



*Queen Esther Seeking Permission to Speak, mosaic by Lilian Broca*

# QUEEN ESTHER & THE ANONYMOUS MIRACLE MAKER

July 5, 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: July 5–July 11*

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

**Monday:** Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 27:30-46; Romans 1:18-25

**Tuesday:** Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 29:1-14; Romans 3:1-8

**Wednesday:** Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 29:31-35; John 13:1-17

**Thursday:** Psalm 119:105-112; Exodus 3:1-6; Romans 2:12-16

**Friday:** Psalm 119:105-112; Deuteronomy 32:1-10; Romans 15:14-21

**Saturday:** Psalm 119:105-112; Isaiah 2:1-4; John 12:44-50

**If you could use a new study Bible, we have some available. This is the updated version of the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) that we have in the pews. Inquire at the Front Desk.**

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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.

 **PRELUDE** "Sea Pieces, Op.55, No. 3: A.D. 1620" (1898) Edward MacDowell (1860-1908)  
"The yellow setting sun melts the lazy sea to gold and gilds the swaying galleon that towards a land of promise lunges hugely on."


 **INTROIT** "Chester" William Billings (1778)  
*Let tyrants shake their iron rod  
And slavery clank her galling chains.  
We fear them not; we trust in God!  
New England's God forever reigns.*  
*What grateful offering shall we bring?  
What shall we render to the Lord?  
Loud Halleluiahs let us sing,  
And praise God's name on every chord.*

 **WELCOME**

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**  
No part of who you are need be hidden in this place.  
**We come as we are, to the One who already knows us.**  
We come from a world that is loud with threat and bright with ceremony.  
**We come to a place where we can be quiet and honest.**  
Blessed be the God who has not forgotten us.  
**Blessed be the One who acts in the shadow of history.**

 **\*HYMN 331** "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" NATIONAL HYMN

 **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

 **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
**God of the hidden and the revealed, we confess that we have made an idol of safety. We have hidden who we are when the cost felt too high. We have waited for someone to act when the moment called for us. We have feasted while others hungered, and called it blessings. We watch while gallows are built and say nothing—assuring ourselves it does not have our names on it, not yet. Forgive us the silences we choose. Forgive us the thresholds we do not cross. Forgive us the abundance we do not share. And grant to us, like Esther, the nerve to speak truth to the right room, at the right moment, whatever the cost. Amen.**

 **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

 **\*GLORIA** "Glory to the God Above" GOLDEN GATE, Michael Conley




Glo-ry to the God above, and to the Son, the Lord of  
Love, Glo-ry to the Spirit, Three In One, Glo-ry to God through whom all good things come.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and for-ever 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.*

*Following the Peace, 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. Note: The Children's Meditation is on summer break June 7-September 13.*


 **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**  
**God of the Universe, you have hidden yourself in this story, and in our stories, and in this day, and in this world. Now open our perceiving, so that we find you here. Amen.**

 **SCRIPTURE** Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32 (page 390)  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

 **ANTHEM** "Verleih uns Frieden"

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)


*Grant us peace graciously, Lord God, in our time;  
there is indeed no other who could advocate for us  
than you, our God, alone.  
—Martin Luther (1529)*

 **SERMON** "Queen Esther & the Anonymous Miracle Maker"

 **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.*

 **MINUTE FOR MINISTRY** Pauli Murray Documentary Screening

 **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "This Is My Song" based on *Finlandia*

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;  
this is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

Jean Sibelius (1899) arr. Lloyd Larson

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:  
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*This is my prayer, O Ruler of creation:  
let Thy reign come; on earth Thy will be done.  
In peace, may all earth's people draw together,  
and, hearts united, learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all creation;  
myself I give Thee; let Thy will be done. Amen.  
—Lloyd Stone (1912-1993)*

 **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**THE WORDS OF INVITATION**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**SANCTUS 552** "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LAND OF REST

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*At Calvary, all are welcome at the Communion Table. Ushers will invite you to the Communion stations. Please exit your pew from the right, proceed to the station as instructed, receive Communion, and return to your pews. Those who are unable to come forward will be served in their pews by a pastor. Please indicate your desire to be served as the usher approaches. The Communion elements are all gluten-free and nut-free.*

**MEDITATION** "American Tune"

*Many's the time I've been mistaken  
And many times confused  
Yes, and I've often felt forsaken  
And certainly misused  
Oh, but I'm all right, I'm all right  
I'm just weary to my bones  
Still, you don't expect to be  
Bright and bon vivant  
So far away from home, so far away from home  
  
I don't know a soul who's not been battered  
I don't have a friend who feels at ease  
I don't know a dream that's not been shattered  
Or driven to its knees  
Oh, but it's all right, it's all right*

Paul Simon, based on the German tune "Passion Chorale"

*For lived so well so long  
Still, when I think of the road  
We're traveling on  
I wonder what went wrong  
I can't help it, I wonder what's gone wrong  
  
And I dreamed I was dying  
And I dreamed that my soul rose unexpectedly  
And looking back down at me  
Smiled reassuringly  
And I dreamed I was flying  
And high above my eyes could clearly see  
The Statue of Liberty  
Sailing away to sea  
And I dreamed I was flying*

Oh, we come on the ship they call the Mayflower  
 We come on the ship that sailed the moon  
 We come in the age's most uncertain hour  
 And sing an American tune  
 Oh, it's all right, it's all right

It's all right, it's all right  
 You can't be forever blessed  
 Still, tomorrow's going to be another working day  
 And I'm trying to get some rest  
 That's all I'm trying to get some rest

–Words and Music by Paul Simon (1973)

"Passion Chorale" Hans Leo Hassler, harm. J. S. Bach  
*Be near when I am grieving,  
 O show Thy way to me!  
 Despite my dim perceiving,  
 come, Lord, to set me free:  
 these eyes, new faith receiving,  
 from Thee shall never move;  
 for those who live believing  
 dwell safely in Thy love.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- ♪ **\*HYMN 838** "Standing on the Promises" (verses 1-3) PROMISES
- ♪ **\*BENEDICTION**
- ♪ **\*CHORAL BLESSING: HYMN 80** "You Shall Go Out with Joy" THE TREES OF THE FIELD
- ♪ **POSTLUDE** "The Battle of Trenton – Trumpets of Victory and General Rejoicing" (1797) James Hewitt (1770-1827)

**Cover Image:** Romanian Jewish artist Lilian Broca describes Esther at the start as "a passive, obedient Esther, a marionette doll whose strings are pulled by several men"—the message given to her being "be beautiful and keep quiet." Broca's Queen Ester Mosaic Series (2001-2009) traces her transformation to agency and power. [lilianbroca.com](http://lilianbroca.com)

*Leading Worship This Morning*

Amy Hockman	Liturgist
Dave Hurlburt	Minute for Ministry
Rev. Victor H. Floyd	Preaching
Rev. Beth E. Godfrey	Assisting
Michael Conley	Conductor
John Walko	Organist/Pianist
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols	Soloist
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 12 at 10am*

**Guest Preacher, The Rev. Dr. Joanne Whitt**  
**Sabbath Means Freedom**

"Observe the Sabbath day, and keep it holy," says Deuteronomy's version of the Ten Commandments. Does that sound like one more religious rule that's too hard, or at least, too inconvenient, to take seriously? Or might an intentional break from our hectic lives be a path to freedom?



**HELLO!**

*You'll find blank name tags located in the Narthex (Sanctuary entry) and inside Calvin Hall. Please use them during Coffee Hour, so we can all get to know one another better!*

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y  
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:  
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.  
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,  
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,  
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,  
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;  
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,  
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,  
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,  
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,  
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

# FILMORE JAZZ FESTIVAL

## ALL ARE WELCOME!

Calvary will continue to host the Fillmore Jazz Festival in our sanctuary again this afternoon. Join us 1–2:30pm for pianist James Washington’s soulful improvisations, and 3:30–5pm the Mood Swing Orchestra will perform classic big band music from the 1930s and 1940s. There is no cost to attend any festival performances.

# JOIN OUR SUMMER CHOIR!

**SUNDAYS • JUNE 21–AUGUST 30  
8:45AM THROUGH 10AM WORSHIP**

**FREE TO JOIN • WE WILL PROVIDE ALL THAT IS NEEDED**

Summer Choir is open to all and is a great opportunity for anyone to try their hand at singing in the choir for worship. Just come any Sunday at 8:45am and join us for an hour of rehearsal in the sanctuary prior to 10am worship. The Chancel Choir has been an essential part of the worship experience at Calvary for more than a century, and in order to ensure that legacy continues to thrive well into the next century, we need your voice! If you've ever thought about singing at Calvary, now is the time to get off the bench and join the team. And please help us to spread the word and invite people from the community to join us as well. We look forward to making music with you!

## BEGINNING YOGA SUMMER SERIES



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AUGUST 12, 19, 26**



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### *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.

CHURCH OFFICES  
CLOSED  
MONDAY, JULY 6

#### CALVARY WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND PROGRAM STAFF



- The Rev. Marcella Auld Glass**, Pastor & Head of Staff
- The Rev. Joann H. Lee**, Associate Pastor for Community Formation
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