

REVELATION AS RESISTANCE

July 27, 2025

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# WELCOME!

Our mission is to nurture and inspire our faith community to transform lives for Christ.

#### COMMUNITY GROWS HERE

Thank you for joining us in worship. Your presence matters here. Author Rachel Held Evans wrote, "Christianity isn't meant to simply be believed; it's meant to be lived, shared, eaten, spoken, and enacted in the presence of other people... Try as I may, I can't be a Christian on my own. I need a community. I need the church. Imagine if every church became a place where everyone is safe, but no one is comfortable. Imagine if every church became a place where we told one another the truth. We might just create sanctuary."

We need you. As we work to create transformational community on the corner of Fillmore and Jackson, your community needs your presence and your voice. It's been five years since our world was upended by Covid.

And while much has changed since then, our need for each other and our need for community has not. 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.

**For early and non-readers,** icons are included in the left margin throughout the bulletin.













PRAY SCRIPTURE COMMUNION BAPTISM

Assisted listening devices are available at the Front Desk, and large print hymnals are located in the Narthex (Sanctuary entry).



Daily Lectionary: July 27-August 3

Monday: Proverbs 1:8-19 Tuesday: Proverbs 1:20-22 Wednesday: Proverbs 2:1-8 Thursday: Proverbs 2:9-15 Friday: Proverbs 2:16-22 Saturday: Proverbs 3:9-18 Sunday: Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8

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. Available for \$25

after worship.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

Rev. Marcella Auld Glass Rev. Joann H. Lee

Michael Conley

Calvary Deacons: Prayer, Essential Errands, Spiritual Support Helen Huckleberry, Deacon Co-Moderator Terry Milby, Deacon Co-Moderator Rev. Victor Floyd, Minister of Spiritual Care

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Prelude "March Founded on the Chorale EIN FESTE BURG" (1906)

Percy Fletcher (1879-1932)

Introit "The Lord Is My Light"

Lillian Bouknight, arr. P. Gainer

The Lord is my light, and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, whom shall I fear?

#### WELCOME

#### (a) CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, and walk in the light of God!

The gates are always open, and God's home is here among us.

Come to the river of life,

Celebrate, heal, see the promise of what can be, what will be.

\*Hymn 275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

**EIN FESTE BURG** 

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are making all things new, O God.

From the beginning to the end, you are re-creating for the flourishing of all life.

We confess our complacency: we thought some of the work was done,

we stopped paying attention to the battles already won.

We confess we thought we had succeeded without rocking the boat too much,

and rejoiced in our own strength and ingenuity.

We confess that we see how wrong we were but we don't know if we have it in us to try again.

Forgive us, Loving God.

Forgive us for thinking we had it under control, no need for you.

Forgive us for apathy and inconsistency and inattention.

Forgive us for trying to both benefit from and change the system at the same time.

Shine your light and let your living waters flow.

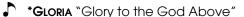
Revive our flagging spirits that we may persevere on the way to your new creation.

We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, these words are trustworthy and true: whatever else has happened, God is Alpha and Omega, constant and present. God's love is pouring out and nourishing all, calling us children of God, forgiven and loved and free. Even now...even you.

Thanks be to God. Amen.



GOLDEN GATE, Michael Conley





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 ages 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 sit with their families during worship.

**ANTHEM** "The New Jerusalem"

Then I saw a new heaven and earth; I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, prepared as a bride coming down from God.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, when shall I come to thee? When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see? Jerusalem, thou silver stream, in you life's currents flow; Upon your banks on every side, the flower of life shall grow.

And the Holy City had no need of the sun or moon for its light was of God's glory; the light is glory from God, the light is the Lamb.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, God, grant that I may see thine endless joy and of that love partaker ever be. —Revelation 21:1,2,23 & an anonymous 16th cent. hymn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: HYMN 288 "Spirit of the Living God"

LIVING GOD



**SCRIPTURE** Revelation 21:1-7, 22-27 (page 1007-1008)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The City with Open Gates: God's Future Without Fear"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Affirming the Trinitarian", Wild Goose Resource Group, 2015

We believe in God: who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath; who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name; who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion.

We believe in Jesus Christ. flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone; He came in the body to give worth to every human life. He touched the untouchable. loved the unlovable, forgave the unforgivable and endured slander, persecution and death in order that through suffering love God's kingdom might come on earth. He rose from the grave as living proof that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory. He ascended to heaven that he might be present at all times to all people.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who leads us into truth and freedom, who gives good gifts to all God's children, who inspires research, enables prayer, and wills that human economics and politics should prioritize justice. care of the earth and the healing of the nations.

We celebrate the potential of the Church, the life in our bodies. the yearning in our souls, the promise of good things in store for those who love the Lord.

#### 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 can also place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "A New City of Joy"

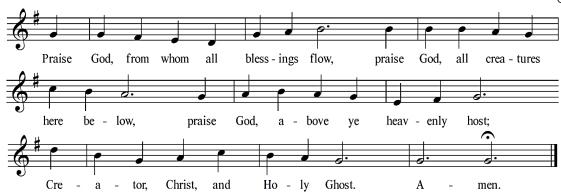
Joseph Martin & Brad Nix

I'm a building up a city, a new city of joy. No more crying, no more tears, gone is every doubt and fear. I'm a building up a new city of joy.

I'm a building up a city, a new city of hope. Mansions built of golden praise, founded on amazing grace. I'm a building up a new city of hope.

Lift your eyes, behold the sight; find a city bathed in light. Raised in peace for all to see, shining for eternity.

I'm a building up a city, a new city of love. See the gates are open wide, all are welcome, come inside. I'm a building up a new city of love.



#### \*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 351 "All Who Love and Serve Your City"

**CHARLESTOWN** 

- \*BENEDICTION
- \*Choral Blessing "Alleluia"

Jacques Berthier

Postlude "Jerusalem, My Happy Home - based on the tune LAND OF REST" (1977)

George Shearing (1919-2011)

## Leading Worship This Morning

Audrey Sheffield Liturgist Rev. Victor H. Floyd Preaching Michael Conley Conductor Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols Soloist John Walko Organist/Pianist Natalie Ter Agapova Soloist Nancy Hall Soloist Joachim Luis Soloist Ben Pattison Soloist Michael Villarreal Soloist Soloist Jefferson Packer Calvary Summer Choir

#### Children's Meditation

The Children's Mediation is taking a break during the summer and will resume Sunday, September 7.

Rev. Joann Lee & Jeff Smith are away, returning August 3; Rev. Marci Glass & Alison Faison are away, returning August 4.

## Summer Sermon Series:

## Peace and Perseverance in Poetry

This four-week summer series highlights three biblical books— Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. These texts are not narratives; they are poetry, and like all poetry, they communicate in language aimed as much at the heart as at the head. As we ponder these ancient texts, may we find the peace and the perseverance to live a life of faith and love.

#### Next Week in Worship: August 3 at 10am

Rev. Joann H. Lee: *Trusting in Wisdom Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8* God's word continues to guide and instruct us still today. The Proverbs talk about wisdom and its importance. How can we be wise and faithful people of God?

The flowers this morning are given by Paul & Linda Vermeulen in memory of their mother, Esther Warner Vermeulen.

<sup>\*</sup>Please rise in body or spirit.



Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.



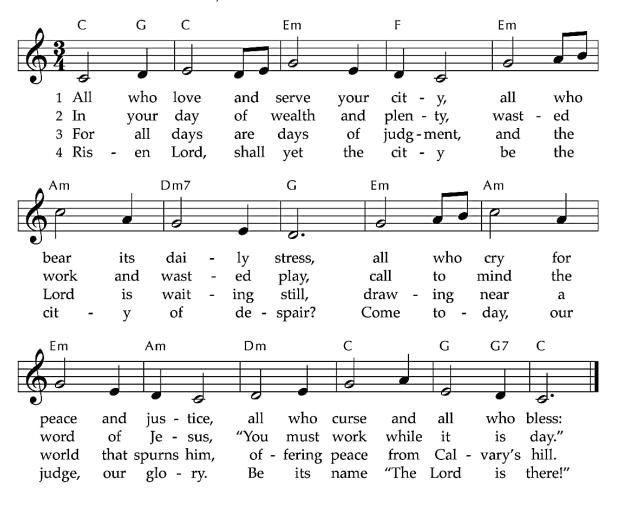
#### KOREAN

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#### **SPANISH**

Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí. Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí. Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame. Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1–6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Ezekiel 48:35).

TEXT: Erik Routley, 1966
MUSIC: The United States Sacred Harmony, 1799; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964
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CHARLESTOWN

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After 20 years at Calvary in full-time staff roles, including working on Sundays, **David Barnes** will be transitioning his Facilities role to a part-time, weekday schedule (excluding Sundays) beginning August 1.

David started as a Director of Family Ministries, became the Youth Director, and then moved to the Facilities Team over 4 years ago. David noted, "I've been blessed in my

relationship with a church that I truly consider home, but there is also the feeling that I should be doing more of God's work in my day-to-day life, so I will be taking some time for reflection, discernment, and figuring out what I want to do when I grow up." For David, this is the continuation of a journey that began at Calvary and one that has many more miles to go.

Calvary is grateful for David and looks forward to supporting him during this transition into the next phase of his life.

#### **VALKYRIES GAME: CALVARY AT BALLHALLA!**

Let's support the Valkyries as they play the Washington Mystics! Join us for a fun fellowship event cheering on our new WNBA team. **Ticket sales and signups will take place in Calvin Hall during Coffee Hour on Sundays, August 3 and August 10.** 20 tickets are available (\$40/each) and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Some scholarships are available for those whom tickets costs are a hardship. **Please contact Rev. Joann Lee.** 

CALVARY WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND PROGRAM STAFF

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The Rev. Joann H. Lee, Associate Pastor for Community Formation
The Rev. Victor H. Floyd, Minister of Spiritual Care
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