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FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

June 28, 2026

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WELCOME

OUR VISION IS TO AMPLIFY A MESSAGE OF LOVE AND JUSTICE THROUGH A GROWING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FULLY ALIVE TO ITS CALLING – TRANSFORMING SAN FRANCISCO AND THE WORLD.

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: June 28–July 4

- Sunday:** Esther 4:1-17
Monday: Psalm 47; Genesis 22:15-18; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12
Tuesday: Psalm 47; 1 Kings 18:36-39; 1 John 4:1-6
Wednesday: Psalm 47; Isaiah 51:1-3; Matthew 11:20-24
Thursday: Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 25:19-27; Romans 7:1-6
Friday: Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:1-17; Romans 7:7-20
Saturday: Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:18-29; Luke 10:21-24

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.



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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

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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♪ **PRELUDE** "Pure Imagination/Somewhere Over the Rainbow" Anthony Newley, Leslie Bricusse, Harold Arlen
arr. Charles Szczepanek

♪ **INTROIT** "Child of God" Mark Miller

*No matter what people say or think about me,
I am a child of God.
No matter what people say or think about you,
You are a child of God,
No matter what the world says or thinks about me,
I am a child of God.
No matter what the Church says, decisions, pronouncements on you,
You are a child of God.
And there is nothing and no one who can separate,
they can't separate you from the truth that you're someone.
You are family. You are meant to be a child of God.
You are a child, a child of God.*

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We were born
for such a time as this.
We are not here by accident. God has created and called us
for such a time as this.
We gather to worship
even in times like this.
For God does not leave us alone, but has made us
for such a time as this.

♪ ***HYMN 14** "For the Beauty of the Earth" Dix

👂 ***CALL TO CONFESSION**

🕯 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have too often loved our comfort more than your justice. When evil schemes advance, we look away. When the vulnerable suffer, we remain silent. We forget that you are the ultimate deliverer, and we shrink back from the tasks you have set before us. Forgive us for our fear, our selfishness, and our lack of faith. By your grace, stir up our courage, give us a voice for such a time as this, and lead us into the way of your salvation. Amen.

👂 ***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

♪ ***GLORIA 582** "Glory to God" GLORY TO GOD

🕊 ***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 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 remain in worship with their families. Note: The Children's Meditation is on summer break June 7-September 13.*

🕯 **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O God, we often believe that we do not hear your voice. But you speak to us, through others, through scripture, and sometimes through a still, small voice from deep within. Open our hearts now to hear what you long to say to us through these ancient words of scripture. Amen.

📖 **SCRIPTURE** Esther 4:1-17 (page 388)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*In times like these the love of God sustains me.
In times like these my faith remains secure.
I place my fear, my faults, my pain and sorrow
in God's strong hands, where doubt cannot endure.
My life is more than trial and tribulation.
My life is more because God makes it so.
I hear God's voice in every song and silence.
I see their love in all that's good and true.
And though my heart may tremble for a moment,
there is no wrong God's power cannot subdue.
In times like these I lean upon God's promise
and seek the peace of their abiding love.
God's kingdom comes in every act of kindness.
Their kingdom comes in bread and wine and grace.
And though the world may set its course without them,
God will reward the one who seeks their face.
In times like these when heart and soul are tender.
We find our home in God's divine embrace.*
—Mary Kay Beal

👂 **SERMON** "For Such a Time as This"

🔊 ***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Common English Bible and Esther 4

There's a season for everything

and a time for every matter under the heavens:

a time for giving birth and a time for dying,

a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted,

a time for killing and a time for healing,

a time for tearing down and a time for building up,

a time for crying and a time for laughing,

a time for mourning and a time for dancing,

a time for throwing stones and a time for gathering stones,

a time for embracing and a time for avoiding embraces,

a time for searching and a time for losing,

a time for keeping and a time for throwing away,

a time for tearing and a time for repairing,

a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking,

a time for loving and a time for hating,

a time for war and a time for peace.

For such a time as this we have been born. God is with us, and we will not be afraid.

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** SF Pride Parade

👋 **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** "How Good!"

words & music by Michael Engelhardt

How good and pleasant it is when we dwell together in unity.

*All people, all around the world, all sisters and brothers,
we're born to be in one family.*

Unique, yet we're unified, one body, yet many.

Diversity; Oh, let it be our identity!

It's time we finally agree we need one another.

In bonds of peace we are free indeed.

nothing can separate us from the love of the Father.

True unity; Oh, let it be a reality!

*Praise life that makes us change and grow
 Praise love that makes compassion flow
 Praise peace that ends all strife and fear
 Praise hands that work for justice here. Amen.*
 —Kurt Struckmeyer (2013)

🕯 ***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** “We Need Each Other's Voice to Sing” (*Please see insert.*)

NASSAU STREET

♪ ***BENEDICTION**

♪ ***CHORAL BLESSING** “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

South African song

♪ **POSTLUDE** “Toccatà on Great Day”

Adolphus Hailstork (1941-)

Leading Worship This Morning

Jasmine Gee	Liturgist
Michael Villarreal	Minute for Ministry
Rev. Joann H. Lee	Preaching
Rev. Victor H. Floyd	Assisting
Michael Conley	Organist/Pianist
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols	Conductor
Natalie Ter Agapova	Soloist
Nancy Hall	Soloist
Joachim Luis	Soloist
Jefferson Packer	Soloist
Ben Pattison	Soloist
Michael Villarreal	Soloist
Calvary Summer Choir	

Next Week in Worship: July 5 at 10am

Rev. Victor H. Floyd
Queen Esther & the Anonymous Miracle Maker

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32

The morning after the 250th Independence Day, we turn to another would-be dynasty—with its own treasury scandal, arbitrary systems of discrimination, and corruption. As in Esther's time, we live somewhere between our founding promises and our founding betrayals. And yet, hidden miracles are everywhere. Every day.

Save the Date: Sunday, August 2 at 10am

Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Jane Spahr
 Presbyterian trailblazer for queer equality



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

We Need Each Other's Voice to Sing

NASSAU STREET

Thomas H. Troeger

Michael Conley



We need each o - ther's voice to sing the_ song our hearts would raise,
We need each o - ther's strength to lift the_ cross we're called to bear.
We need each o - ther's views to see the_ li - mits of the mind,



to_ set the whole world e - cho - ing with one great hymn of praise.
Each o - ther's pre - sence is a gift of_ God's in - car - nate care.
that God in fact turns out to be far_ more than we've de - fined,



We blend our voi - ces to com - plete the me - lo - dy_ that starts
When acts of love and ten - der speech con - vey the sa - viour's voice,
that God's one i - mage shines in all, in_ ev - 'ry clan and race,



with God, who sets and keeps the beat that stirs our lov - ing hearts:
our praise ex - ceeds what words can reach and we with song re - joice:
and ev - 'ry group re - ceives the call to_ sing with faith and grace:



We give our Al - le - lu - ias to the church-'s com - mon chord: Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, O praise, O praise_ the Lord.



**SF LGBTQIA+ PRIDE PARADE
TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP!**

Faith. Pride. Belonging. March today with Calvary at the SF Pride Festival and Parade—and spread the Good News of Calvary!

Following worship this morning, Calvary marchers will take Lyfts downtown toward the parade staging area where we will join with the United in Spirit contingent (contingent #143), a coalition of welcoming congregations from around the Bay Area. Our group will gather at 11:45am Main Street, between Howard and Folsom with United in Spirit. Calvary-wear is highly encouraged!





Notice: Elevator Out of Order

We apologize for the recent inconvenience regarding Calvary's elevator. At the moment, only stairs are available to reach the lower level, balcony, or the second and third floors. We expect more information on this situation by the middle of July. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

CALVARY WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND PROGRAM STAFF



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