



How Great Thou Art

August 30, 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 30–SEPTEMBER 5

Sunday: Psalm 8

Monday: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 4:10-31; Revelation 3:1-6

Tuesday: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 5:1-6:13; Revelation 3:7-13

Wednesday: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 7:14-25; Matthew 12:22-32

Thursday: Psalm 149; Exodus 9:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21

Friday: Psalm 149; Exodus 10:21-29; Romans 10:15b-21

Saturday: Psalm 149; Exodus 11:1-10; Matthew 23:29-36

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. Please inquire at the Front Desk.



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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** "Trumpet Concerto"
1. Allegro con spirito

Johann Nepomuk Hummel (1778-1837)

♪ **INTROIT** "O Lord Our Governor"

Capel Bond (1730-1790)

*O Lord, our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world:
thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens.
—Psalm 8:1*

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather this morning to proclaim:

O Lord, how great thou art!

Our God is worthy of our worship and praise.

O Lord, how great thou art!

The God who created the universe, calls us beloved.

O Lord, how great thou art!

My soul sings, as our voices join together to say:

O Lord, how great thou art!

♪ ***HYMN 625** "How Great Thou Art"

O STORE GUD

👂 ***CALL TO CONFESSION**

🕯 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we thank you that you receive us not according to our failing goodness,
but according to your overflowing grace. You receive us as we are.**

**You show us what we can be. Transform us by your love, that we may sing with joy before you,
and live to your glory in the world. Amen.**

👂 ***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

♪ ***GLORIA** "Glory to God"

CELESTIAL HARMONY, Michael Conley

Glo - ry to God: the Cre - a - tor, the
Christ, and the Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and will be for - ev - er, _____ world with - out
end, a - men. Glo - ry - 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 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**

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept you word. Silence in us any voices but your own,
so that we may hear your Word and also live your word; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



SCRIPTURE Psalm 8 (page 427)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



ANTHEM "Travelin' Thru"

words & music by Dolly Parton (1946–2026), arr. Greg Gilpin

Well I can't tell you where I'm going, I'm not sure of where I've been
 But I know I must keep travelin' till my road comes to an end
 I'm out here on my journey, trying to make the most of it
 I'm a puzzle, I must figure out where all my pieces fit
 Like a poor wayfaring stranger that they speak about in song
 I'm just a weary pilgrim trying to find what feels like home
 Where that is no one can tell me, am I doomed to ever roam?
 I'm just travelin', travelin', travelin', I'm just travelin' on

Questions I have many, answers but a few
 But we're here to learn, the spirit burns, to know the greater truth
 We've all been crucified and they nailed Jesus to the tree
 And when I'm born again, you're gonna see a change in me

God made me for a reason and nothing is in vain
 Redemption comes in many shapes with many kinds of pain
 Oh sweet Jesus if you're listening, keep me ever close to you
 As I'm stumblin', tumblin', wonderin', as I'm travelin' thru

Oh sometimes the road is rugged, and it's hard to travel on
 But holdin' to each other, we don't have to walk alone
 When everything is broken, we can mend it if we try
 We can make a world of difference, if we want to we can fly

Goodbye little children, goodnight you handsome men
 Farewell to all you ladies and to all who knew me when
 And I hope I'll see you down the road, you meant more than I knew
 As I was travelin', travelin', travelin', travelin', travelin' thru

I'm just travelin', travelin', travelin', I'm just travelin'
 Drifting like a floating boat and roaming like the wind
 Oh give me some direction lord, let me lean on you
 As I'm travelin', travelin', travelin', thru

Like the poor wayfaring stranger that they speak about in song
 I'm just a weary pilgrim trying to find my own way home
 Oh sweet Jesus if you're out there, keep me ever close to you
 As I'm travelin', travelin', travelin', as I'm travelin' thru



SERMON "How Great Thou Art"



MINISTRY IMPACT REPORT: YOUTH MISSION TRIP



***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In the spirit of Jesus we confess our faith,
 for, in the spirit of Jesus we believe that we are activists for justice
 in all fronts and sectors of society,
 based on practices that defend life,
 promote gender equality
 and respect diverse ethnicities.
 In the spirit of Jesus, as women and men,
 we dream of a society that does not condemn,
 a society with opportunities for all,
 a society where love transforms us into a great family.
 In the spirit of Jesus, we dream of being an inclusive community
 that recognizes the grace of God in all areas of life and in all people,
 especially those who suffer the most.**

In the spirit of Jesus, we dream of a strong, united,
resilient and transforming church
following the example of Jesus Christ.
In the spirit of Jesus, we believe in a missionary church
that cares about and walks with people
who are the most excluded from the rest of society.
In the spirit of Jesus, we believe in a church that
educates all, denounces injustice, and proclaims the Good News.
In the spirit of Jesus, we believe in a communal and inclusive church,
that through its gifts transforms reality,
being salt and light for a new world,
fulfilling its mission as a community that glorifies God.
In the spirit of Jesus, we believe in a Reformed Church
that is always reforming itself,
to be faithfully contextual, inclusive and inter-generational.
In the spirit of Jesus, we believe in a Church
engaged in the care of creation,
adopting all that that means in everyday practice.
This we say – because God has called us to give reason for our hope. (1 Peter 3:15) 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 "Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name"

Linda Spevacek

O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
Let all rejoice and praise your name.
When I consider the heavens, the work of your hands,
When I consider the moon and the stars you have made,
When I consider the sun, the wind, and the rain,
their beauty surrounds me, your love enfolds me.
Then there is mankind.
You have crowned them with glory and given them honor
by giving them the work of your hand.
You have made them a little lower than the angels,
and yet you have given them the sheep of the pasture,
the beasts of the field, t birds in the air, the fish in the sea,
all creation bears your name.



*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 744** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

FESTAL SONG



***BENEDICTION**



***CHORAL BLESSING** "Alleluia"

Jacques Berthier



POSTLUDE "Voluntary VII"

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Acknowledgement

The Affirmation of Faith was written by youth during the Pre-Assembly of The Assembly of the Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches in Latin America (AIPRAL) in San Pablo, August 13, 2016

LEADING WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Austin Tsoi	<i>Liturgist</i>
Rev. Joann H. Lee	<i>Preaching</i>
Rev. Dr. Joanne Whitt	<i>Assisting</i>
Michael Conley	<i>Conductor</i>
Ari Micich	<i>Trumpet</i>
Natalie Ter Agapova	<i>Soloist</i>
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols	<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	

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 6 AT 10AM

Rev. Victor H. Floyd
Full Life in the Emptyest of Places

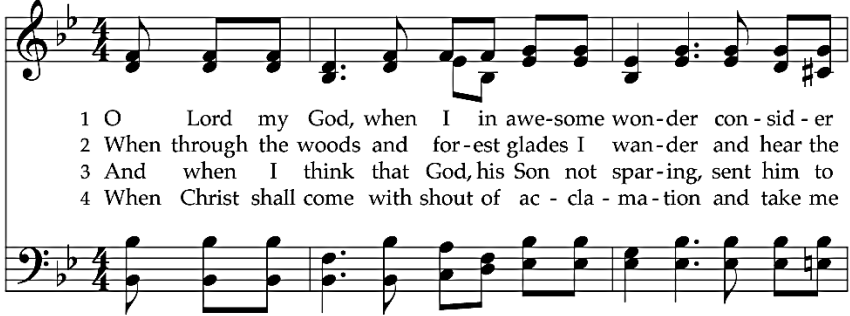
Isaiah 58:9b-12 When bread is shared, this drab world regains its color. Little by little. This week we sit with the desert's own wisdom and ask what it means to rebuild steadily rather than wait to be rescued. And we will share Christ's bread and cup.

Pastor Marci is away from Calvary on her sabbatical, returning September 1; **Pastor Victor** is away, returning August 31; **John Walko** is out, returning in September.

Memorial Service

A memorial service for Robin Aladeen will be held
September 11 at 2pm
at Sklylawn Memorial Park
Half Moon Bay





1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in

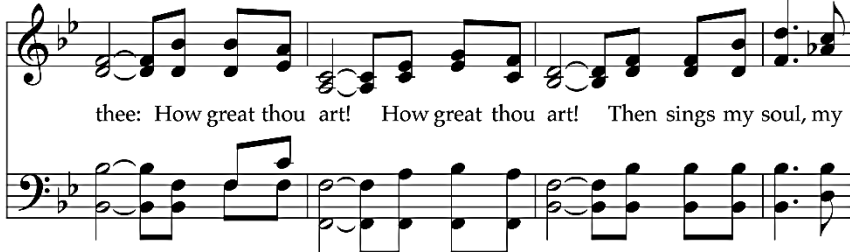


hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My

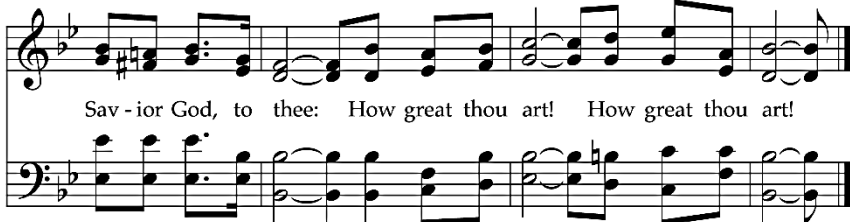
Refrain



u-ni-verse dis-played:
 feel the gen-tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
 take a-way my sin:
 God, how great thou art!"



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav-ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
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(this tune in a lower key, 815)

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