

# TO REMEMBER WHEN WAKING

September 21, 2025

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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.



\*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).



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## DAILY LECTIONARY: SEPTEMBER 21–SEPTEMBER 27

**Sunday:** Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17; *Jacob Steals a Blessing*

**Monday:** Genesis 29:1-30; *Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel*

**Tuesday:** Genesis 29:31–30:24; *The Twelve Tribes Are Born*

**Wednesday:** Genesis 37:2-36; 39:20-23; *Joseph Is Sold into Slavery*

**Thursday:** Genesis 40:2-3, 5, 9-23; 41:14-45; *Joseph Interprets Dreams*

**Friday:** Genesis 47:1-12; 50:22-26; *The Death of Joseph*

**Saturday:** Exodus 1:8-14; 2:1-25; *The Birth of Moses*

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.



## 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** "Après un rêve" (After a dream)

Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

♪ **INTROIT** "Jacob's Vision"

English Folk Melody, setting by Lani Smith

*As Jacob with travel was weary one day,  
At night, with a stone for a pillow, he lay;  
He saw in a vision a ladder so high  
That its foot was on earth and its top in the sky.  
Refrain: Alleluia to Jesus, who died on the tree,  
And has raised up a ladder of mercy for me.*

*This ladder is long, it is strong and well made,  
Has stood hundreds of years and is not yet decayed;  
Many millions have climbed it and reached Zion's hill,  
Many millions, by faith, are climbing it still. (Refrain)*

*Come, let us ascend! All may climb it who will,  
For the angels of Jacob are guarding it still;  
And remember, each step that by faith we pass o'er,  
Many prophets and martyrs have trod it before. (Refrain)*

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pause here and pay attention: this is holy ground!

**How can we know if God is present here?**

Pause here and listen: God is giving a blessing!

**How can we know if the blessing is true?**

Pause here...let down your guard and open your heart: The God of all creation is here.

**Surely the Lord is in this place—this is none other than the house of God!**

♪ **\*HYMN 1** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICAEA

👂 **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

🕯 **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You promised, O God, that through your chosen people all the families of the earth would be blessed.

We confess that we have not often thought of ourselves as the ones reflecting and echoing your blessing into the world.

We love to receive your blessing, and we love to determine who else we think is worthy to receive it.

But we more often withhold than share, we look for ways to manipulate the situation to our advantage, and too often our lives resonate on a different frequency than yours.

Forgive us when we not only miss your presence because we weren't looking, but also insist no one can see you if we don't.

Forgive us when we try to keep your blessing within our boundaries, rather than letting you work.

Awaken and attune us to the truth that not only are you present in places we never expected, you are even pouring out your abundant life to the whole world through we who are called to be a blessing to all.

We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ, your promise in the flesh. 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

**Holy God, your mind is beyond our knowing;**

**your grace is beyond our imagining;**

**your way is beyond our capacity,**

**and yet you call us and provide for us and guide us.**

**May these words from scripture today illumine our lives and our very selves,**

**so that we might live more faithfully. Amen.**



### SCRIPTURE Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; Genesis 28:10-17 (page 20)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Louis Coleman Guenin, child of Claire Coleman and Teddy Guenin

**HYMN 486** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

KINGDOM

*Following the Baptism, children ages infant to 5<sup>th</sup> 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 "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

trad. spiritual, arr. Richard Walters, choral arr. by Michael Conley

*We are climbing Jacob's golden ladder, children of the cross.*

*Every rung goes higher, higher, children of the cross.*

*Children, do you love my Jesus? People of the cross?*

*Rise, shine, give God your glory, followers of the cross.*

*Keep on climbing, surely we will make it, people of the cross.*



### SERMON "To Remember When Waking"



### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Immigrant's Creed, by Rev. Jose Luis Casal

**I believe in Almighty God,**

**who guided the people in exile and in exodus,**

**the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,**

**the God of foreigners and immigrants.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,**

**a displaced Galilean,**

**who was born away from his people and his home,**

**who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger,**

**and returning to his own country suffered the oppression**

**of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power,**

**who then was persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured,**

**accused and condemned to death unjustly.**

**But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead,**

**not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,**

**who speaks all languages, lives in all countries,**

**and reunites all races.**

**I believe that the church is the secure home**

**for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it,**

**who speak the same language and have the same purpose.**

**I believe that the communion of the saints begins**

**when we accept the diversity of the saints.**

**I believe in the forgiveness of sin, which makes us all equal,**

**and in reconciliation, which identifies us more**

**than does race, language, or nationality.**

I believe that in the resurrection  
God will unite us as one people  
in which all are distinct  
and all are alike at the same time.

Beyond this world, I believe in life eternal  
in which no one will be an immigrant  
but all will be citizens of God's kingdom,  
which will never end. 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).*

 **MINUTE FOR MINISTRY** Faith in Action & Mission Fair Coffee Hour

 **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** "The Gate of Heaven"

Craig Courtney

*Lord of the cloud and fire, my heart is in Your hand.  
From the darkness lift me to the Light.  
Your will my soul command.  
Lord of the cloud and fire, lead me to worlds unknown.  
Light Eternal, You alone can change the darkness into dawn.  
From the darkness to the Light, led by the Lord of cloud and fire,  
at Heaven's gate I stand, the house of God.  
Rise, shine, give God glory.  
Lord of the cloud and fire, I bow before Your throne.  
By faith, at Heaven's gate I stand, and find it home.*

 **\*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 24** "God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

HOLY MANNA

 **\*BENEDICTION**

 **\*CHORAL BLESSING** "Amen"

Fernando Allen

 **POSTLUDE** "Sortie, from *Heures mystiques - Messe VI (Op.30 No.1)*" (1896)

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

## Leading Worship This Morning

Amy Ovalle  
Ladd Martin  
Rev. Marcella Auld Glass  
Rev. Joann H. Lee  
Michael Conley  
John Walko  
Emil Miland  
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols  
Natalie Ter Agapova  
Nancy Hall  
Joachim Luis  
Michael Villarreal  
Calvary Chancel Choir

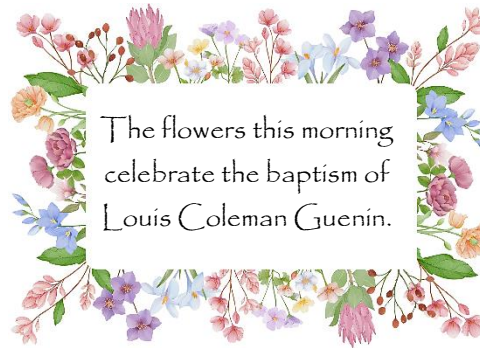
Liturgist  
Minute for Ministry  
Preaching  
Assisting  
Conductor  
Organist/Planist  
Cellist  
Soloist  
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**Rev. Victor Floyd**  
is away, returning  
September 23.

## Next Week in Worship: September 28 at 10am

**Rev. Victor H. Floyd: Say My Name, Say My Name**

Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17 Perhaps it was destiny, child, that drew Moses toward the burning bush. There he learns God's name. Let's remove everything that separates us from holy ground and listen together for a new divine revelation.



The flowers this morning  
celebrate the baptism of  
Louis Coleman Guenin.



## Volunteer Opportunity: Interfaith Immigration Court Vigils

In partnership with the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity, Calvary

members and friends are invited to provide a sacred presence outside ICE immigration court in San Francisco. Volunteers hold signs, provide emotional support, prayer, and love. These gatherings are not intended as protests but as opportunities to witness and stand tall in our faith. ICE immigration courts have become places of danger and fear for immigrants accessing due process. As a sanctuary congregation, we're invited to offer the best gifts of our faith: accompaniment, bearing witness, hope, connection, and beloved community.

**Sign up today at <http://bit.ly/CourtVigilVolunteer> to volunteer on an upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. No experience required!**

**Questions about being an immigration court vigil volunteer or for more information about Calvary's sanctuary ministry, contact a pastor.**

## Every Drop Counts

### Join Calvary's Extended Blood Drive!

We had a great turnout at our recent blood drive, collecting 18 units of blood, plus one plasma donation. Thank you to all our donors for helping save lives!

The response was so positive that we've extended the blood drive, which will be open for the next 30 days (through October 7).

**Scan the QR code or visit the link below to donate at a Vitalant center.**  
**[vbd.vitalant.org/drive/SaveMore-4143-N](http://vbd.vitalant.org/drive/SaveMore-4143-N)**

**They'll know Calvary sent you!**

Together, our efforts can bring hope and healing to so many!



## CALVARY WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND PROGRAM STAFF

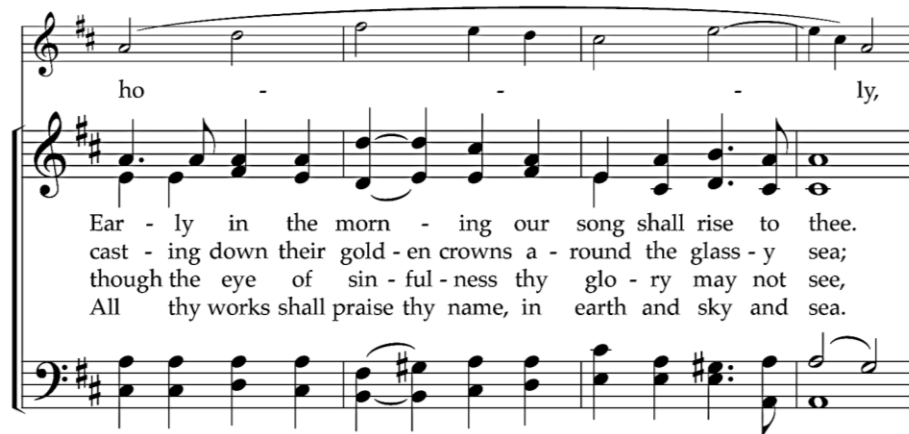


**The Rev. Marcella Auld Glass**, Pastor & Head of Staff  
**The Rev. Joann H. Lee**, Associate Pastor for Community Formation  
**The Rev. Victor H. Floyd**, Minister of Spiritual Care  
**Michael Conley**, Director of Music Ministries  
**John Walko**, Organist  
**Alison Faison**, Director of Children & Family Ministries  
**Robin Morjikian**, Director of Development & Volunteer Ministries  
**Jeff Smith**, Director of Youth Ministries

*Descant*



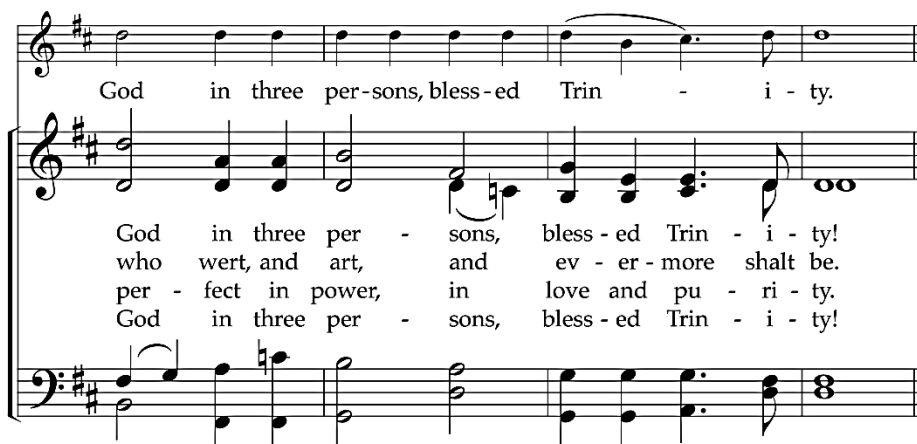
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!



ho - ly,  
 Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.



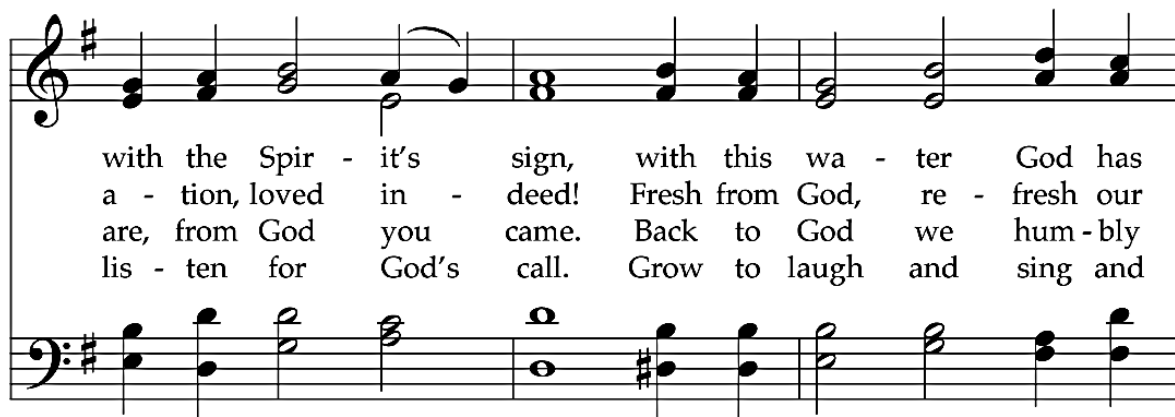
ho - ly,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!



1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized  
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -  
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you  
 4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to



with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has  
 a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our  
 are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly  
 lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and



sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
 spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
 give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.  
 wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

This hymn addressed to a newly-baptized child begins each stanza with a facet of the child's identity, culminating in "child of God." By being directed to one person rather than the whole congregation, this text occupies a special category among the "songs of encouragement."



Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi -  
 2 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern cit - ies, state - ly  
 3 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the  
 4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it

(Em7) Gm7 (G) Bb (Bm) Dm (A) C (Bm) Dm (A) C

nite in time and place, flung the suns in burn - ing  
 build - ings row on row. Yet their win - dows, blank, un -  
 child - hood of our race; known the ec - sta - sy of  
 chal - lenge us a - new, chil - dren of cre - a - tive

(G) Bb (F#m) Am (G) Bb (A) C (D) F

ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space,  
 feel - ing, stare on can - yoned streets be - low,  
 wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;  
 pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.

(D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (G) Bb (Em7) Gm7 (G) Bb (F#m7) Am7

we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive  
 where the lone - ly drift un - no - ticed in the cit - y's  
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i -  
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or

(G) Bb (Em7) Gm7 (A) C (D) F (Bm) Dm (A) C

powers with you. Great Cre - a - tor, still cre -  
 ebb and flow, lost to pur - pose and to  
 mag - ined power, fac - ing us with life's de -  
 well be - gun. Great Cre - a - tor, give us

(Em7) Gm7 (F#m) Am (G) Bb (A) C (D) F

at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
 mean - ing, scarce - ly car - ing where they go.  
 struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
 guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

The crux of this text comes in the second stanza: if we dare to claim God-given abilities, we need also to show God-like compassion for the human needs that confront us daily. The earthy shape note tune provides a further reminder that we must not lose our heads in the clouds.