



May 17, 2026

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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: May 17–May 23

- Sunday:** Philippians 2:1-13; *The Christ Hymn*
- Monday:** Acts 1:1-5; *The Promise of the Holy Spirit*
- Tuesday:** Acts 1:6-11; *The Ascension of Jesus*
- Wednesday:** Acts 1:12-26; *Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas*
- Thursday:** Acts 2:37-42; *The First Converts*
- Friday:** Acts 2:43-47; *Life Among the Believers*
- Saturday:** Acts 3:1-10; *Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar*

**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.

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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

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

## REQUESTS

♪ **PRELUDE** "Ubi Caritas (Ricercare)" Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)  
from *Twelve Choral Preludes on Gregorian Chant Themes, Op. 8* (1947)

♪ **INTROIT** "Empty Us Then, Most Gracious Lord" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainchant  
*Above what we can ask or hope,  
The God of grace delights to give,  
To fill the empty vessels up:  
And when we grace for grace receive,  
Enough in Christ remains behind,  
To fill the souls of all mankind.*  
*Long as our faith's capacity  
Is stretched to admit the blessing given,  
We drink the streaming deity,  
And gasp for larger drafts of heaven!  
But when we lose our emptiness,  
The oil, the joy, the Spirit stays!*

*Empty us then, most gracious Lord,  
And keep us always empty here,  
'Till thee, according to thy word,  
We see upon the clouds appear,  
Thy glorious fullness to reveal,  
And all thy saints for ever fill.*  
-Charles Wesley, 1762

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise be to God the Creator,  
**who breathes life into being.**  
Praise be to God the Redeemer,  
**who saves us.**  
Praise be to God the Sustainer,  
**who binds us together as one body.**  
Come, children of the Triune God,  
come worship our wild and wonderful Maker.

♪ **\*HYMN 264** "At the Name of Jesus" KING'S WESTON

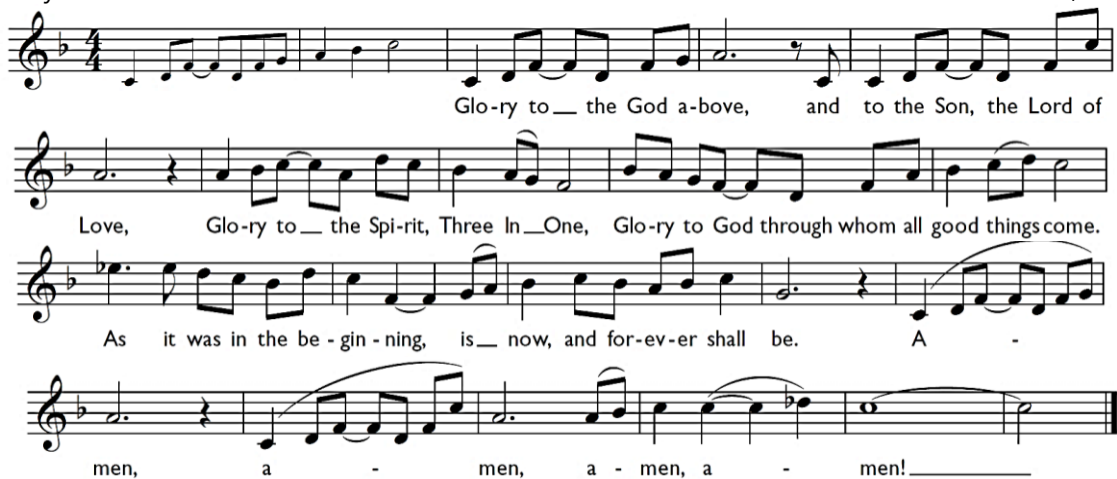
👂 **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

🕯 **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** from Ezekiel 37:1-14

**O God, you know more about us than we dare admit. You know the dry and dusty places of our lives that we ignore. You know the ways we seek to fill ourselves with possessions and property, the way we fail treat people as your beloved children. Fill us again with your Spirit. Empty the stale places inside us that keep us from living fully. Set us on fire that we may carry out your love and have courage to speak your goodness in the midst of the parched places of this world.**

👂 **\*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, 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, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.**



## SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:1-13 (page 954)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Owen Lucas Johnson, child of Steve Johnson and Lily Kornbluth

**HYMN 486** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

KINGDOM

*Following the baptism, children aged 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 remain in worship with their families.*



## ANTHEM "Ubi Caritas"

plainchant, arr. John Barnard

*Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one.  
Where charity and love are, God is there. Amen.*



## SERMON "Empty"



## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Philippians

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,  
being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Following the Affirmation of Faith, Youth (grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) may meet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*



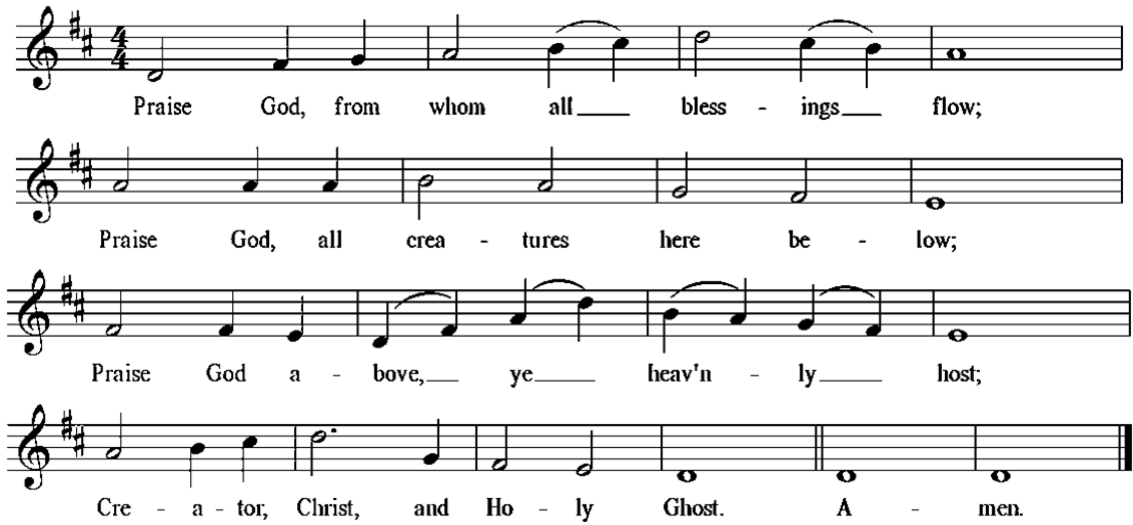
## OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Be Still"

Mary McDonald

*Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am with you.  
Be still and know that I will Comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need.  
Be still and know that I am here for you; I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.  
Come unto Me, my child, be still, and know that I will give you rest.  
I am present in your pain and I will always remain your Comforter and Friend.  
Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you.  
Be still and know that I am God. Be still.  
—Herb Frombach, based on Psalm 46:10*

 **\*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 363 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"**

DARWALL'S 148TH

 **\*BENEDICTION**

 **\*CHORAL BLESSING "Amen"**

Fernando Allen

 **POSTLUDE "Postlude on DARWALL (Rejoice, the Lord Is King!)" (1960)**

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*Leading Worship This Morning*

Jen Gee	<i>Liturgist</i>
Rev. Marcella Auld Glass	<i>Preaching</i>
Rev. Joann H. Lee	<i>Assisting</i>
Rev. Victor H. Floyd	<i>Assisting</i>
Michael Conley	<i>Conductor</i>
John Walko	<i>Organist/Pianist</i>
Natalie Ter Agapova	<i>Soloist</i>
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols	<i>Soloist</i>
Nancy Hall	<i>Soloist</i>
Joachim Luis	<i>Soloist</i>
Jefferson Packer	<i>Soloist</i>
Ben Pattison	<i>Soloist</i>
Michael Villarreal	<i>Soloist</i>
Calvary Chancel Choir	

*Next Week in Worship: May 24 at 10am*

**Rev. Victor H. Floyd: Found in Translation**

Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7 God listens to our prayers. Our words? Not so much. God knows what's in our hearts, despite the words we choose. What if we, like God, were to listen to what's underneath the noise? Perhaps then we could discover true common ground.

A memorial service for Henry Safrit  
will be held on May 30 at 3pm  
at Old First Presbyterian Church.



Capo 5: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (Am) (Dm) (Am)  
 Dm C Dm F Dm Gm Dm

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name  
 3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
 4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

(C) (G) (Am) (C) (Dm)  
 F C Dm F Gm

ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

(G) (Em) (Am) (G) (D) (G)  
 C Am Dm C G C

'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,  
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

(Am) (G) (Em) (Dm) (C) (G) (Am)  
 Dm C Am Gm F C Dm

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5-11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.

1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized  
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -  
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you  
 4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to

with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has  
 a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our  
 are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly  
 lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and

sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
 spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
 give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.  
 wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

This hymn addressed to a newly-baptized child begins each stanza with a facet of the child's identity, culminating in "child of God." By being directed to one person rather than the whole congregation, this text occupies a special category among the "songs of encouragement."

4 Re - joi - ce in glo - ri - ous hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
 4 Re - joi - ce in glo - ri - ous hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.  
 and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

# GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD

2026 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

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

**Questions about pledging?  
Contact a pastor or Robin Morjikian.**



The congregation has pledged over \$1,353,700 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!



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