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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: APRIL 19-25

- Sunday:** Acts 9:1-19a; *Paul's Conversion*
- Monday:** Acts 9:19b-22; *Saul Preaches in Damascus*
- Tuesday:** Acts 9:23-31; *Saul Escapes from the Jews*
- Wednesday:** Acts 9:36-43; *Peter in Lydda and Joppa*
- Thursday:** Acts 10:1-16; *Peter and Cornelius*
- Friday:** Acts 10:17-23a; *Peter and Cornelius*
- Saturday:** Acts 10:23b-33; *Peter and Cornelius*

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.



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.

Rev. Marcella Auld Glass Rev. Joann H. Lee


 Rev. Victor H. Floyd Michael Conley
 


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**
Terry Milby, Deacon Co-Moderator
Jared Waterman, Deacon Co-Moderator
Rev. Victor Floyd, Minister of Spiritual Care

REQUESTS

 **PRELUDE** "Präludium in D Major"
"Entrada" Antonín Dvorák (1841–1904)
Eduardo Torres (1872–1934)

 **INTROIT** "Lord, I Know I've Been Changed" trad. spiritual, arr. Mark Butler
*Well, if you don't believe that I've been redeemed,
well, just follow me down to old Jordan's stream.
Lord, I know I've been changed. Light from the heavens has shined on me.*

 **WELCOME**

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, you who think you have it all figured out.

We come to make room for God to speak.

Come, you who have faithfully followed Jesus for a long time

We come to hear what new thing Jesus might call us to do.

Come, you who have been stopped in your tracks

We come to wait for the Lord.

Come, you who can only wonder what God will do next

We come to seek the One whose light still shines.

 ***HYMN 805** "Come Sing to God" ELLACOMBE

 ***CALL TO CONFESSION** from Psalm 30

 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

 ***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** from Psalm 30

Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

 ***GLORIA: HYMN 451** "Open My Eyes" (verse 1) OPEN MY EYES

 ***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**

O God of light, by the power of your Holy Spirit, restore our sight, that in these words of Scripture and sermon we may see Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

 **SCRIPTURE** Acts 9:1–19a (page 893)

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 aged 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** "A Prayer of Saint Ignatius" Michael Conley

Take Lord, and receive all my liberty.

Take my memory, my understanding, and my entire will,


all I have and call my own. Take, Lord, and receive.

You have given all to me. To you, O Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours, do with it what you will.

Give me only your love, your grace, that is enough for me. Amen.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491–1556)

 **SERMON** "Second Acts"

 ***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).

 **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.

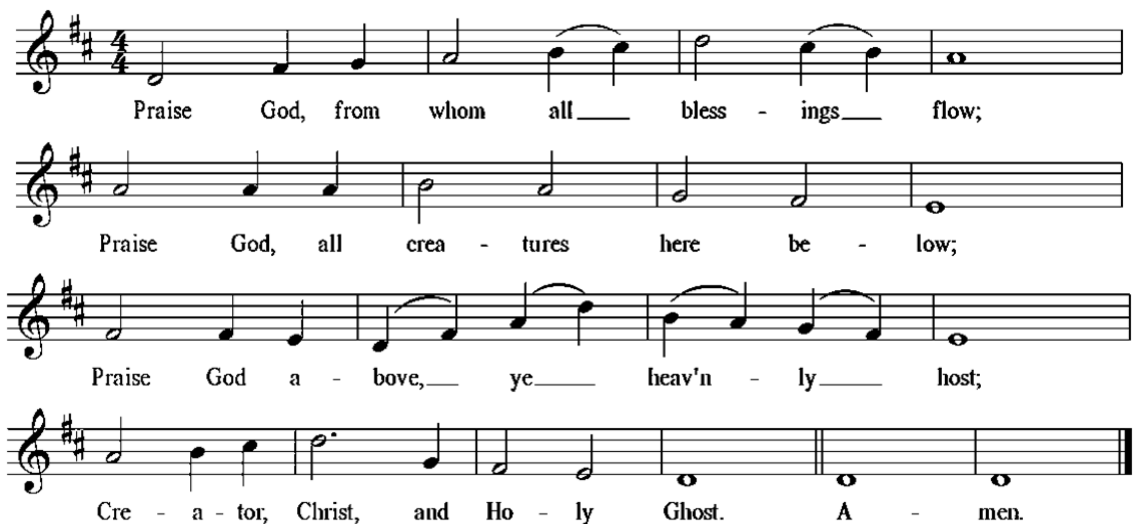
 **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Worthy of All God's Love"

Deborah Rae Thomson

*You are worthy of all God's love,
for God cares for all God's children without condition,
and God is waiting to welcome you home.
There's no need to worry, God wants you just as you are,
no matter how far away you have strayed.
God is ready to answer your call, God's waiting for you.
You are worthy of all God's love.
Come to Jesus, you who are so burdened down.
You can cast all of your cares upon Jesus Christ our lord.
For no matter how far away from him you have strayed,
he is ready to answer your call, he is waiting for you.
You are worthy of all God's love.
You are perfect in God's sight. Come, and make your burden light.
Fight the fight. Stand the test. Know the lord dwells in all of us.
You are worthy of all God's love.*

 *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 "God of Change and Glory" (Please see insert.)

MANY GIFTS ONE SPIRIT

 *BENEDICTION

 *CHORAL BLESSING "Amen"

Fernando Allen

 POSTLUDE "The Light of the World Is Jesus"

Philip Bliss, arr. Mark Hayes

Leading Worship This Morning

Jared Waterman	Liturgist
Rev. Marcella Auld Glass	Preaching
Rev. Joann H. Lee	Assisting
Alison Faison	Children's Meditation
Michael Conley	Conductor
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	

Rev. Victor is away this morning, preaching at College Heights United Church of Christ in San Mateo.

Next Week in Worship: April 26 at 10am

Rev. Victor H. Floyd: We Are All Here

Acts 16:16-34 When the earthquake opens every door and every chain falls loose, Paul and Silas don't run. That inexplicable refusal—we are all here—is what converts a jailer, and what might yet convert us.

(Psalm 30)



1 Come sing to God, O liv - ing saints; sing prais - es to God's name.
 2 In my suc - cess I felt se - cure; how good you've been to me.
 3 What good is gained by my dis - grace, what prof - it in de - feat?
 4 You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sor - rows you de - stroy.



God's an - ger is not per - ma - nent; God's love will nev - er wane.
 I said that this is my own work, as - crib - ing all to me.
 My grave can - not con - fess your name, nor praise for you re - peat.
 In faith - ful - ness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.



Though tears may tar - ry for the night with sighs of deep - est pain,
 But when you turned a - side your face, my life was filled with fears.
 Now hear, O Lord, my plain - tive cry; be mer - ci - ful to me.
 And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your good - ness raise.



yet joy comes with the morn - ing sun, a peace that is not vain.
 I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bit - ter tears.
 Ac - cept my long - ing heart's re - quest and from death set me free.
 You are my God, for - ev - er - more. My life shall sing your praise.



In effect, the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 30 states the general truth that has been learned from the personal experience described in the last three stanzas. It is set to an 18th-century German tune brought into use with English hymnody in the 19th century.

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
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The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

GOD OF CHANGE AND GLORY

Al Carmines, 1973



God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,
God of man - y co - lors, God of man - y signs,
Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new - ness of each night,



When we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.
You have made us diff - erent, bless - ing man - y kinds.
You are still cre - a - ting end - less love and light.



In the midst of chang - ing ways give us still the grace to praise.
As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.
This we see, as a shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great



Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.



In our dif - fer - ence is bless - ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise One Giv - er,



one Word, one Spir - it, one God known in man - y ways, Hal - low - ing our



days. For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

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WHAT'S YOUR LEGACY?

On Sunday, May 3, Calvary will recognize and thank members of the Calvary Legacy Giving Circle members and friends who have named Calvary and/or the Calvary Foundation in their estate plans.

Legacy giving can feel complicated, yet it is a straightforward and impact full way to support Calvary for generations to come.

Legacy Giving misconception #1



It's Complex: While certain aspects of legacy planning can be intricate, there are also *simple ways to make a legacy gift*. For example, you can name Calvary or the Calvary Foundation as a beneficiary of a retirement account or life insurance policy, or you can add a bequest statement to your will.

Questions? Please contact a pastor or Robin Morjikian.

GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD

2026 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

JOIN CALVARY IN MINISTRY
MAKE A PLEDGE FOR 2026

Stewardship is more than meeting a budget—it's about shining 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
- ✦ 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 \$1,342,884 for **Giving Light to the World**, our 2026 pledge campaign. We are over 93% towards our goal! Thank you!

Your pledge supports Calvary worship services, music ministries, outreach to those in need, fellowship and education for all ages, and so much more.

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



CALVARY WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND PROGRAM STAFF



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