Lord's Grace Christian Church

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Sunday Worship Service

ENGLISH SERVICE // April 13, 2025

AN UNLIKELY HERO

Speaker: Pastor Gabe Tseng Scripture: Luke 23:50-56 (NIV)

⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, ⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵² Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. ⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. ⁵⁴ It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

⁵⁵ The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. ⁵⁶ Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

Announcements

Welcome!

If you are new to Lord's Grace, we want to get to know you! Please fill out the newcomer's form: http://lordsgrace.org/welcomecard



Love Fund

Our **April Love Offering** will be designated to support <u>Destiny Rescue</u> to help victims of human trafficking. See their financials at <u>destinyrescue.org/financial-integrity</u>.

The Love Fund is also available to help our church family in times of need. The purpose of the fund is to provide temporary financial assistance to people with emergency needs because of illness, injury, unemployment, poverty, accidents, natural disasters, family problems, and other crisis situations. Please contact an elder, pastor, or elders@lordsgrace.org for more information.



Sunday School classes today

Class descriptions & links at <u>lordsgrace.org/service</u>.

Youth Sunday School - Room 601 & 603B (No class) Adult Sunday School - Room 604 & Zoom at 11:15am

Topic: Missionary Sharing



Palm Sunday Baptism

Please welcome Aleena Xiao as she is baptized and joins our LGCC Family today!



April Love Feast Luncheon

Churchwide Love Feast Lunch will be **4/13 at 12:30pm** in **Fellowship Hall**. All are welcome to join! If you can volunteer for future lunches, please join the email list: lordsgrace.org/lunch_helper.



Good Friday & Joint Easter Services

Good Friday Service will be **4/18** from **7-8pm**! Meditate with us on the Cross, and the Lord Jesus Christ's self-sacrificing love for us. Please note that we will not have childcare. **Joint Easter Service** will be on **4/20** at **10am**! Join us as we reflect on the Resurrection together with all 3 congregations. We will also celebrate 16 baptisms, and 10 membership transfers! Please note that there will not be language sermon breakouts this year.



Easter Volunteering Opportunities

During this Easter season, there are several egg-cellent opportunities to serve the local community! Bless refugee children at **Afghan American Church**, EPA students at **Hope Horizon**, and the **North Sunnyvale Family Shelter**. Also, join the fun at our egg hunt in **Millbrae**! Check out all of the egg hunts and volunteering opportunities at lordsgrace.org/EggHunts.



2025 Church Retreat

Registration for the annual retreat will close soon on **April 20**. Please sign up for Standard or Deluxe rooms, as Economy options have sold out. If interested in scholarships, please consult with your pastor and visit the retreat website at lordsgrace.org/retreat2025 under the "Registration Forms" section. For any questions and handing over cash/check payments, you can visit the registration table outside the Sanctuary after service. The retreat will take place at Mt. Hermon from **May 23-25** (Memorial Day weekend).



Amazing Race at Church Retreat

Looking for fun, laughter, and a little friendly competition? The Amazing Race is happening at Mt. Hermon during the church retreat, and YOU don't want to miss an hour of adventure! Registration opens on **4/6** at <u>lordsgrace.org/ARace</u>, and/or sign up at the booth after services. There is no need to form a team, we will build one for you. Challenges include building a human pyramid, memorizing a Bible verse, mastering a tongue twister, etc.



Magnified! VBS

Magnified! VBS will be held from **6/23-6/27**. Children look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. For details and registration, please visit <u>lordsgrace.org/2025VBS</u>. **Deadline: 5/18**.



World Vision Global 6k for Water

Please reserve **Sat. May 17** for the World Vision Global 6k for Water run/walk. For details and registration, please visit <u>lordsgrace.org/WV6K</u>. Contact Ed Wong at <u>egwdonner@gmail.com</u> if you have any questions.



Hope Horizon Summer Camp Helpers

Hope Horizon is looking for **interns and volunteers** to help with their **summer camp** from **6/16-7/25**. Get involved in equipping and empowering youth in East Palo Alto! If you want to support financially, there is currently a **grant matching goal** of **\$30K** through **4/15**. See all the ways you can help and support at <u>lordsgrace.org/HHSummerCamp</u>.



Church Library Volunteers

LGCC is looking for volunteer librarians to reshelve books and update the catalog with new book donations. If you have a passion for cultivating a warm, hospitable environment, and enjoy books, we would love for you to contact Pastor Gabe (gsteng@lordsgrace.org).



Millbrae Pastoral Search Committee

LGCC is in search of a pastor for Millbrae. The Search Committee members are Pastor Patrick, Jessie Au, Simon Chan, Enping Hong, John Hui, Sam Hung, Tiffany Ip, Stephen Lee and Adam Yin. If you have any questions and/or referrals, please contact the committee at millbrae-search@lordsgrace.org.



Ushers Needed

Sunday mornings can't happen without the help of our faithful and joyful ushering team. Ushers answer common questions, and are integral to our Covid safety team. If you're able to arrive 15 minutes before service, we would appreciate your help in this important ministry. Contact Chrissy Cheung (cheung@gmail.com) for more information.



Millbrae Worship Services

Weekly Millbrae worship services take place at Millbrae Bible Church. Please pray for us and also refer us to your friends in that area. Flyer & info here: lordsgrace.org/cantonese/ministries/outreach.



Seminarian Support Fund

The LGCC Seminarian Support Fund is blessed to be supporting four LGCC brothers and sisters who are receiving theological training in response to their ministry callings. Our total support budget for 2024 is \$50,000, which is mainly going towards tuition. We encourage you to give generously to this fund as an investment in members of the LGCC family who have been called to ministry.

Enrolled in counseling degrees are Wai Man Wong at Western Seminary and Xiumin Chen at Logos Theological Seminary. Also enrolled at Logos is Solomon Zhou in their Master of Divinity program. Finally, Henry Lei, who is on the Millbrae church plant team and an intern with LGCC, is completing his MDiv at Christian Witness Theological Seminary next year.



Hope's Corner - Bike Repair

Do you know how to **repair bicycles** and want to volunteer one Saturday every month from **8-11am**? Hope's Corner is looking for volunteer bicycle mechanics to assist our guests with basic repair requests. Email Pastor Brian if interested and for more info at bleong@lordsgrace.org.



CityTeam Food Distribution

Our CityTeam project has had a great start, but we could use a **few more volunteers** to help distribute food at our two adopted apartment complexes. We distribute on **2**nd **Tuesdays at 9:30am** in Palo Alto and **4**th **Fridays at 5:00pm** in Santa Clara. Contact Arvola Chan at arvolachan@gmail.com for more information.



Office Hours with a Pastor

Thursdays from 2-4pm on Zoom. Anyone can sign up to pray, talk about church business, or just to chat. If you want to sign up for a 20-minute session, just email Pastor Brian at bleong@lordsgrace.org and he will schedule you in.



COVID/Flu Season Reminders

During a Covid surge and flu season, the Covid Committee would like to remind brothers and sisters of the following: 1) Masking is recommended during worship service; 2) Don't come to church if you are sick; 3) Move outside of the Sanctuary/Chapel to talk after worship service.

Give to LGCC: lordsgrace.org/giving

While the shelter-in-place order is in effect, the pastoral and office staff continue to work hard remotely to maintain smooth operations of LGCC's worship and ministries, to care for the congregants, and to share God's love with the communities. During this time, church members can continue to make tithing and offering through various means, including online and with stocks. Checks can be mailed to the church office -- Attn: Accounting, 1101 San Antonio Road, Mountain View, CA 94043

Last Week's In-Person & Web Attendance

| Cantonese Worship | | | 154 |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| English Worship | | | 174 |
| Mandarin Worship | | | 114 |
| Millbrae Service | | | 39 |
| Millbrae Children | | | 7 |
| Children's Worship/SS | | | 78 |
| Nursery | | | 2 |
| Sunday School | | | |
| Youth | | | 23 |
| Adult | Cantonese: 35 | Mandarin: 23 | English: - |