

Holy, Holy, Holy!



The Curtain of the Revelation (1373–1383), n. 5: the elders prostrate before Christ in majesty.
Tapestry by Nicolas Bataille (1330–1405)

Lord God Almighty!

August 9, 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 9–AUGUST 15

Sunday: Revelation 4:1-11

Monday: Psalm 28; Genesis 37:29-36; 2 Peter 2:4-10

Tuesday: Psalm 28; Genesis 39:1-23; Romans 9:14-29

Wednesday: Psalm 28; Genesis 40:1-23; Matthew 8:23-27

Thursday: Psalm 133; Genesis 41:14-36; Revelation 15:1-4

Friday: Psalm 133; Genesis 41:37-57; Acts 14:19-28

Saturday: Psalm 133; Genesis 42:1-28; Matthew 14:34-36

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

Terry Milby, Deacon Co-Moderator

Jared Waterman, Deacon Co-Moderator

Rev. Victor Floyd, Minister of Spiritual Care



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** "Prelude on NICAIA" (1960)
"Promenade on NICAIA" (2015)

Healey Willan (1880-1968)
June Nixon (b. 1942)

 **INTROIT** "Weary of All Trumpeting"

Michael Conley

*Weary of all trumpeting
Weary of all killing,
Weary of all songs that sing
Promise, nonfulfilling.
We would raise, O Christ, one song:
We would join in singing
That great music pure and strong,
Wherewith Heaven is ringing.*

*Captain Christ, O lowly Lord,
Servant King, Your dying
Bade us sheathe the foolish sword,
Bade us cease denying.
Trumpet with your Spirit's breath
Through each height and hollow:
Into Your self-giving death,
Call us all to follow.*

—Martin Franzmann, 1972

 **WELCOME**

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Grace and peace to you from the One who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Alpha and Omega—the beginning and the end.

Holy, holy holy! This is our God—the One who loves us, who gathers us together in this place, and bids us seek God's face.

Let us worship God together!

 ***HYMN 1** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICAIA

 ***CALL TO CONFESSION**

 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Architect and builder of the new world toward which you beckon us, look in judgment on the kingdoms of the world, where greed forces many to live in squalor and filth; where indifference condemns many to live alone and unwanted; where detachment tempts many to use others callously, thoughtlessly and heartlessly; where hate drives many to crowd together for protection because their skin, their race or their belief is unpopular or unwanted. Look in mercy on those who suffer at the hands of their fellows and teach us all that in Christ we can find the power to live generously, compassionately and lovingly, that kingdoms of the world may become true reflections of the city of God; for Jesus' sake. 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.

 **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Following the baptism, 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.

 **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

As we listen to the visions of the ancient church, may we dream of a world made new, a world where together we shout for justice and fight against oppression. May we dream of a world made new where together we seek God's righteousness and sing God's praise. May we dream of a world made new where together we proclaim the good news of God's vision for God's world and enjoy its peace, abundance, and love. Amen.



SCRIPTURE Revelation 4:1-11 (page 997)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



ANTHEM "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Peter I. Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.*



SERMON "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (USA) (1983)

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Following the Affirmation of Faith, 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 "O God Beyond All Praising"

Gustav Holst (1918) arr. Dan Forrest

*O God beyond all praising,
We worship you today
And sing the love amazing
That songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder
At ev'ry gift you send,
At blessings without number
And mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you
And wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior,
Accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor
May serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows
Be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows
And rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty
And glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty
Our sacrifice of praise.*

—Michael A. Perry (1982)

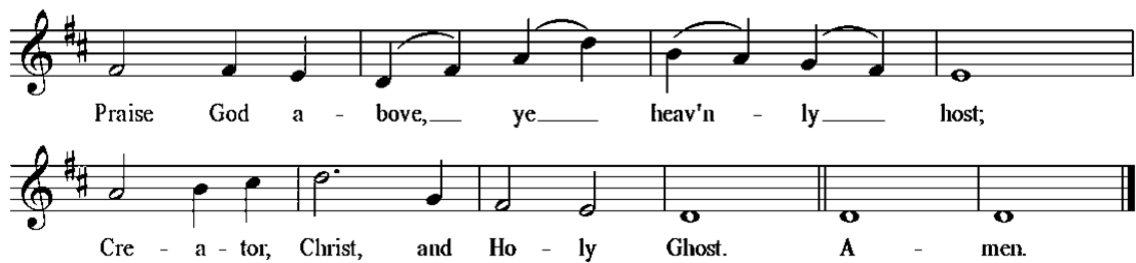


***DOXOLOGY**

DUKE STREET

Praise God, from whom all _____ bless - ings _____ flow;

Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low;



*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 720 "Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE



*BENEDICTION



*CHORAL BLESSING "Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil"

John Bell

*Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours; victory is ours,
through God who loves us.
—Desmond Tutu, 1994*



POSTLUDE "Aginccourt Hymn" (1415)

arr. E. Power Biggs

LEADING WORSHIP THIS MORNING

JJ Andre	<i>Liturgist</i>
Rev. Dr. Joanne Whitt	<i>Preaching</i>
Rev. Joann H. Lee	<i>Assisting</i>
Rev. Victor H. Floyd	<i>Assisting</i>
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols	<i>Conductor</i>
John Walko	<i>Organist/Pianist</i>
Natalie Ter Agapova	<i>Soloist</i>
Nancy Hall	<i>Soloist</i>
Joachim Luis	<i>Soloist</i>
Jefferson Packer	<i>Soloist</i>
Ben Pattison	<i>Soloist</i>
Michael Villarreal	<i>Soloist</i>
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: AUGUST 16 AT 10AM Guest Preacher, The Rev. Dr. Joanne Whitt: *Amazing Grace*

Luke 15:1-10 Kathleen Norris writes, "There is a powerful moment in any religious conversion...in which a person realizes that...it is nothing you have done, but it is all of one event, God's being there, and being of help." The author of the hymn, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" concludes that God's grace calls for "songs of loudest praise." How do you respond to God's grace?

Pastor Marci is away from Calvary on her sabbatical, returning September 1; **Michael Conley** is on vacation, returning August 16.

In Memoriam

Marcia D. Gruskin
(1931-2026)



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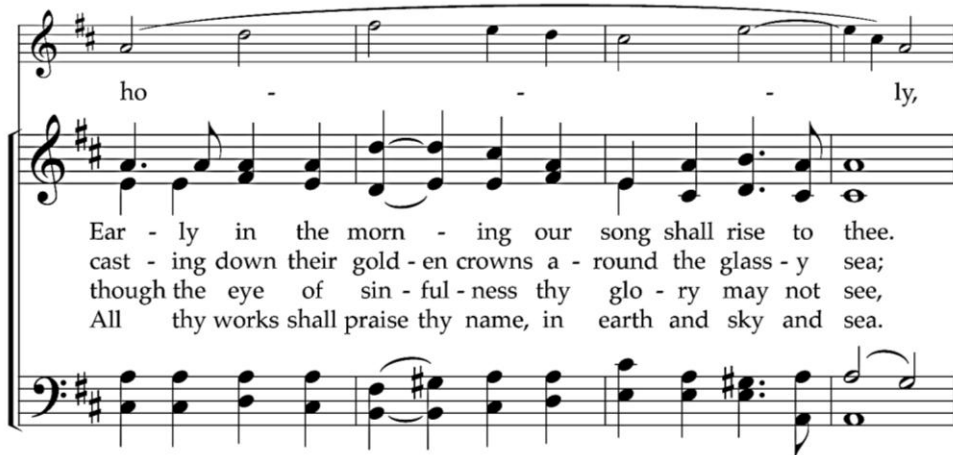
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1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,

2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!



ho ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.

cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;

though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.



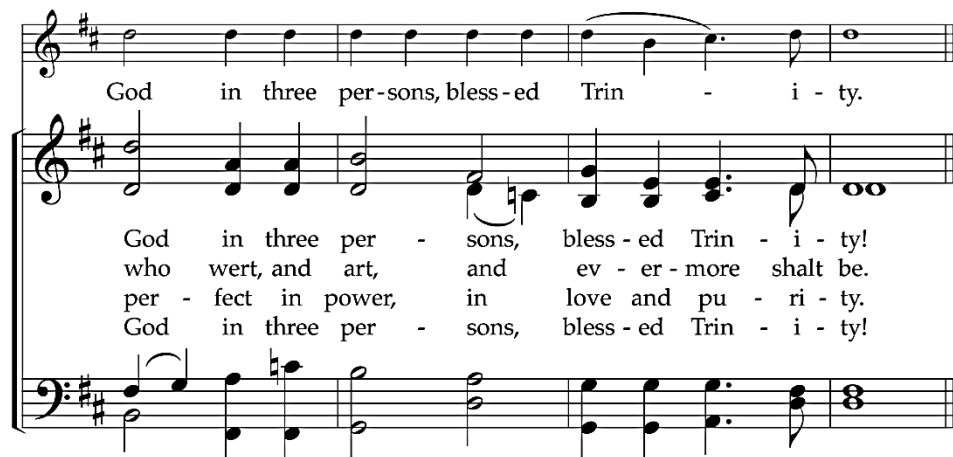
ho ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,

on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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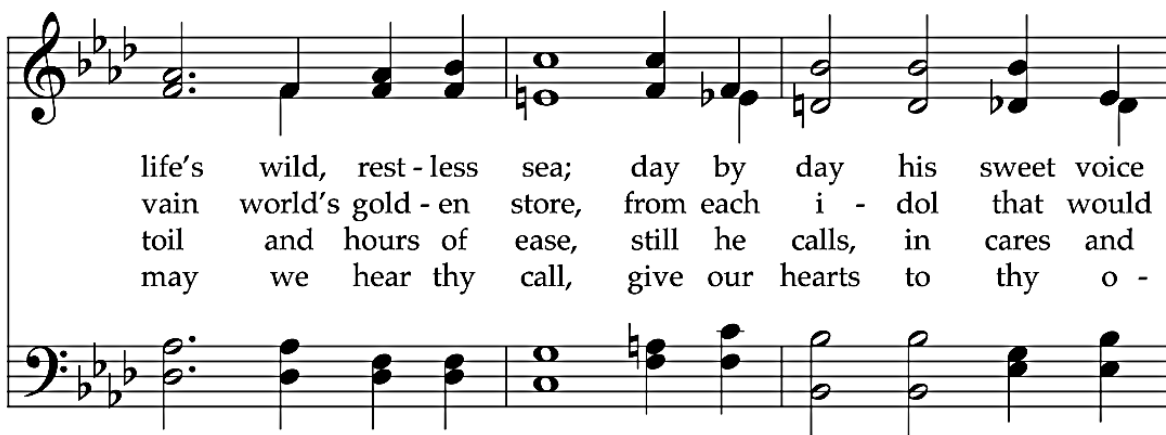
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.

per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

CALVARY WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND PROGRAM STAFF



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