

August 10, 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 10 – AUGUST 17



Monday: Proverbs 9:1-18
Tuesday: Proverbs 10:1-13
Wednesday: Proverbs 26:1-6
Thursday: Proverbs 27:1-10
Friday: Proverbs 28:1-10
Saturday: Proverbs 31:10-31
Sunday: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 3:1-17

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.

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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** "Chanson de Nuit and Chanson de Matin, Op. 15" (1889-90)

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

♪ **INTROIT** "Search Me, O God"

Joshua Evanovich

*Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me, O God, my Maker, and know my heart.
Reveal my thoughts and cleanse my mind,
and hide me in your holiness.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and let me know that all is well;
the joy of knowing all is well.
—from Psalms 139 and 51*

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the beginning, when God breathed across the face of the deep,

Wisdom was there rejoicing, delighting in the created world.

In the beginning was the Word, with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

In every time and place, God's love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Blessed are you, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

Let us worship this day in joy.

♪ ***HYMN 26** "Earth and All Stars"

EARTH AND ALL STARS

👂 ***CALL TO CONFESSION**

🕯 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Triune God, within your own life there is mutuality, equality, and unity in diversity.

Though we are made in your image, we confess we expect sameness and punish difference.

Instead of seeking mutual welfare and the common good, we seek our own gain.

Instead of living in equality, justice, and respect, we construct systems that are unjust.

We allow differences to divide us. Holy God, forgive us.

Restore in us, and in our life together, the divine image you intend.

Make us tender in mutuality. Make us generous in equality. Make us grateful in diversity. 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, 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** "Build My House" from *Peter Pan*
*Will you build me a house?
A house that really will be mine.
Then let me give you my design
A simple scheme of
the house I dream of.

Build my house of wood.
Build my house of stone.
Build my house of brick and mortar.*

Leonard Bernstein (1918–1990)
*Make the ceiling strong.
Strong against the storm.
Shelter when the days grow shorter.

But build my house of love.
And paint my house with trusting.
And warm it with the warmth of your heart.

Make the floor of faith.
Make the walls of truth.
Put a roof of peace above,
Only build my house of love.*

 **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**
Living Word, you still have many things to say to us. Speak, and we will try to hear them. Amen.

 **SCRIPTURE** Proverbs 8:1–11, 22–36 (page 515)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

 **SERMON** "Wisdom, the Master Builder"

 **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from the Confession of 1967

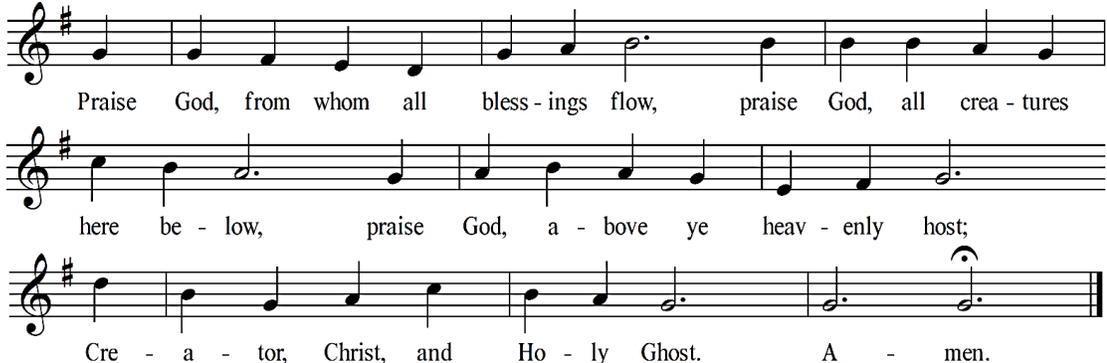
God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

 **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** "I'm Building Me a Home" African-American spiritual, arr. Anthony Trecek-King
*I'm building me a home.
This earthly house is gonna soon decay
an' my soul gotta have somewhere to stay.

When you hear me moanin', I'm building me a home.
When you hear me prayin', I'm building me a home.
When you hear me shoutin', I'm building me a home.*

 ***DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow, praise God, all crea - tures
here be - low, praise God, a - bove ye heav - enly host;
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

 ***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 305** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

♪ ***BENEDICTION**

♪ ***CHORAL BLESSING** "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

South African song

♪ **POSTLUDE** "Trumpet Tune in D" (1962)

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Leading Worship This Morning

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Assisting/Soloist
Conductor
Organist/Pianist
Soloist
Soloist
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**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 17 at 10am

Rev. Joann H. Lee: *A Time and A Place*
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 3:1-17 Through ancient rhythms of growing and dying, giving and receiving, losing and saving, holding and letting go, God created a pattern and a season for the world. Times for work and times for rest were included in that first creation story. We live, however, in a time when the lines between work and play, busy and rest have become increasingly blurred. How can we find a time and a place for everything required of us?

Children's Meditation

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

Michael Conley is away, returning August 18.

The flowers this morning are given in honor of the Reverend Marcella Auld Glass by the Pastor Nominating Committee that brought her to Calvary five years ago. We are deeply grateful she answered the call, especially during a global pandemic. We and the congregation continue to be thankful for her good humor, leadership, preaching, and service to our community and city.

— Don, Erin, Jack, Jen, Kimberly,
Louise, Susan, Travis & Will



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!

Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing

snow - storm!
 cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done
 work - ers!
 mem - bers!

mar - vel - ous things. We too sing prais - es with a new song!

This lively text was written for the 90th anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Echoing Psalm 98, it is a prime example of a 20th-century hymn style based on phrases rather than complete sentences. The exuberant tune was created expressly for these words.

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme "Celebrate the Journey." The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

SPOKEN AND REMEMBERED

The banners recently installed in the Sanctuary carry the names of 296 people who died on the streets of San Francisco in 2024. There are dozens more we don't know. The decorative fringe along the balcony is made from the same fabric used for the names. Its more festive nature balances the deep grief we hold for these lives lost with a celebration of life for the beloved children of God that they are.

For decades, an interfaith community in the Tenderloin has come together annually around the Winter Solstice to read the names 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.



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