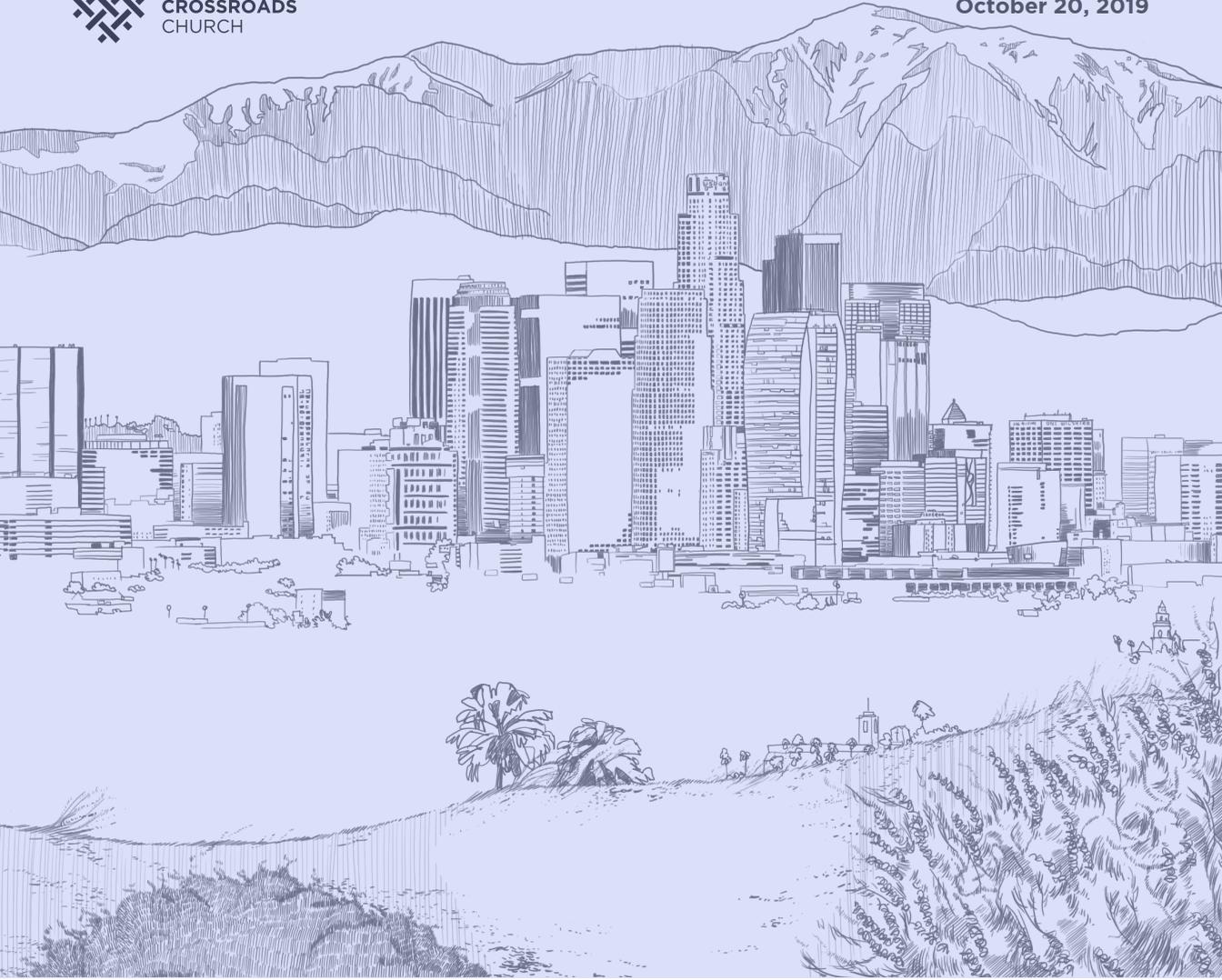




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CHURCH

October 20, 2019



Reflection

We fear ostracism still so much today it seems, fearing it more than death, because not so long ago getting kicked out of the group probably really was a death sentence.

- Glenn Crostman

The Greeks and Romans have left us many stories of leaders and heroes as they faced death, and without exception these people were calm and dispassionate in their final hours. Think of Socrates.... The story of his demise has him surrounded by his followers, coolly tossing off ironic one-liners. [On the other hand] you'll see that when Jews wrote accounts of the deaths of major figures and heroes they did not make them cool and removed like the Greeks; rather they are shown as hot-blooded and fearless, and they praise God as they were being sliced to pieces by their persecutors. Nothing in either of these traditions—indeed nothing in ancient literature—resembles the portrayal that Mark gives us of Jesus' final hours as he faced his death.

- Tim Keller

Scripture

Mark 14:32-42

³² And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³ And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴ And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” ³⁵ And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” ³⁷ And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹ And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

Sermon

For Times of Trial

Alex Watlington

Information and Resources

View and sign up for all events on our mobile app **Pacific Crossroads**, website **PacificCrossroads.org/Events** or speak with someone at the 'New Here' tent.

General Fund Update (as of 10/6/19)

Offerings Budget: **\$3,280,250**

Expenses Budget: **\$3,813,208**

Offerings Actual: **\$2,981,969**

Expenses Actual: **\$3,342,189**

To give from your phone, text **give2pcc** to **77977**

Sunday Volunteer Roles Needed

Westside: Coffee Service, Communion Team, Welcome Team, Children's Ministry Teachers

Downtown: Hospitality, Prayer Team, Children's Ministry Teachers

To serve on Sunday or to volunteer for any of these roles

Email: **alexscott@pacificcrossroads.org**

Congregational Care

Our congregational care team is here to help if you are in a difficult place.

Email: **congregationalcare@pacificcrossroads.org** or call our office at **310.551.0081**

Rise Up: A Program for Christ Centered Revitalization

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives.

Email: **thom@pacificcrossroads.org**

Parking Information

Westside: Volunteers will pay for your parking for 30 minutes after service at a garage pay station.

Downtown: The Adams' parking structure closes at 8pm. Cars cannot be accessed after that time.

Upcoming Events

Invitation to Leadership | 10.26.19 | 9:00am

Are you curious about taking ownership in your Community Group? Join us for breakfast Saturday morning, October 26th, and learn about the steps you can take to cultivate and lead a CG towards a common purpose.

Contact **Esther Park** at epark@pacificcrossroads.org

CG Leader Gathering | 11.03.19 | 11:00am

We are excited to host our next Quarterly Leader Gathering where we will be going over our goals and vision for 2020. We hope you can join us!

Contact **Esther Park** at epark@pacificcrossroads.org

Boxes of Love | Starts 11.03.19

Boxes of Love is a great opportunity to extend God's love to families in our city this Thanksgiving. Pick up a box after service on Sunday 11.03.19 or 11.10.19 to fill with grocery items to prepare a meal. Return filled boxes on Sunday 11.17.19 & join us delivering boxes the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Contact **Michael Henderson** (Director of Hope for LA) at mhenderson@pacificcrossroads.org

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