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NORMALIZING THE LIGHT

NICODEMUS & THE WORLD WE ACCEPT

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WELCOME

Our mission is to nurture and inspire our faith community to transform lives for Christ.

Deeper Connection, Rooted in Community

Thank you for joining us in worship at Calvary. We recognize that our community and the world suffer from disconnection, division, and a loss of meaning. We seek to respond to those challenges by cultivating a spiritual home where people grow in faith, find belonging, and engage in Christ-centered transformation that reaches beyond our walls, out into the world.

We envision a church where people

- Seek to know God and be on the lookout for awe and wonder
- Speak and live the values God has given us
- Serve and enrich the community around us
- Invite others to walk with us as we follow Jesus

It matters that you are here. Our witness to the world is strengthened when we can build community across our differences and with the unique gifts each person offers. Worship, at its root, is participatory. Your voice, in prayer and song, joins with the voices of others, as an offering to God. "Liturgy"—the words we say together in worship—means "the work of the people." Thankful for the privilege of doing the work together, building deeper connections, rooted in community.



For early and non-readers, icons are included in the left margin throughout the bulletin.



***The asterisk indicates rising in body or spirit.**

Assisted listening devices are available at the Front Desk, and **large print hymnals** are located in the Narthex (Sanctuary entry).



DAILY LECTORY: JANUARY 25–JANUARY 31

Sunday: John 2:13-25; Jesus Cleanses the Temple
Monday: Psalm 127:1-2; God's Blessing in the Home I
Tuesday: Psalm 127:3-5; God's Blessing in the Home II
Wednesday: Psalm 128:1-2; The Happy Home of the Faithful I
Thursday: Psalm 128:3-4; The Happy Home of the Faithful II
Friday: Psalm 128: 5-6; The Happy Home of the Faithful III
Saturday: Psalm 129:1-8; Prayer for the Downfall of Israel's Enemies

If you could use a new study Bible, we have some for sale. This is the updated version of the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) that we have in the pews. Available for \$25 after worship.



PRAYER

Prayer boxes are located in the Narthex (Sanctuary entry) and at the Front Desk. The Deacons and Pastors honor confidentiality and pray for each request.

Calvary Deacons

Prayer, Essential Errands, Spiritual Support
Helen Huckleberry, Deacon Co-Moderator
Terry Milby, Deacon Co-Moderator
Rev. Victor Floyd, Minister of Spiritual Care

REQUESTS

♪ PRELUDE "Intermezzo, from Sonata No. 8 in E minor" Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839–1901)

♪ INTROIT "Jesus, the Light of the World" George D. Elderkin (1890)

*Christ, by highest heaven adored; Jesus, the light of the world.
Christ, the everlasting Lord; Jesus, the light of the world.
We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come, where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
O, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.*

--Charles Wesley, 1739; G. Elderkin, 1890

♪ WELCOME

♪ CALL TO WORSHIP

We come today as we are—
curious, cautious, hopeful, tired.

We come into the presence of the Light who loves this world deeply.

Here, Light is not a threat but a gift.

Here, healing is possible.

Let us worship Jesus, who meets us in the night and leads us toward the dawn.

♪ *HYMN 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Cwm Rhondda

♪ *CALL TO CONFESSiON

♪ *PRAYER OF CONFESSiON

God of the Universe,
You love this world, yet we confess how easily we normalize its broken ways.
We grow accustomed to systems that wound, discriminate, and destroy—and call them necessary.
We prefer the cover of night to the revealing light of day.
We turn away from neighbors in danger and stifle our own innate compassion.
Forgive us for confusing order with justice and caution with wisdom.
Breathe your Spirit into our retreating hearts.
Heal what is fractured among us.
Make us willing to be changed.
Through the Light of Christ, have mercy. Amen.

♪ *ASSURANCE OF PARDON

♪ *GLORIA "Glory to the God Above"

GOLDEN GATE, Michael Conley

Glo-ry to the God a-bove, and to the Son, the Lord of Love, Glo-ry to the Spi-rit, Three in One, Glo-ry to God through whom all good things come. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and for-ev-er shall be. A - men, a - men! a - men!

♪ *THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

The congregation is invited to share a sign of peace.

Following The Peace, children are invited to come up front for scripture reading and Children's Meditation.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, speak to us in the night places and the open day. By your Spirit, give us courage to hear, grace to change, and light enough to follow. Surprise us with how brightly we can shine. Amen.

SCRIPTURE John 3:1-21 (page 863)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MEDITATION

Following the Children's Meditation, children ages infant to 5th grade are invited to walk with their parents down to the Lower Level Sunday Studio and Childcare space. Children may also sit with their families during worship.

ANTHEM "God So Loved the World"

John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
But that the world through Him might be saved. God so loved the world.

SERMON "Normalizing the Light: Nicodemus & the World We Accept"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Progressive Christian Alliance, 2022

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives; whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth; whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all; and, whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Amen.

Following the Affirmation of Faith, Youth (grades 6th-12th) may meet in the 2nd floor lounge area, called The S.P.O.T. (Spiritual, Passionate, Open-minded, Transformative).

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Interfaith Winter Shelter

OFFERING

The ushers will be walking down the aisles with offering plates if you'd like to pass your contribution toward either aisle as they walk by. You may also place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Lord Is My Light"

Brad Nix

The Lord is my light and my salvation.
The Lord is my rock, a sure foundation.
Oh, I will rejoice! Alleluia.
With every breath, I sing God's praise.
With all my heart, I seek God's ways.
I will rejoice for all my days, I will rejoice in the Lord!
The Lord is the hope of every nation.
The Lord is the light of all creation.
Oh, I will rejoice! Alleluia!
With every work, I praise God's name.
With every word, I shout God's fame.
With every song, I will proclaim: I will rejoice in the Lord!
The Lord God is faithful, God's word is my sight.
My heart, always grateful, rejoices in God's light.
God's power and majesty, God's wisdom and mystery
are greater and higher, deeper and wider,
reaching from the earth to heaven's shore.
I will rejoice in the Lord! Alleluia!

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below, praise God, above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

 *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

 *HYMN 314 "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" (v. 1, 2 & 5)

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

 *BENEDICTION

 *CHORAL BLESSING "Alleluia"

Jacques Berthier

 POSTLUDE "Choralvorspiele, Op. 67, No. 31: O Jesu Christ, meines Lebens Licht"
(O Jesus Christ, Light of My Life)

Max Reger (1873-1916)

Leading Worship This Morning

Jane Hurlburt	Liturgist
John Knightly	Minute for Ministry
Rev. Victor H. Floyd	Preaching
Rev. Marcella Auld Glass	Assisting
Rev. Joann H. Lee	Assisting
Jeff Smith	Children's Meditation
Michael Conley	Conductor
John Walko	Organist/Pianist
Natalie Ter Agapova	Soloist
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols	Soloist
Nancy Hall	Soloist
Joachim Luis	Soloist
Jefferson Packer	Soloist
Ben Pattison	Soloist
Michael Villarreal	Soloist
Calvary Chancel Choir	Soloist

Next Week in Worship: February 1 at 10am

Rev. Marcella Auld Glass: Shallow Wells

John 4:1-42 We live in a world full of shallow wells, creating a thirsty, isolated world. There's a lot of anxiety in the world, in the church, because we turn to those shallow wells and are never satisfied. Jesus offers the Woman at the Well living water. What would it take for us to leave our water jars by our wells so we can have our thirst slaked and our souls renewed with living water?

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo-ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus D

your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C G Em Bm Em

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

C Am7 D G Am7 G

church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

CALVARY MUSIC & ART PRESENTS

THE FILLMORE CHOIR,

SOLOISTS, & ORCHESTRA

MICHAEL CONLEY, CONDUCTOR

RONNY MICHAEL GREENBERG, PIANO

Mass in C

Choral Fantasy

Christus am Ölberge (Inrahmt)

excerpts from Fidelio

Beethoven!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 7 PM

\$30 SUGGESTED DONATION

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- ★ Complete the pledge card mailed to you or use one located in the pew rack

Questions about pledging?
Contact a pastor or Robin Morjikian.

The congregation has pledged over \$1,111,994 for **Giving Light to the World**, our 2026 pledge campaign. We are over 78% towards our goal! Thank you!

Your pledge supports Calvary worship services, music ministries, outreach to those in need, and so much more.

To help our church meet its \$1.45 million goal, please make your pledge today!



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