



SEPTEMBER 20, 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

SEPTEMBER 20–SEPTEMBER 26

Sunday: Genesis 12:1-9; *God Calls Abram*

Monday: Genesis 18:1-15; *The Promise Is Given Again*

Tuesday: Genesis 21:1-8; *The Promised Child Is Born*

Wednesday: Genesis 25:19-34; *The Quarreling Brothers: Jacob and Esau*

Thursday: Genesis 33:1-15; *The Reconciled Brothers: Jacob and Esau*

Friday: Genesis 37:1-24; *Joseph's Dreams*

Saturday: Genesis 37:25-36; *The Dreamer in Trouble*

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.

♪ **PRELUDE** "Prelude on DARWALL'S 148TH" (Come Sing, O Church, in Joy) (1945) Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

♪ **INTROIT** "Lead me, guide me" Doris Akers (1922-1995)
*Lead me, guide me, along the way,
 for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
 Lord, let me walk each day with you.
 Lead me my whole life through.*
*I am weak and I need your strength and power
 to help me over my weakest hour.
 Help me through the darkness your face to see.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

At every age and stage of life,
God calls us to follow into blessing.
 In every situation, whether celebration or grief,
God calls us to follow into blessing.
 Just as we are, with our whole life story,
God calls us to follow, and be a blessing.

♪ ***HYMN 305** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy" DARWALL'S 148TH

👂 ***CALL TO CONFESSION**

🕯 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, hear our prayer. Sometimes our lives are a mess, because of choices we have made
 or because of choices others have made.
 Sometimes our lives are great, and we're kind and generous.
 Sometimes our lives are great and we forget to be to grateful and humble.
 We trust that in the jumble of all of this, you are present.
 We trust that you are with us, walking with us when we stray, nudging us back to the right path,
 slowing us down when we get ahead of you, and waiting for us when we lag behind.
 So we thank you, and ask for your forgiveness, and pray that you will stay with us
 throughout the journey. 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.



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 12:1-9 (page 8)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Quinn Aster Pattison, child of Ben Pattison and Lauren Linsmayer

CHORAL BLESSING "Come to the Water"

John Foley

*O let all who thirst
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Bring the children without might
Easy the load and light
Come to the Lord*

HYMN 22 "God of the Sparrow"

ROEDER

Following the baptism, 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 "The Road Not Taken"

Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

—Robert Frost (1874-1963)



SERMON "Journeying by Stages"



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.
In a broken and fearful world**

the Spirit gives us courage
 to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
 In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
 and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 "God Leads Us Along"

G. A. Young (1903), arr. Michael Conley

*In shady, green pastures, so rich and so sweet,
 God leads His dear children along;
 where the water's cool flow bathes the weary one's feet,
 God leads His dear children along.*

*Sometimes on the mount where the sun shines so bright,
 God leads Her dear children along;
 sometimes in the valley, in darkest of night,
 God leads Her dear children along.*

*Refrain: Some through the waters, some through the flood,
 some through the fire, but all through the blood;
 some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,
 in the night season and all the day long.*

*Away from the mire and away from the clay,
 God leads His dear children along;
 away up in glory, eternity's day,
 God leads His dear children along.*



*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"

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♪ ***BENEDICTION**

♪ ***CHORAL BLESSING** "Lead me, guide me"

Doris Akers

*Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with you.
Lead me my whole life through.*

♪ **POSTLUDE** "Postlude on DARWALL" (Come Sing, O Church, in Joy) (1960)

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

LEADING WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Kathy Hanson	<i>Liturgist</i>
Rev. Marcella Auld Glass	<i>Preaching</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 27 AT 10AM**

Rev. Marcella Auld Glass
Here's to you, Mrs. Potiphar

Genesis 39 The stories of our ancestors in faith in scripture remind us that God's call on our lives does not guarantee an easy path. This week, we'll consider the story of Joseph, who faced great challenges and trials, and who also saved his people. Where is God in our lives? Can we see God when things are bad as easily as we can when they are good?

Pastor Joann is with the Living Sanctuary Delegation at the Farmworker Reality Tour, returning in September 22.



**WORLD COMMUNION
OFFERING**

**CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORLD COMMUNION SPECIAL OFFERING
(NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 11)**

Reconciling God's people at the Table of Grace through ministries of justice.

World Communion Sunday is a day to celebrate worldwide unity and peace. The World Communion Offering works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. Thank you for your participation in the World Communion Offering.

Ways to give:

1. Donate online directly to the Presbyterian Church USA at pcusa.org/donate/wc999999-contribute-world-communion-offering.
2. Donate online to Calvary at calpres.org/donate and the funds will be sent to PCUSA (select: World Communion Offering in the "Fund" dropdown menu).
3. Place a check in the offering plate, payable to Calvary, note: World Communion on the memo line.

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!

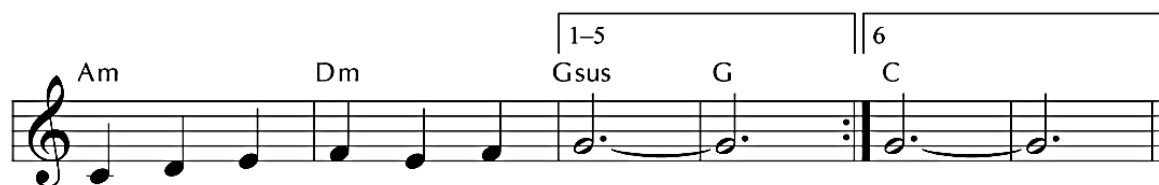
This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



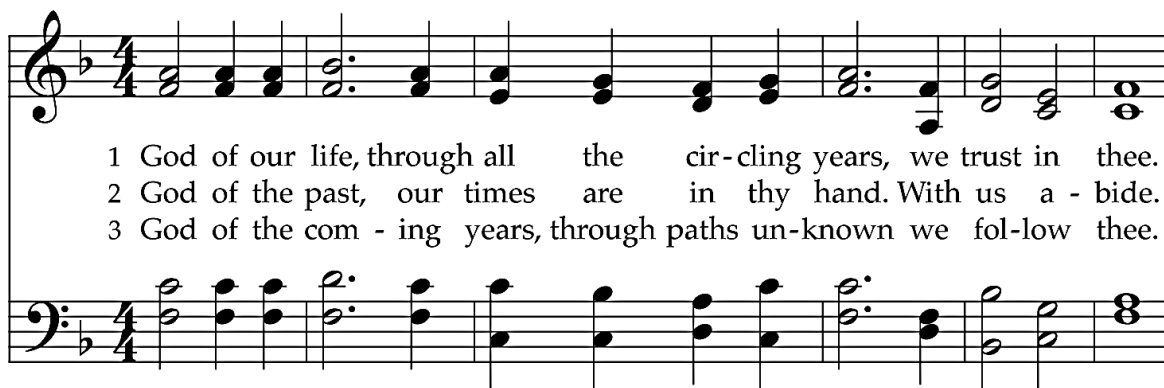
swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



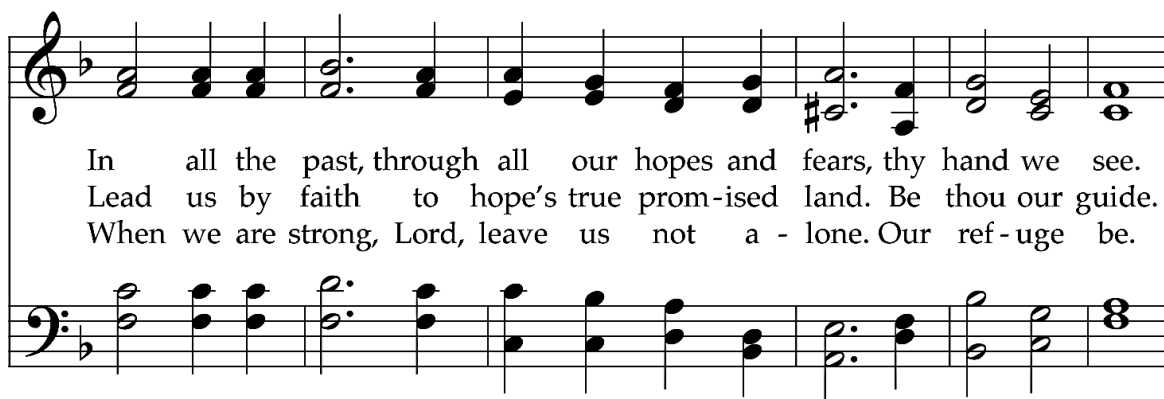
How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

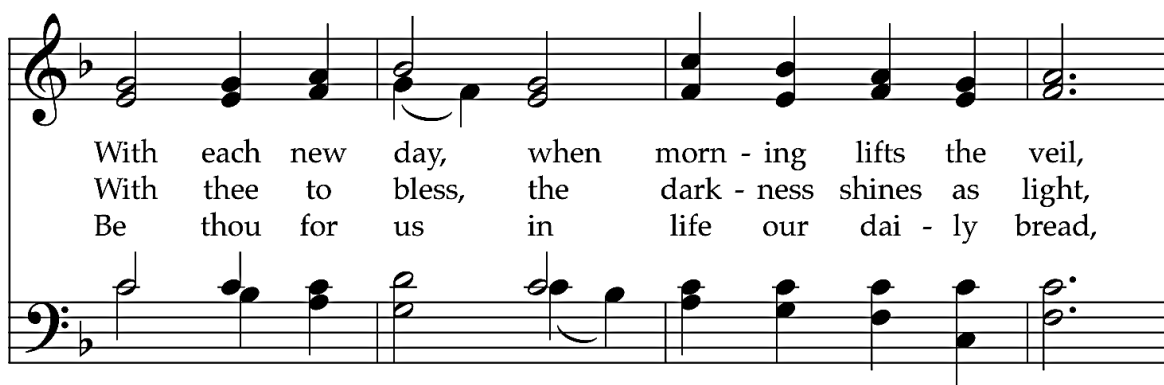
Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.



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."

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