



Peace and
Perseverance in
Poetry

Trusting in Wisdom

August 3, 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.



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



DAILY LECTIONARY: AUGUST 3–AUGUST 10

Sunday: Proverbs 3:9-35
Monday: Proverbs 4:1-9
Tuesday: Proverbs 4:10-27
Wednesday: Proverbs 6:12-19
Thursday: Proverbs 6:20-23
Friday: Proverbs 7:1-4
Saturday: Proverbs 8 1-11; 22-36

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 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.

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** "Prelude, Op. 25" (1958)

Gerald Finzi (1901–1956), arr. Alan Ridout

🎵 **INTROIT** "Lord, Speak to Me"

Michael Conley

*Lord, speak to me that I may speak
In living echoes of your tone;
As you have sought, so let me seek
Your erring children, lost and lone.*

*Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things that you impart,
And wing my words, that I may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.*

*Oh, fill me with your fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Your love to tell, your praise to show.
—Frances Ridley Havergal (1872)*

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wisdom cries out in the streets.

We hear and gather together to understand.

Come and listen to the words of life and love.

We hear and proclaim our faith in the one who brings life.

Worship the one who guides and instructs us.

We come to worship God!

🎵 ***HYMN 280** "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

EBENEZER

👂 ***CALL TO CONFESSION**

🕯 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, we long for wisdom but prefer that it be our own. We turn away from your ways and your words, trusting instead in our own power and knowledge. Forgive us. Bring an end to the self-righteousness that ignores you, and awaken us anew to the wisdom that comes only from you. Show us how to walk in your ways and listen for the call of Wisdom each and every day. 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 ages infant to 5th 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 "Speak, O Lord"**

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory*

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend/arr. Fred & Ruth Coleman

*Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief*

*Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that these ancient words of poetry may guide us and lead us to walk in your ways. We pray through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Proverbs 1:1–7; 3:1–8 (page 509–510)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** "Trusting in Wisdom"**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

**We trust in God whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female,
of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

**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** "Cantique de Jean Racine"

Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

*O Word, equal of the Most High,
Our sole hope, eternal day of earth and the heavens,
We break the silence of the peaceful night.
Divine Saviour, cast Thine eyes upon us!*

*Shed the light of Thy mighty grace upon us.
Let all Hell flee at the sound of Thy voice.
Dispel the slumber of a languishing soul
That leads it to the forgetting of Thy laws!*

*O Christ, be favorable unto this faithful people
Now gathered to bless Thee.
Receive the hymns it offers unto Thine immortal glory
And may it return laden with Thy gifts.*



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 come forward for Communion. Please exit your pew from the right, proceed to the Communion station at the front of the sanctuary, 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 "Shine" and "Chronicles"

Ola Gjello (1978-)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

♪ ***HYMN 459** "O Word of God Incarnate"

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♪ ***BENEDICTION**

♪ ***CHORAL BLESSING** "The Peace of the Earth"

Guatemalan trad., arr. John Bell

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens, too.

The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans, too:

Deep peace, falling over you; God's peace, growing in you.

♪ **POSTLUDE** "Organ Concerto in G major, BWV 592 - I. Allegro"

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

(transcription of Violin Concerto by Prince Johann Ernst, 1696-1715)

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Leading Worship This Morning

Anita Fitzgerald
Rev. Joann H. Lee
Rev. Victor H. Floyd
Michael Conley
John Walko
Nancy Hall
Natalie Ter Agapova
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols
Joachim Luis
Ben Pattison
Michael Villarreal
Jefferson Packer
Calvary Summer Choir

Liturgist
Preaching
Assisting
Conductor
Organist/Pianist
Soloist
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Children's Meditation

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

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 10 at 10am

Rev. Marcella Auld Glass: *Wisdom, the Master builder*
Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36 Our scripture passage from the Book of Proverbs talks about the place of Wisdom in God's creation, and in God's creating. Wisdom is often a gift we receive later in life, and can feel somber to us, because of how long it took us to learn her lessons. But Wisdom is a joyful character in scripture, delighting in the world around her.



1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
 all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
 mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

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.

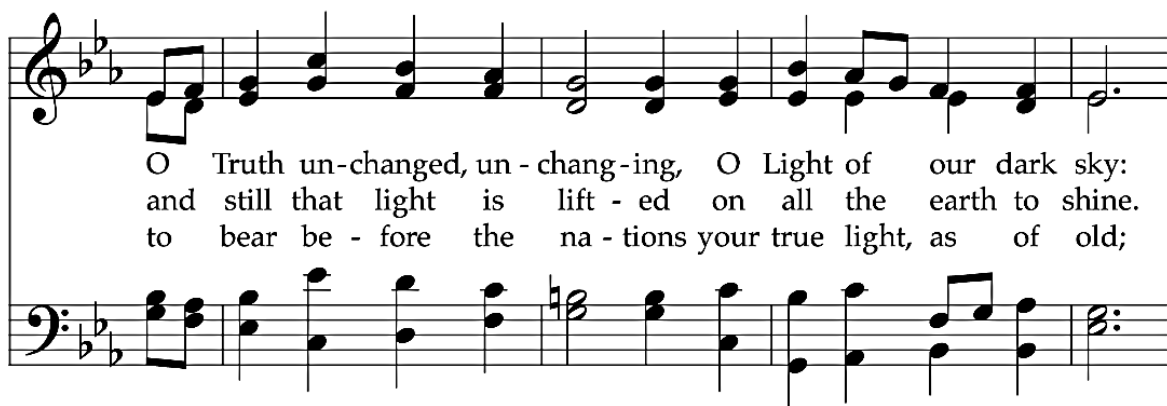
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

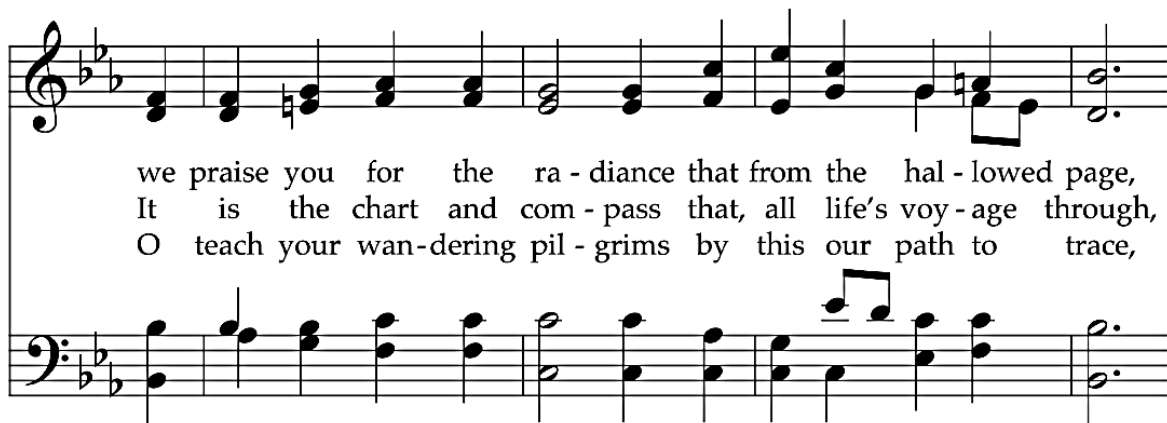
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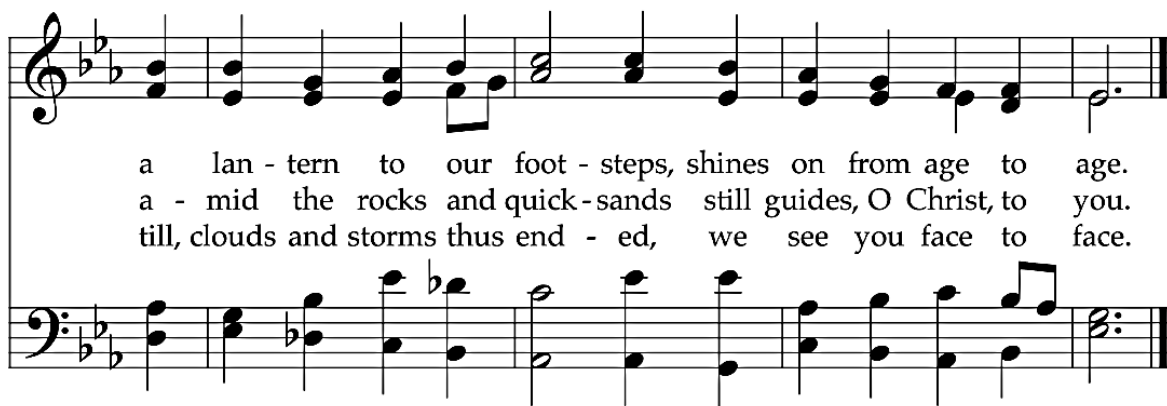
1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
 3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

The opening four lines of this hymn celebrate attributes of Christ that are revealed through holy Scripture, which serves as a lantern, a chart, and a compass for the church in seeking to know Christ better. The setting of the tune comes from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

SPOKEN AND REMEMBERED

of neighbors who have died on the streets that year.

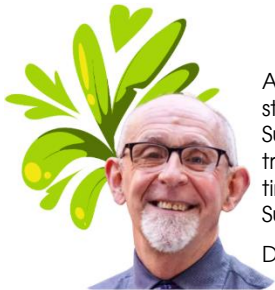
This exhibition is the collection of memorial banners from the 2024 Annual Vigil, featuring nearly 300 names that call us to collectively grieve and refuse to allow them to remain unspoken in death.

The Annual Vigil has become more visible in recent years. The number of neighbors lost ranges from around 180 to nearly 400, and our remembrance now includes a singing processional to the steps of City Hall before moving across to the plaza, a site where civic governance intersects with our City's most visible social problems.

This gathering remains an intentional interfaith ceremony of mourning and memory that gives voice and name to the conditions and vulnerabilities of homelessness in San Francisco.

In 2020, Skywatchers, a cross-cultural, intergenerational, mixed-ability community arts collaboration, joined this event as part of their arts-based advocacy for housing and health justice in the Tenderloin. Each year, they sew fabric banners for every loved one lost with help from local community organizations like St. John's, Faithful Fools, and San Francisco Night Ministry.

By embodying art-making as a form of civic participation, Skywatchers hopes to inspire discovery, engage discourse, and manifest change in our San Francisco neighborhoods.



After 20 years at Calvary in full-time staff roles, including working on Sundays, **David Barnes** has transitioned his Facilities role to a part-time, weekday schedule (excluding Sundays).

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.



CALVARY SUNSET CRUISE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AT 6PM REGISTER ONLINE OR IN PERSON ON AUGUST 10 & 17

Sail under the Golden Gate Bridge & experience the Bay from a unique perspective! *Pre-Boarding Options:* Have dinner near the ferry at one of several restaurants offering onsite dining or take out; if you want, bring your own picnic (and wine) aboard. Both inside and outside tables are provided. Warm clothing suggested for outdoor seating. *Meet at dock in Tiburon by 6pm for group boarding; the cruise departs at 6:30pm and returns at 8pm.* Cost: adults (13+) \$20, children (6-12) \$15, small children (3-5) \$5, children under 3 are free. **Sign up and pay (cash or check) in Calvin Hall on Sundays, August 10 and August 17 during Coffee Hour. Or pay online by credit card at calpres.org/events.** Sign-ups close August 18. Please note there are no refunds for the sunset cruise reservations after August 18. Some partial scholarships are available for those who need it; **contact Rev. Joann Lee.**

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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