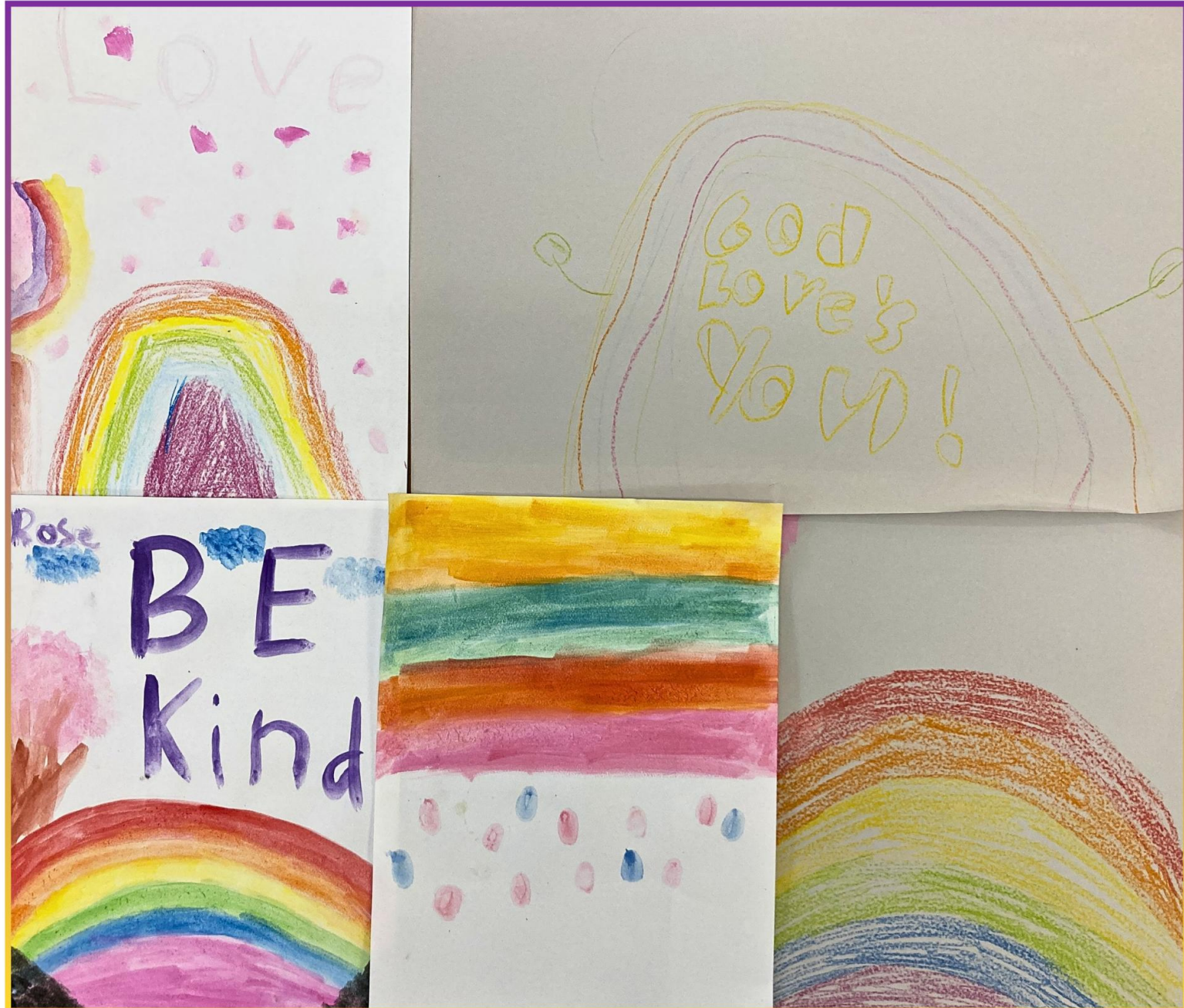




Art by Calvary's 1st -5th Graders

THE COVENANT

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

HOMEcoming SUNDAY

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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: SEPTEMBER 13–SEPTEMBER 19

Sunday: Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17; *Noah and the Ark*

Monday: Genesis 9:18-29; *Noah and Family after the Ark*

Tuesday: Psalm 93; *A Song of God's Strength*

Wednesday: Psalm 104:1-9; *Praise for God's Wonderful Work*

Thursday: Psalm 104:24-35; *God's Wonderful Work Continued*

Friday: Genesis 11:1-9; *The Tower of Babel*

Saturday: Genesis 11:26-32; *Abram and His Family*

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.

September 13, 2026: Homecoming Sunday

🎵 **PRELUDE** "Interlude" and "Prelude on *Be Thou My Vision* (SLANE)" (1992) Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

🎵 **INTROIT** "The Lord Is My Light" Lilian Bouknight, arr. Gainer/Conley
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; whom shall I fear?
—Psalm 27:1

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Look to the skies –
the bow hangs in the clouds
a promise never to be forgotten
a promise that can never be overcome.
Look around at the world –
everything points to grace
grace found first in the eyes of God
a promise that can never be overcome.
Let us worship this day in joy and hope.

🎵 ***HYMN 69** "Here I Am, Lord"

HERE I AM

👂 ***CALL TO CONFESSION**

🕯 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Creator God,
you know us better than we know ourselves.
We confess that we often get our place in the story mixed up.
We like to think we are always the good guys
and we look down on those who should have known better, tried harder,
and stayed away from the wrong place at the wrong time.
Forgive us when we think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think.
Forgive us when we assume we're your favorites, and others get what they deserve.
Forgive us when we see grace for us and judgment for them.
Forgive us and set us back into right relationship, with you and with our neighbors.
We ask in your most holy name. 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.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find wisdom,
and in your promises discover your peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



SCRIPTURE Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17 (page 5;6)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



CHILDREN'S MEDITATION

Children are invited to come up front for the Children's Meditation. Following the meditation, 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.



ANTHEM "Didn't It Rain"

trad. spiritual, arr. Rollo Dilworth

*Didn't it rain, children? Didn't it rain, oh my Lord?
Well, it rained forty days and forty nights without stoppin'.
Noah was glad when the rain stopped droppin'.
A knock at the window and a knock at the door.
"Noah, sir, can you take one more?"
Then old Noah cried, "No, you're full of sin.
God's got the key and you can't get in."
Listen to the rain, my Lord!
Well, the Lord sent a raven down to spread the news,
to hoist his wings, and away he flew.
Then old Noah sent a dove a flyin' out of his hand,
Searchin' for the dry land.
And the Lord put a rainbow in the sky, never using water, but fire next time.
Oh, children, why don't you listen to the rain!*



SERMON "The Covenant"



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Calvary's Covenant

We promise:

- ~to show up, for each other and for the world.**
- ~to speak, when silence would be easier.**
- ~to keep learning, keep questioning, and keep our hearts open.**
- ~to hold our faith with conviction and our convictions with humility.**
- ~to care for our neighbors with compassion.**
- ~to be, as best we can, the church we wish had always existed.**

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 "Rooted In Love"

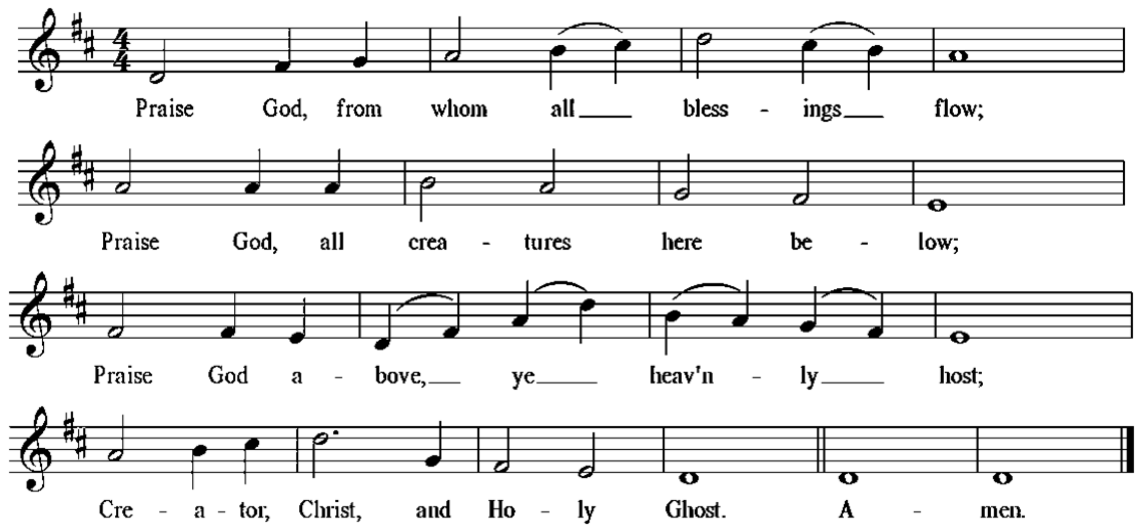
Michael Conley

*Rooted and grounded in one loving Source,
we grow by grace as seasons run their course.
Severed from you, what good have we to give?
Graft us to you, O God, that we may live.*

*Drawing our life from Christ, the living vine,
we grow in love, renewed by love divine.
Offering shade to pilgrims passing by,
we stretch our branches, reaching to the sky.*

*Then, brought to fullness by the Spirit's power
flower and fruit appear, each in its hour.
Sharing good news and setting captives free,
we harvest fruits of peace and unity.*

*God, keep us growing through the coming years;
save us in storms of conflict; dry our tears.
Life-giving God, our energies renew.
Praise and thanksgiving ever be to you!*



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**

👂 **COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TRIP DELEGATION**

🕯️ **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 450 "Be Thou My Vision"**

SLANE

🎵 ***BENEDICTION**

🎵 ***CHORAL BLESSING "Alleluia"**

Jacques Berthier

🎵 **POSTLUDE "Postlude" (1964)**

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Acknowledgment:

This morning's hymns are the top finalists that received the most votes in our recent poll.

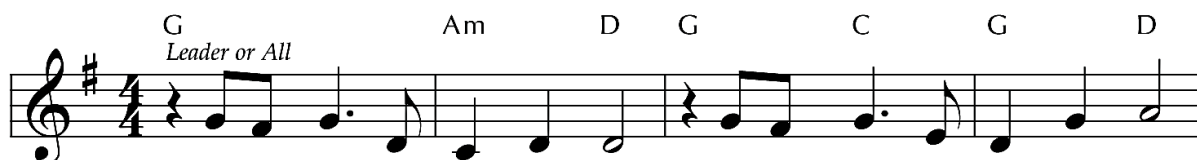
LEADING WORSHIP THIS MORNING

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Rev. Marcella Auld Glass	<i>Preaching</i>
Rev. Joann H. Lee	<i>Assisting</i>
Rev. Victor H. Floyd	<i>Assisting</i>
Michael Conley	<i>Conductor</i>
John Walko	<i>Organist/Pianist</i>
Natalie Ter Agapova	<i>Soloist</i>
Victoria Belova	<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 Chancel Choir	

**NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 20 AT 10AM**

Rev. Marcella Auld Glass: *Journeying by Stages*

Genesis 12:1-9 Occasionally, our paths are clear and direct. Most often, though, my path has been circuitous, with fits and starts. It's easy to get bogged down and discouraged when the path is not straight and clear. We'll hear of Abram's journey by stages and consider where God is in the midst of our own journeys.



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

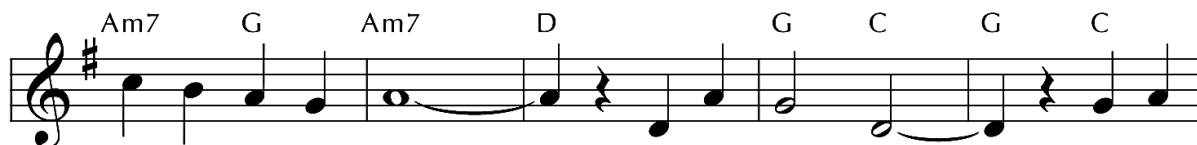


Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



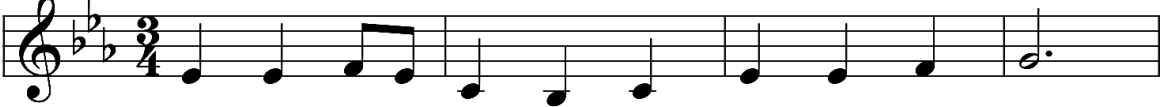
call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

CALVARY WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND PROGRAM STAFF



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