



Ecce Homo, Caravaggio, c. 1605

*No King but the Emperor*

**March 22, 2026**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

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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 LECTIONARY: MARCH 22–MARCH 28

**Sunday:** John 19:1-16a; *Jesus Condemned*  
**Monday:** Psalm 146; *Praise for God's Help*  
**Tuesday:** Isaiah 6:1-5; *Holy Lord*  
**Wednesday:** Isaiah 28:5-6; *Spirit of Justice*  
**Thursday:** Isaiah 32:1-6; *King of Righteousness*  
**Friday:** Isaiah 42:1-4; *Suffering Servant*  
**Saturday:** Jeremiah 23:5-6; *Branch of David*

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.

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## 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

**Notice of Filming:** Most of Calvary's worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook page. While most of the footage will feature worship leaders, video of the congregation may also appear. If you have concerns, please contact the church office.

♪ PRELUDE "Eleven Chorale Preludes, Op. 122, No. 2 - Herzliebster Jesu" Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)  
(Ah, Holy Jesus) (1896)

♪ INTROIT "Weary of All Trumpeting" Michael Conley  
*Weary of all trumpeting  
 Weary of all killing,  
 Weary of all songs that sing  
 Promise, nonfulfilling.  
 We would raise, O Christ, one song:  
 We would join in singing  
 That great music pure and strong,  
 Wherewith Heaven is ringing.*  
 —Martin Franzmann, 1972  
*Captain Christ, O lowly Lord,  
 Servant King, Your dying  
 Bade us sheathe the foolish sword,  
 Bade us cease denying.  
 Trumpet with your Spirit's breath  
 Through each height and hollow:  
 Into Your self-giving death,  
 Call us all to follow.*

👂 WELCOME

🔊 CALL TO WORSHIP  
 Behold the Man:  
**King of Kings, Son of God.**  
 Behold yourselves...ourselves:  
**Seeking the wrong power, from the wrong place.**  
 Behold the Truth:  
**Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We will follow him.**

♪ \*HYMN 218 "Ah, Holy Jesus" HERZLIEBSTER JESU

👂 \*CALL TO CONFESSION

🕯️ \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**God of justice, these stories of injustice are so hard for us to read.  
 We long for a different way, where truth triumphs and suffering is avoided.  
 Yet we confess that we continue to let this story happen all around us.  
 We, too, prefer power and position more than justice.  
 We, too, prioritize our own comfort over others' lives.  
 We, too, try to keep the peace by looking the other way.  
 Forgive us, O God.  
 We have no excuses to make, only a plea for your transforming grace to be at work in us, right now.  
 You are the One with power to change things, and to change us, so we pray to be made new today,  
 in Jesus' name. Amen.**

👂 \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

♪ \*GLORIA "Lenten Gloria" Michael Conley



1. Glo - ry to God who is pa - tient. [Glory to God who is patient and kind.]  
 2. Glo - ry to God who for - gives us. [Glory to God who forgives and restores.]  
 3. Glo - ry to God who still hears us. [Glory to God who hears us and answers.]  
 4. Glo - ry to God who de - liv - ers. [Glory to God who delivers and saves us.]



5. Glo - ry to God who is guid - ing us. [Glory to God who is guiding and keeping us.]  
 6. Glo - ry to God who is watch - ing us. [Glory to God who protects us from harm.]  
 7. Glo - ry to God who is lov - ing us. [Glory to God who cares for all people.]  
 8. Glo - ry to God who will come a - gain. [Glory to God who has come and will always return.]



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God. 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.*

🕯️ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, may your word be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Help us to choose you in every part of our lives, and grant us the wisdom and courage to do so as we read your word. Amen.



SCRIPTURE John 19:1–16a (page 881)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



#### CHILDREN'S MEDITATION

Children are invited to come up front for the Children's Meditation. Following the Children's Meditation, children ages infant to 5<sup>th</sup> 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 "What Was Thy Transgression?"

Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

*What was thy transgression? O Thou of all the most blessed, Jesus Christ.*

*That thou of all should suffer condemnation?*

*O Lord, what hast thou done, O thou of all the most kind,  
that thou dost take on thyself all the pain and suffering?*

*Why must thou be so treated? What hast thou done?*

*Lord, what was thy guilt? Lord, what was the cause of thy death?*

*Can I know what has brought on thy condemnation?*

*It is I. I have been the cause, and I have bene the debtor*

*who has brought about thy death and all thy suffering.*

*It is I who now dost profit by thy death.*

*Yet I know I am deserving of the guilt now placed upon thee.*

*It is I who have opened the wounds that cause thy suffering: thy Passion, I fear, I cause.*

*Why, O why, thou Son of God? Why hast thou been so humbled?*



#### SERMON "No King But the Emperor"



#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Written by Calvary's Session

We confirm the 1934 Declaration of Barmen, which took a stand against the mistaken concept that the gospels might be rewritten as a political accommodation to an authoritarian government, and we affirm:

"Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

**We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God."** (Barmen 8.11–12)

We confess that Christianity today in the United States is being aligned with a message of power, cruelty, racism, and national identity that is at odds with the Gospel of Jesus, who instructed his followers to lead as servants (Matthew 20:26). **We reject the co-opting of the Gospel to serve the agendas of white supremacy, authoritarianism, militarism, state sponsored cruelty, or the innate superiority of any racial or ethnic group.**

Because Jesus told us in Matthew 25, "*I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me,*" **we seek to follow Jesus' instructions and seek to feed, house, and care for our neighbors, regardless of their immigration status.**

Because the Book of Genesis (1:26–27) tells us that humanity was created in the very image of God (*imago dei*), we believe it is sin to deny or diminish the humanity of any of our neighbors. **Regardless of race, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity, or citizenship status, the image of God lives in each of us and each person is worth our concern, love, and protection.**

Because the Book of Exodus tells us that God instructed the people of God to care for foreigners who lived among them (Exodus 22:21) and because Jesus himself fled to another country to escape political violence (Matthew 2: 13–15), **we take seriously our call to be a church that offers welcome and sanctuary for our immigrant neighbors. We remember that our ancestors were once immigrants in a foreign land and that a foreign country welcomed Jesus as an infant.**

Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

We believe loving one another is the true measure of our faith. **We commit to loving each other. When love is difficult, we commit to seeking repair. When love becomes a hollow sentiment, we commit to honoring its sacred origin. "We love because God first loved us".** (1 John 4:19)

Therefore, we commit to:

- Listen to, and stand with, the most vulnerable and harmed communities;
- Use our energy, imagination, love, resources, and privilege to enact change born of partnership and accompaniment;
- Use our platforms and voices to counter the rhetoric of hatred and fear;
- Engage honestly with those who hold different points of view by working to seek common ground in our shared humanity; and
- Do everything with mercy, kindness, humility, and love.

*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 Worship & Music



**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 "King of Glory, King of Peace"**

Harold Friedell (1905–1958)

*King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;  
and that love may never cease, I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.*

*Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee;  
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.*

*Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.  
Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee;  
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.  
—George Herbert (1593–1633)*



**\*DOXOLOGY**

DUKE STREET

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.



**\*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 445 "God, How Can We Forgive"**

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**\*BENEDICTION**



**\*CHORAL BLESSING "Three-fold Amen"**

Michael Conley



**POSTLUDE "Epilogue"**

Norman Gilbert (1912–1975)

*Leading Worship This Morning*

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Jerre Merchant           | Liturgist           |
| Audrey Sheffield         | Minute for Ministry |
| Rev. Marcella Auld Glass | Preaching           |
| Rev. Joann H. Lee        | Assisting           |
| Rev. Victor H. Floyd     | Assisting           |
| 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    |                     |

*Next Week in Worship: March 29 at 10am*

**Palm Sunday**  
**Rev. Marcella Auld Glass: Enough is Enough**

John 12:1-27; John 19:16b–22 What we get before Palm Sunday in John's gospel is the story of people who are ALL IN, saying enough is enough if a culture of violence wants to keep people in their graves. Enough is enough if generosity and abundance are scorned. Enough is enough if talking about new life is threatening to people in power. They lead us to the parade with the reminder to give it all away for love.

*Join us for worship during Lent*

- Palm Sunday:** March 29 at 10am
- Maundy Thursday Church Night:** April 2 at 5:30pm
- Good Friday Service:** April 3 at 7pm

## Church Night **Lenten Studies**

### **Handel's Messiah in Lent**

*And we shall be changed*

### **Thursdays in Lent**

**5:30 - 7:30pm**

*An additional group will be offered on Sundays at 11:30am for those who cannot make it on Thursday. We encourage everyone, however, to attend Thursday nights whenever possible!*

**All ages welcome!**

This Lenten Season, our "Church Night" Lenten Bible Study is for both the biblical seeker and the music lover. We will explore the scriptural texts of Handel's *Messiah* for Lent. While the first part of *Messiah* is about the birth of Jesus, this musical journey is well-suited for Lent because it was originally written as an Easter offering, with its second and third parts focusing on Christ's Passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, making its themes of sacrifice, redemption, and glory ideal for the Lenten journey towards Easter.

Lenten Studies this year will be the focus of Church Nights which will be held on Thursdays of Lent from 5:30–7:30pm. Mark your calendars for 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2. Childcare provided for infants & toddlers, and special Lenten programming offered for youth and children.

This lenten journey will culminate with sections of Handel's *Messiah* presented in worship, with our Chancel Choir, soloists, and orchestra, on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter.

### **Church Night Dinners**



**March 26** Potluck: bring a dish that "reminds you of home" (e.g. depends on your home!)

**April 2** Maundy Thursday meal provided by Calvary

For more information and to register for Lenten Studies, scan the QR code or visit [calpres.org/events](http://calpres.org/events).



### *Join us Easter Sunday!*

#### **April 5 Worship Services at 7am and 10am**

There will also be a photo area in the atrium on Easter, before and after 10am worship, with professional photographers to take photos of you and your family or friends! Show us your style! No appointment needed—just show up and show off!



## GET INVOLVED AT CALVARY!

Over the next month, members of the various church committees will be sharing opportunities for involvement. We know lives are busy, so we have many different ways to engage. Do you want to coordinate volunteers from the comfort of your email? Are you more interested in planning events or providing hospitality at Calvary? Do you want to help with children, youth, or adult education programming? Maybe you want to serve food at a church meal or serve as usher or liturgist in worship? You may also volunteer with one of our Matthew 25 partners to feed or advocate for our neighbors. Representatives from each committee will be speaking in worship in the coming weeks and then you can visit with them after worship in the atrium. We hope you'll get connected to a committee so we can more effectively administer the many programs and ministries at the church and better live into the vision God is dreaming for us.

To help individuals learn more about volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved, four of the five Strategic Committees will be spotlighted during worship and coffee hour on selected Sundays. The Committees decided on the following schedule:

#### **March 22: Worship & Music**

Crafting transformative worship that leads people to experience awe and wonder.

#### **March 29: Mission & Care**

Responding to Christ's words in Matthew 25, we answer the call to help our neighbors—feeding, healing, visiting, and advocating for equality. Everything we do is rooted in prayer, mercy, justice, and lovingkindness.

#### **April 12: Growth & Community Engagement**

To invite and inspire all who are living, or exploring, a life of faith to belong, give, and grow with Calvary—building community rooted in connection, kindness, generosity, and hope.



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,

that we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -  
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord  
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -  
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's o - bla - tion, thy death of  
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy

rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!  
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

This beautiful English paraphrase of a German meditation on Christ's Passion bears testimony to the unobtrusive poetic skill and musical sensitivity of a future Poet Laureate of England. The associated chorale is no less carefully crafted and rewards singing in parts.

1 God, how can we for - give when bonds of love are torn?  
 2 When we have missed the mark, and tears of an-guish flow,  
 3 Who dares to throw the stone to damn an - oth - er's sin,

How can we rise and start a - new, our trust re - born?  
 how can you still re - lease our guilt, the debt we owe?  
 when you, while know - ing all our past, for - give a - gain?

When hu - man lov - ing fails and ev - ery hope is gone,  
 The o - cean depth of grace sur - pass - es all our needs.  
 No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.

your love gives strength be - yond our own to face the dawn.  
 A priest who shares our hu - man pain, Christ in - ter - cedes.  
 As you, O God, for - give our sin, may we for - give.

This text reflects both the struggle to deal with a deep personal hurt and a keen awareness of biblical language and content. The opening line of stanza two, for example, draws on the root meaning of the Greek word for sin, and the beginning of stanza three alludes to John 8:3-8.

# GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD

2026 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

JOIN CALVARY IN MINISTRY: MAKE A PLEDGE FOR 2026

Your giving shines Christ's love and light in the world.

Pledging is easy:

- ✦ Use the QR code to pledge online
- ✦ Visit [calpres.org/give/annual-giving-2026](https://calpres.org/give/annual-giving-2026)
- ✦ Complete the pledge card located in the pew rack

Questions about pledging?

Contact a pastor or Robin Morjikian.



## YOUR GIVING LIGHTS UP THE WORLD!

During Lent, you are invited to participate in a symbolic community mural giving thanks for your participation in the 2026 Annual Giving Campaign. Each lightbulb represents a single pledge, contributing to a larger "illuminated sky" mural located outside the sanctuary.

To participate:

- Stop by the Atrium and take a lightbulb cutout card.
- Write an inspirational word or prayer on it.
- Add your name (optional).
- Stick the lightbulb to the mural.



2026 CHURCH RETREAT

*Dreaming with God*



Join us for rest, relaxation, and reclaiming the ability to dream! Spend your Memorial Day weekend with family and friends from Calvary, building relationships, deepening your faith, and enjoying the beauty of creation. Zephyr Point Conference Center is a Presbyterian Camp on Lake Tahoe with hiking, a small beach on the water, and just minutes from South Lake Tahoe. This year's theme is "Dreaming with God." Dreams play an important role in the biblical narrative. It is often through dreams that God speaks to God's beloved. Sometimes it is a promise. Sometimes it is a warning. Always it is a reminder that we are not alone; God sees us and is with us. So join us this May for some collective dreaming and some time to dream with God in your own personal reflections. **For more information and to register, visit the Church Retreat table in Calvin Hall during Coffee Hour or [calpres.org/events](https://calpres.org/events).**

## CALVARY WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND PROGRAM STAFF



The Rev. Marcella Auld Glass, Pastor & Head of Staff  
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