



August 31, 2025

A generous person will be enriched,
and one who gives refreshment will be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25

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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: SEPTEMBER 1–SEPTEMBER 7

Monday: Jeremiah 2:23-37

Tuesday: Jeremiah 3:1-14

Wednesday: Jeremiah 3:15-25

Thursday: Jeremiah 15:10-21

Friday: Jeremiah 16:14-17; 4

Saturday: Jeremiah 17:14-27

Sunday: Jeremiah 18:1-11

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



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.

🎵 **PRELUDE** "Send In the Clowns" from *A little Night Music* Stephen Sondheim (1930–2021), arr. Mark Hayes

👂 **WELCOME** Ecclesiastes 3

🎵 **INTROIT** "Corner of the Sky" from *Pippin* (1972) Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948)

*Everything has its season
Everything has its time
Show me a reason
And I'll soon show you a rhyme*

*Cats fit on the window sill
Children fit in the snow
Why do I feel I don't fit in
Anywhere I go*

*Rivers belong where they can ramble
Eagles belong where they can fly
I've got to be where my spirit can run free
Gotta find my corner of the sky*

*Every man has his daydreams
Every man has his goal
People like the way dreams have of
Sticking to the soul*

*Rain comes after thunder
Winter comes after fall
Sometimes I think I'm not after
Anything at all*

*So many men seem destined
To settle for something small
But I, I won't rest
'Til I know I have it all*

*So don't ask where I'm going
Just listen when I'm gone
Far away you'll hear me singing
Softly to the dawn*

*Oh, rivers belong where they can ramble,
Oh, eagles belong where they can fly
I've got to be where my spirit can run free, yeah
Gotta find my corner of the sky*

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP** Proverbs 8:1–11

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
**On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand.**

Beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
**To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
O simple ones, learn prudence;
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.**

Take my instruction instead of silver,
and my knowledge rather than choice gold.
**For wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.**

🎵 ***HYMN 100** "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

👂 ***CALL TO CONFESSION** Proverbs 28:11–13

🕯 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** based on Ecclesiastes 7

Surely there is no one on earth so righteous as to do good without ever sinning. You, O God, made human beings straightforward, but we have devised many schemes. There are righteous people who perish in their righteousness, and there are wicked people who prolong their lives in evildoing. From their houses of mirth and plenty, fools regale us with their songs. Give us open hearts to perceive suffering, so that we may lament in the houses of mourning. Forgive us, and order our steps.

👂 ***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Wisdom of Solomon 11:23–24

Our God is merciful to all, and can do all things.
God has forgiven our sin, so that we may repent and improve.
For God loves all things that exist, and detests none of the things that God has made.
For God would not have made anything if God had hated it.

🎵 ***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.



RESPONSE "People" from *Funny Girl* (Please see insert.)

Bob Merrill (1921–1998) & Jule Styne (1905–1994)



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all Wisdom,

**You have taught us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of understanding,
and that those who seek will find.**

Open our hearts as we hear your Word—

that we may receive it like rain on thirsty ground,

gain insight through your Spirit,

and walk in the path of Wisdom,

whose ways are peace and whose end is life. Amen.



LESSONS & SONGS

Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 2:1–6 "You Will Be Found" from *Dear Evan Hansen* (2015)

Pasek & Paul

*Have you ever felt like nobody was there?
Have you ever felt forgotten in the middle of nowhere?
Have you ever felt like you could disappear?
Like you could fall, and no one would hear?*

*Well, let that lonely feeling wash away
Maybe there's a reason to believe you'll be okay
'Cause when you don't feel strong enough to stand
You can reach, reach out your hand
And oh, someone will come running
And I know, they'll take you home*

*Even when the dark comes crashing through
When you need a friend to carry you
And when you're broken on the ground
You will be found*

Psalms 133 (page 501) "Prayer" from *Come From Away* (2017)

Irene Sankoff & David Hein

*Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt true faith in you*

*Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy*

*(in Hebrew) He who makes peace in His heights, may He make peace upon us and upon all Israel.
Now say: Amen.*

*(in Sanskrit) Make me go from unreality towards reality.
From darkness make me go towards the light.
From mortality make me go towards immortality.
Oh Lord, peace, peace, peace.*

*(in Arabic) God is great. Glory to my Lord, the Most Great.
Glory to my Lord, the Most High. Praise to God.*

*O master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul*

Ecclesiastes 9:7-9 "With So Little to Be Sure Of" from *Anyone Can Whistle* (1964)

Stephen Sondheim

*With so little to be sure of,
If there's anything at all.
I'm sure of here and now and us together.
All I'll ever be I owe you,
If there's anything to be.
Being sure enough of you
Makes me sure enough of me.
Thanks for everything we did,
Everything that's past,
Everything's that's over too fast.
None of it was wasted,
All of it will last:
Everything that's here and now and us together!*

*It was marvelous to know you
And it isn't really through.
Crazy business this, this life we live in-
Can't complain about the time we're given-
With so little to be sure of in this world,
We had a moment! (Hold me!)*

Proverbs 27:17 "For Good" from *Wicked* (2003)

Stephen Schwartz

*I've heard it said
That people come into our lives
For a reason
Bringing something we must learn
And we are led to those
Who help us most to grow if we let them
And we help them in return
Well, I don't know if I believe that's true
But I know I'm who I am today
Because I knew you

Like a comet pulled from orbit
As it passes the sun
Like a stream that meets a boulder
Halfway through the wood
Who can say if I've been changed for the better
But because I knew you
I have been changed for good

It well may be
That we will never meet again
In this lifetime
So, let me say before we part
So much of me
Is made of what I learned from you*

*You'll be with me
Like a handprint on my heart
And now whatever way our stories end
I know you have rewritten mine
By being my friend

Like a ship blown from its mooring
By a wind off the sea
Like a seed dropped by a sky bird
In a distant wood
Who can say if I've been changed for the better
But because I knew you
Because I knew you
I have been changed for good

And just to clear the air, I ask forgiveness
For the things I've done, you blame me for
But then I guess we know there's blame to share
And none of it seems to matter anymore...

Who can say if I've been changed for the better
I do believe I have been changed for the better
And because I knew you
I have been changed for good*



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH based on Job 28

**We believe that Wisdom is more precious than gold,
rarer than rubies.
Yet its fullness is hidden from every living thing.
No creature of the earth or sky knows its way.
The deep says, "It is not in me,"
and the sea says, "It is not with me."
Wisdom will not be bought with the wealth of nations,
nor measured by the scales of the market.
We believe that God alone imparts Wisdom.
God sees the ends of the earth
and knows all that is under the heavens.
God weighted the wind, measured the waters,
decreed the rain, and carved paths with thunder.
"Behold, the fear of the Lord—that is Wisdom!
To turn away from evil is understanding."
We believe this Wisdom is not distant,
but revealed to us through God's Word,
through the power of the Spirit,
and through the life of Jesus Christ,
in whom is hidden all enduring treasure.
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 "I Got the Sun in the Morning" from *Annie Get Your Gun* (1946)

Irving Berlin (1888–1989)

*Got no diamond, got no pearl
Still I think I'm a lucky girl
I've got the sun in the morning and the moon at night
Got no mansion, got no yacht*

Still I'm happy with what I've got
I've got the sun in the morning and the moon at night
Sunshine gives me a lovely day
Moonlight gives me the Milky Way
Got no checkbooks, got no banks
Still I'd like to express my thanks
I've got the sun in the morning and the moon at night
And with the sun in the morning and the moon in the evening
I'm alright



*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.



*CLOSING SONG "You'll Never Walk Alone" from *Carousel* (Please see insert.)

Rodgers & Hammerstein



*BENEDICTION



*CHORAL BLESSING "The Hills of Tomorrow" from *Merrily We Roll Along* (1981)

Stephen Sondheim

*Behold the hills of tomorrow! Behold the limitless sky!
Fling wide the gates to a world that waits! As our journey starts, behold our hearts are high!
Between the hills of tomorrow at times the road may seem strange,
The hills lie deep and the way is steep, but for those who dare, the world is there to change.*



POSTLUDE "I Could Have Danced All Night" from *My Fair Lady*

Alan Jay Lerner (1918–1986)

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Leading Worship This Morning

Rev. Victor H. Floyd
Rev. Marcella Auld Glass
Michael Conley
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols
Natalie Ter Agapova
Nancy Hall
Joachim Luis
Ben Pattison
Wendy Tobias
Michael Villarreal
Calvary Summer Choir

Preaching
Assisting
Conductor/Pianist
Soloist
Soloist
Soloist
Soloist
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Rev. Joann Lee and
John Walko are out,
returning September 2.

Next Week in Worship: September 7 at 10am

Homecoming Sunday

Rev. Marcella Auld Glass: *And it was Good*
Genesis 1:1-2:4a As we begin a new program year, we'll start at the very beginning. In the Book of Genesis, God creates the world. Humanity one of God's many and marvelous creations. How does our createdness inform our life together in community, with each other, with the other acts of God's creation?

Children's Meditation

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

Em C D

1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -

Em C D Em

God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

G D Em C Em

won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.

G D

You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

Em C D Em

weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain G D

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

Em C D Em

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

C D Em C Em

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

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.

Peo-ple, _____ peo-ple who need peo-ple _____ are the luck-i-est peo-ple _____

_____ in the world. _____ We're chil-dren _____ need-ing oth-er

chil-dren _____ and yet let-ting our grown up pride hide all the need in -

side act-ing more like chil-dren than chil-dren. _____ Lov-ing _____

_____ makes ver-y spec-ial peo-ple. _____ They're the luck i est peo-ple _____ in the

world. _____ All the peo-ple, _____ such ver y spec ial peo-ple _____

_____ a feel-ing deep in your soul _____ says you were half now your whole _____ no more

_____ hun-ger and thirst but first be a per-son who needs peo-ple. _____ Peo-ple who need

_____ peo-ple _____ are the luck i est peo-ple in the world. _____



When you walk through a storm hold your head up high and

don't be a - fraid of the dark. At the end of the

storm is a gold - en sky and the sweet sil - ver song of a

lark. Walk on through the wind. Walk on through the

rain, tho' your dreams be tossed and blown. Walk

on, walk on with hope in your heart and you'll nev - er

walk a - lone. You'll nev - er walk a - lone.

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.



2025 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Friends, we give thanks for the generosity you have already shown in support of the 2025 Annual Giving Campaign. Calvary has received pledged commitments of \$1,243,926 (or 92% of our goal). This means \$106,074 remains to meet our ministry and program plans for this year.

Isaiah reminds us, 'Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?' We believe God is doing something new here at Calvary, and every pledge—regardless of the amount—brings us closer to that vision.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how you might be part of this final step. Together, let's ensure Calvary continues to be a beacon of love, grace, peace, and transformation in our community.

To make a pledge for 2025, please visit calpres.org or pick up a pledge card at the Welcome Table in the Atrium.



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