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To Be Transfigured

August 2, 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: August 2–August 8

Sunday: Job: 38; Mark 9:2-8; Matthew 18:20

Monday: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 31:22-42; Romans 1:8-15

Tuesday: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 32:3-21; Acts 2:37-47

Wednesday: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 43:1-7; Matthew 15:32-39

Thursday: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 35:22b-29; Acts 17:10-15

Friday: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 36:1-8; Acts 18:24-28

Saturday: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 37:5-11; Matthew 16:1-4

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** "Le Banquet céleste (The Celestial Banquet)" (1928)

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

🎵 **INTROIT** "How Good, Lord, To Be Here"

Charles Lockhart (1792)

*How good, Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.*

*Fulfiller of the past!
Promise of things to be!
We hail your body glorified,
And our redemption see.*

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Where were you when the foundations of the earth were laid?

We weren't there. We are here now.

Have you ever robed the dawn in red, or walked the springs where the sea begins?

We come here on ordinary streets, on ordinary mornings, because something within us yearns for more.

Come, then – not because you understand every star and every story,
but because you are welcome and valued exactly where you stand.

Let us worship the One who laid the earth's foundations, and who is, even now, right here among us.

🎵 ***HYMN 401** "Here In This Place"

GATHER US IN

👂 ***CALL TO CONFESSION**

🕯 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we confess that we would rather stay on the mountaintop than hike back down. We want the dazzling, and not the daily—the vision, and not the long labor of living faithfully in between. We have asked to build containers for our certainties, when you simply ask us to listen. We have gone looking for you only in blinding light, and missed you in the plain: the bread, the cup, the two or three gathered in your name. We confess the knowledge we claim but do not possess, and the presence we doubt though it has never left us. Forgive our small and constant absences—attention withheld, invitations declined, love not offered. Quiet us long enough to hear you. Amen.

👂 ***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.

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**

Quiet the voices that clamor for our attention, that we might hear the one voice that matters:

This is my Beloved. Listen to my Beloved. Speak now, Holy Spirit. Your listeners are here. Amen.



SCRIPTURE Job: 38 (selected verses); Mark 9:2-8 (page 820); Matthew 18:20 (page 800)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



ANTHEM "Where Two or Three Are Gathered"

Kinley Lange

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there will I be also.

*Where two or three are gathered in my name,
to hear the word and sing the sweet refrain,
there will I be also, and I will dwell with you always.*

*Where two or three are gathered in my name,
the poor, the meek, and those of wealth and fame,
there will I be also.*

*With Christ the head the body will sustain,
though you depart the spirit will remain.*

*And I will feast with you, stay with you, sing with you and pray with you,
laughing and crying, living and dying: and I will dwell with you always.*

*With ear and eye and tongue the promise claim:
where two or three are gathered in my name
there will I be also, and I will dwell with you always.*



SERMON "To Be Transfigured"



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 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

Christopher Gale

*Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my soul appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, while my faith illuming.*

*And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling. Amen.
—Bianco da Siena, c. 1376*



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 562 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

DEUTSCHE MESSE

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 "Meditation" (1963)

William Grant Still (1895-1978)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Following the Sermon, Youth (grades 6th-12th) may meet in the 2nd floor lounge area, called The S.P.O.T. (Spiritual, Passionate, Open-minded, Transformative).

♪ ***HYMN** "Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen" (Please see insert.)

♪ ***BENEDICTION**

♪ ***CHORAL BLESSING** "Alleluia"

Jacques Berthier

♪ **POSTLUDE** "Toccata In A Minor, SwWV 298"

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Cover Artist Statement: At the center of the creation narrative is a fire poppy, which symbolizes new life, for it grows and thrives in the ash following the destruction of wildfire. A butterfly is poised on the flower, also representing new life, for it transforms from a caterpillar into an intricately-designed, delicately-winged creature. The poppy grows from the wound of the golden figure who is meant to personify the transformative love of Christ. The figures, one experiencing new life, and the other sharing the love of Christ, embrace and dance, offering a new picture of what the ministry of reconciliation might look like. • www.lewpstudio.com

Leading Worship This Morning

Andrea Polites	Liturgist
Rev. Dr. Janie Spahr	Preaching
Rev. Joann H. Lee	Assisting
Rev. Victor H. Floyd	Assisting
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols	Conductor
John Walko	Organist/Pianist
Natalie Ter Agapova	Soloist
Nancy Hall	Soloist
Joachim Luis	Soloist
Jefferson Packer	Soloist
Ben Pattison	Soloist
Michael Villarreal	Soloist
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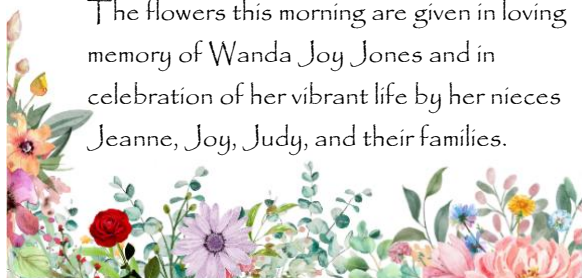
Welcoming The Rev. Dr. Janie Spahr

The Rev. Dr. Jane (Janie) Spahr was ordained in 1974 in Pittsburgh, and has served churches in Pittsburgh, San Rafael, and San Francisco's Castro neighborhood—including as Minister of Pastoral Care at Metropolitan Community Church during the onset of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. In 1982, she helped found an LGBTQ center in Marin County; in 1993, working out of Rochester, New York, she launched *That All May Freely Serve*, traveling the country on behalf of LGBTQ inclusion in the church—work that brought her to trial within the PCUSA three times, and cost her a call to co-pastor a Rochester congregation, simply for being an out lesbian. In 2024, she opened a second Marin LGBTQ center. Janie is twin to Joan Fenton, mother to Jim and Chet, grandmother to Riley and Elliott, and has been partnered with attorney and human rights advocate, June Lorenzo for thirty years.

Join us in the Lounge following worship this morning as Dr. Spahr engages us in a lively Q&A moderated by Rev. Victor Floyd.



The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Wanda Joy Jones and in celebration of her vibrant life by her nieces Jeanne, Joy, Judy, and their families.



Next Week in Worship: August 9 at 10am

Guest Preacher, The Rev. Dr. Joanne Whitt
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

The hymns we sing in church have a theological and often biblical basis. "Holy, Holy, Holy," one of the most familiar hymns to Presbyterians, takes language from Revelation. Revelation can be a confusing, difficult book, but the writer was responding to the crisis faced by first century Christians: Do we worship God, or the emperor? In 2026, we still have to choose.



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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.

***HYMN** "Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen"

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Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this meal of
 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter Christ, though
 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has called us
 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age be our

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love and grace; may we through such love en - vi - sion
 wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 to re - ceive; pre - sent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion

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whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le - lu - ia,
 to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le - lu - ia,
 Spi - ri - ted then let us live. Al - le - lu - ia,
 from this day and un - to death. Al - le - lu - ia,

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al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
 al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pre - sent, past, and goal.
 al - le - lu - ia: Spi - rit, grace by whom we live.
 al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

CALVARY WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND PROGRAM STAFF



The Rev. Marcella Auld Glass, Pastor & Head of Staff
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The Rev. Victor H. Floyd, Minister of Spiritual Care
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