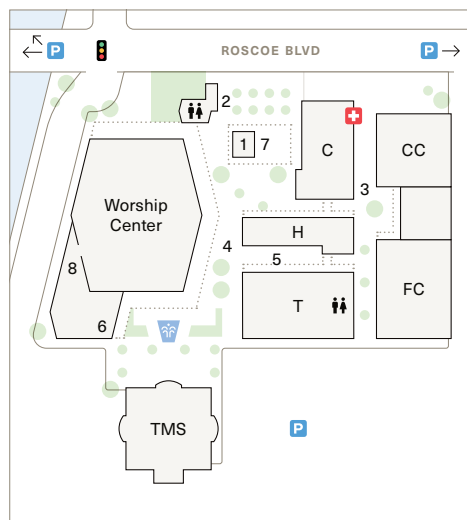
Campus Map

13248 Roscoe Blvd
Sun Valley, CA 91352
818-909-5500
gracechurch.org

Network:
Grace Church Wi-Fi
Password:
Proverbs3:5-6

Legend

- T Tower
 - H Heritage
 - CC Children's Center
 - FC Family Center
 - C Chapel
- 1 Welcome Center
 - 2 Member Center
 - 3 Children's Check-in
 - 4 Patio
 - 5 GraceWalk & Steeple House Coffee
 - 6 Grace Books
 - 7 Scholar's Desk
 - 8 Prayer Room



To glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, for the salvation of the lost and edification of the church.

Family of Ministries

Grace to You
gty.org

The Master's Seminary
tms.edu

The Master's University
masters.edu

The Master's Academy International
tmai.org

John MacArthur Trust
jmacarthurtrust.org

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