

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

WHAT DOES SABBATH MEAN?

SABBATH MEANS FREEDOM

July 12, 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 12–July 18

Sunday: Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Matthew 11:28-30

Monday: Psalm 142; Micah 1:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Tuesday: Psalm 142; Jeremiah 49:7-11; Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Wednesday: Psalm 142; Obadiah 15-21; Matthew 13:10-17

Thursday: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Isaiah 44:1-5; Hebrews 2:1-9

Friday: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Ezekiel 39:21-29; Hebrews 6:13-20

Saturday: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Exodus 14:9-25; Matthew 7:15-20

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** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" Dale Wood (1934-2003)

♪ **INTROIT** "Softly and Tenderly" Will Thompson (1847-1909), arr. Matthew Culloton

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.*

*Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!*

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Today we sit still in the waiting between the heavy lifting,
in the quiet before the crescendo,
in the empty space, in the pregnant pause,
in the resting, where the real work carries on.

Today we allow our hearts to slow and steady,
our breath to rise and fall, our eyes to take in beauty,
our thoughts, to stay simple and small.

Today we are emptied to be filled and filled to be poured out again.

Today we receive so we can give, and we stop so we can once more begin.

♪ ***HYMN 49** "The God of Abraham Praise" LEONI

👂 ***CALL TO CONFESSION**

🕯 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord of the Sabbath, we enter this day mindful that you alone give true rest. You alone are our true rest. You look at all you have made. And you say it is good. And you rest. We, too, look at all the works of our hands. And we say that it is good. And it is enough. So, we rest. Guide us, this sacred day, to reflect on your compassion, to revel in your creation, to remember your redemption, to receive your restoration. Today we make room, in our hearts, for more love; in our homes, for more joy; in our hands, for more peace; in our hurry, for more patience. Amen.

👂 ***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

♪ ***GLORIA: HYMN 814** "In God Alone" (Choir alone, then all.) MON ÂME SE REPOSE

🙏 ***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**

Holy God, as we hear your Word, let us be open to being surprised. Silence our many agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this Word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with hope. Amen.

📖 **SCRIPTURE** Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (page 142); Matthew 11:28-30 (page 792)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

♪ **ANTHEM** "Rest in the Lord" Emma Louise Ashford (1850-1930)
*Rest in the Lord, wait patiently in peace,
and God will give thee thy heart's desire.
Rest in the Lord, O trust in God, who will give thee thy heart's desire.
And fret not thyself because of evildoers:
Rest in the Lord, wait patiently for God.
—Psalm 37:7*

👂 **SERMON** "Sabbath Means Freedom"

🕯 **SABBATH STILLNESS**
Following the Sabbath Stillness, 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** "Dear Lord, and Maker of Humankind" Charles H. H. Parry (1888)
*Dear Lord and maker of humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.
Breathe through the heat of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!*
*Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.
O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!*

♪ ***DOXOLOGY: HYMN 717** "For the Life That You Have Given" PLEADING SAVIOR

🕯 ***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 393** "O Day of Rest and Gladness" ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

♪ ***BENEDICTION**

♪ ***CHORAL BLESSING** "Peace I Leave With You" Michael Conley
*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
Peace I leave with you. Amen.
—John 14:27*

♪ **POSTLUDE** "Sortie douce" (quiet postlude) (1912) Henri Mulet (1879-1967)

Acknowledgement:

This morning's liturgy is adapted from "A Sabbath Liturgy" by Sarah Bourns.

Leading Worship This Morning

Gib Sims	<i>Liturgist</i>
Rev. Dr. Joanne Whitt	<i>Preaching</i>
Rev. Joann H. Lee	<i>Assisting</i>
Rev. Victor H. Floyd	<i>Assisting</i>
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Nancy Hall	<i>Soloist</i>
Joachim Luis	<i>Soloist</i>
Jefferson Packer	<i>Soloist</i>
Ben Pattison	<i>Soloist</i>
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Calvary Summer Choir	

Welcoming The Rev. Dr. Joanne Whitt

The Rev. Dr. Joanne Whitt is Dean of San Francisco Theological Seminary, the Presbyterian Church (USA) seminary in San Anselmo, California, where she teaches preaching. She served as the pastor/head of staff of First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo for nearly 15 years, and prior to that, she served as an associate pastor here at Calvary. Before attending seminary, she was a trial lawyer for 15 years. Joanne lives in Richmond, California, is married and has three adult children.

Next Week in Worship: July 19 at 10am

Rev. Joann H. Lee: Sabbath Means Abiding in Love

Genesis 2:1-3; John 15:9-15

God does not create for the sake of creating. Rather, God creates in order to enjoy, relate, connect, and abide in love with all that is created. Sabbath allows us to enjoy and rest in that love.



In Memoriam

Stella Bielat
(1929-2026)

Marisa R. Volbach
1930-2026





1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,
2 Your spir-it still flows free, high surg-ing where it will.
3 Your good-ly land we seek, with peace and plen-ty blest,
4 You have e-ter-nal life im-plant-ed in the soul;

the An-cient of E-ter-nal Days, the God of love!
In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
a land of sa-cred lib-er-ty and Sab-bath rest.
your love shall be our strength and stay, while a-ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
Es-tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
There milk and hon-ey flow, and oil and wine a-bound,
We praise you, liv-ing God! We praise your ho-ly name:

we bow be-fore your ho-ly name, for-ev-er blest.
deep writ up-on the hu-man heart by your strong hand.
and trees of life for-ev-er grow with mer-cy crowned.
the first, the last, be-yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de

God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my
lui vient mon sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon

soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.
â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix.

This prayer response based on Psalm 62:1, 5 comes from the ecumenical community in Taizé, France (see also no. 843). It is intended for repeated singing in either language (or both). It can also be used effectively as a recurring congregational response in a series of prayers.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1991

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1991

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MON ÂME SE REPOSE

Irregular

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in

Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these

gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;

heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to

love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

The text was commissioned in 1987 by Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, where it has continued to be used each Sunday as the offertory response. The triune activity of God as Creator (line 1), Savior (line 2), and Sustainer (line 7) enables and inspires our thanks and praise.



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;
3 On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
Christ's liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.



on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
on you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven.
New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.
And thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.
we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

In this text the first day of the week represents a threefold commemoration of Creation, Resurrection, and Pentecost—each an encounter with Trinitarian activity centered on one of the Three Persons. The tune name recalls the secular German song adapted for use with several hymns.



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.

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