



August 17, 2025

[JOIN US ON THE CORNER OF FILLMORE & JACKSON](#)

[Click here to watch on our website](#)

[Click here to watch on YouTube](#)

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).



Rev. Marcella Auld Glass Rev. Joann H. Lee

Rev. Marcella Auld Glass *Rev. Joann H. Lee*

Rev. Victor H. Floyd

Michael Conley

Rev. Victor H. Floyd *Michael Conley*

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



Notice of Filming: Most of Calvary's worship services are livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. 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.

DAILY LECTIONARY: AUGUST 17–AUGUST 24

Monday: Ecclesiastes 4:1-12

Tuesday: Ecclesiastes 6:1-12

Wednesday: Ecclesiastes 9:4-11

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 11:5-10

Friday: Song of Solomon 1:1-17

Saturday: Song of Solomon 2:1-9

Sunday: Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7

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.



♪ **PRELUDE** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (KINGSFOLD)

James Biery

♪ **INTROIT** "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

*"Come to me, O weary traveler;
come to me with your distress;
come to me, you heavy burdened;
come to me and find your rest."*

William Rowan, arr. Michael Conley

*"Rest in me, O weary traveler;
rest in me and do not fear.
Rest in me, my heart is gentle;
rest and cast away your care."*

—Sylvia Dunstan

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise be to God, Creator of time and space!

Who has set eternity in the human heart.

Who gives us today

in which we can be happy and do good.

Today,

in which we can eat and drink and find satisfaction.

Today,

which is a gift from God.

Let us worship the One who makes everything beautiful in its time.

For everything God does will endure forever.

Forever and ever.

Amen.

♪ ***HYMN 393** "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

👂 ***CALL TO CONFESSION**

🕯 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear your love and truth to the world. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

👂 ***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

♪ ***GLORIA 582** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

GLORY TO GOD

🙏 ***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** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

trad. American melody CLEANSING FOUNTAIN, arr. Lloyd Larson

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."*

*I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found him in a resting place,
and he has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."*

*I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my un;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.
—Horatius Bonar, 1846*



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Creator of the universe, who has set the stars in the heavens and causes the sun to rise and set, shed the light of your wisdom into the far corners of our minds this day. Open our hearts, minds, and ears, that we may faithfully interpret the mysteries which you have revealed through your word and be transformed by your love, Amen.



SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 3:1-17 (page 536-538)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SERMON "A Time and A Place"



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Iona Abbey Worship Book

With the whole church we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.

With people everywhere we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

With all creation we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purposes of God forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.



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 "Time for All Things"

Douglas Wagner

To everything there is a season.
There is a time for all good things:
a time to plant and a time to reap,
a time to lose, a time to keep;
a time to weep, a time to laugh,
a time to mourn, a time to dance.
A time to follow, a time to lead,
a time to speak and a time to heed;
a time to sleep, a time to wake,
a time to give and a time to take.
For all the blessings of our God,
are given us that we might have
a time to live and a time to share,
a time to love and a time to care,
a time for all good things.



*DOXOLOGY

DUKE STREET

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

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

Praise God a - bove, _____ ye _____ heav'n - ly _____ 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 686 "God of Our Life"

SANDON



*BENEDICTION



*CHORAL BLESSING "The Peace of the Earth"

Guatemalan trad. song, 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 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (KINGSFOLD)

arr. Mark A. Henry

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Acknowledgements

- The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Joanna Harader
- The Prayer of Confession was written by Beth Merrill Neel: 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

Leading Worship This Morning

Natalie Co
Rev. Joann H. Lee
Rev. Victor H. Floyd
Michael Conley
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols
Natalie Ter Agapova
Nancy Hall
Joachim Luis
Michael Villarreal
Jefferson Packer
Calvary Summer Choir

Liturgist
Preaching
Assisting
Conductor
Soloist
Soloist
Soloist
Soloist
Soloist

Children's Meditation

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

Rev. Marci Glass & John Walko are away, returning August 18.

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 24 at 10am

Rev. Marcella Auld Glass: *How'd This Book End Up in the Bible??!*
Song of Songs 2:10-13 Song of Songs is a book of erotic poetry, neatly tucked into the middle of our Old Testament. How'd it get there? What might it have to say to us today? Join us for worship as we talk about this adult book, in a way that is appropriate for all ages.

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.




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
The Rev. Victor H. Floyd, Minister of Spiritual Care
Michael Conley, Director of Music Ministries
John Walko, Organist
Alison Faison, Director of Children & Family Ministries
Robin Morjikian, Director of Development & Volunteer Ministries
Jeff Smith, Director of Youth Ministries




1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;
 3 On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
 on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
 Christ's liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.



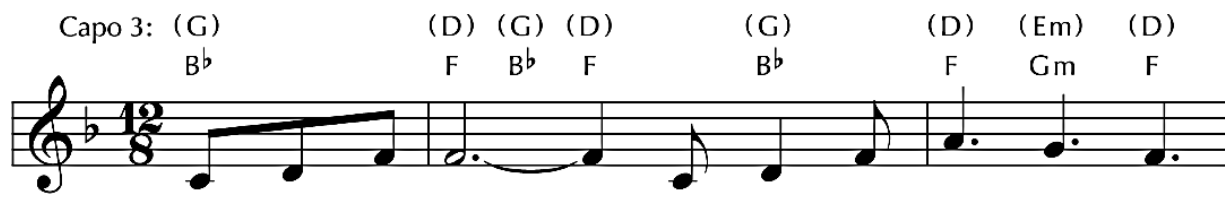
on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven.
 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.
 And thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

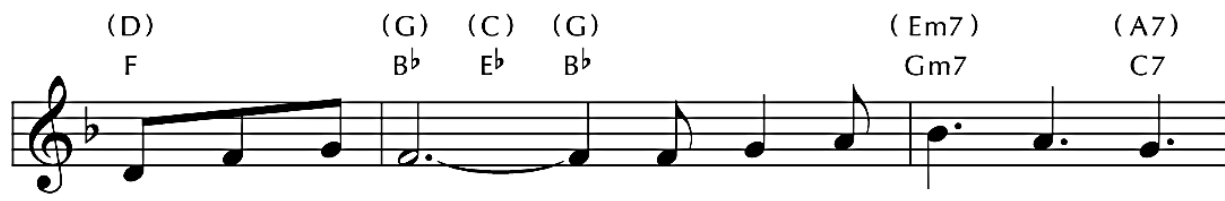
In this text the first day of the week represents a threefold commemoration of Creation, Resurrection, and Pentecost—each an encounter with Trinitarian activity centered on one of the Three Persons. The tune name recalls the secular German song adapted for use with several hymns.

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

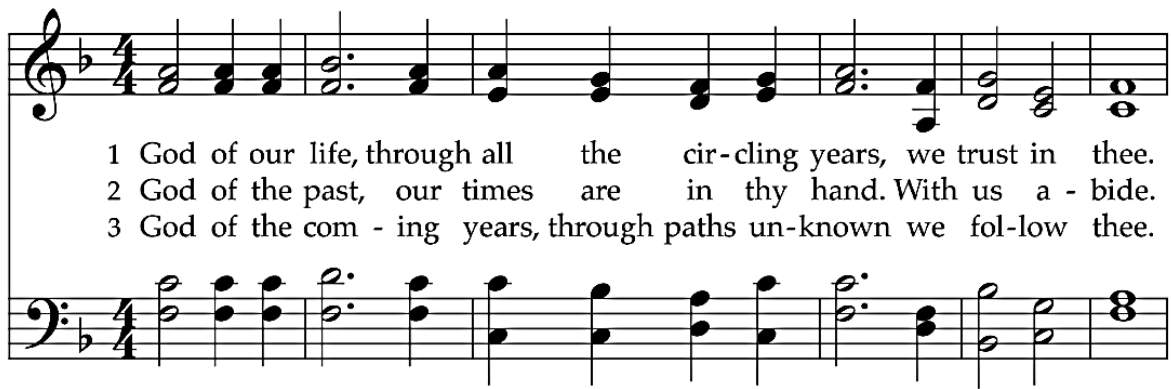


and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

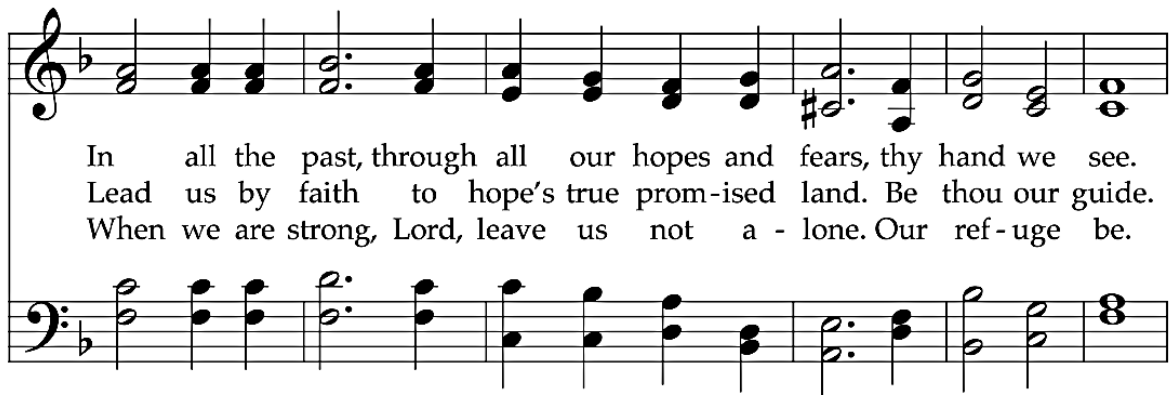
(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



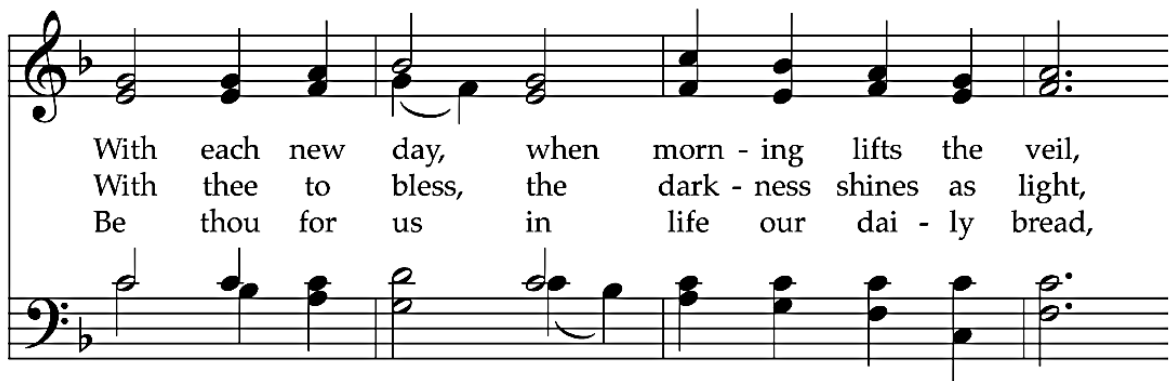
As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.



1 God of our life, through all the cir - cling years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a - bide.
 3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.



In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone. Our ref-uge be.



With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
 With thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
 Be thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,



we own thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
 and faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

TEXT: Hugh Thomson Kerr, 1916, alt.

MUSIC: Charles Henry Purday, 1860; harm. John Weaver, 1986

Text © 1928 F. M. Braselman, ren. 1956 Presbyterian Board of Christian Education

(admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

Music Harm. © 1990 Hope Publishing Company

SANDON

10.4.10.4.10.10