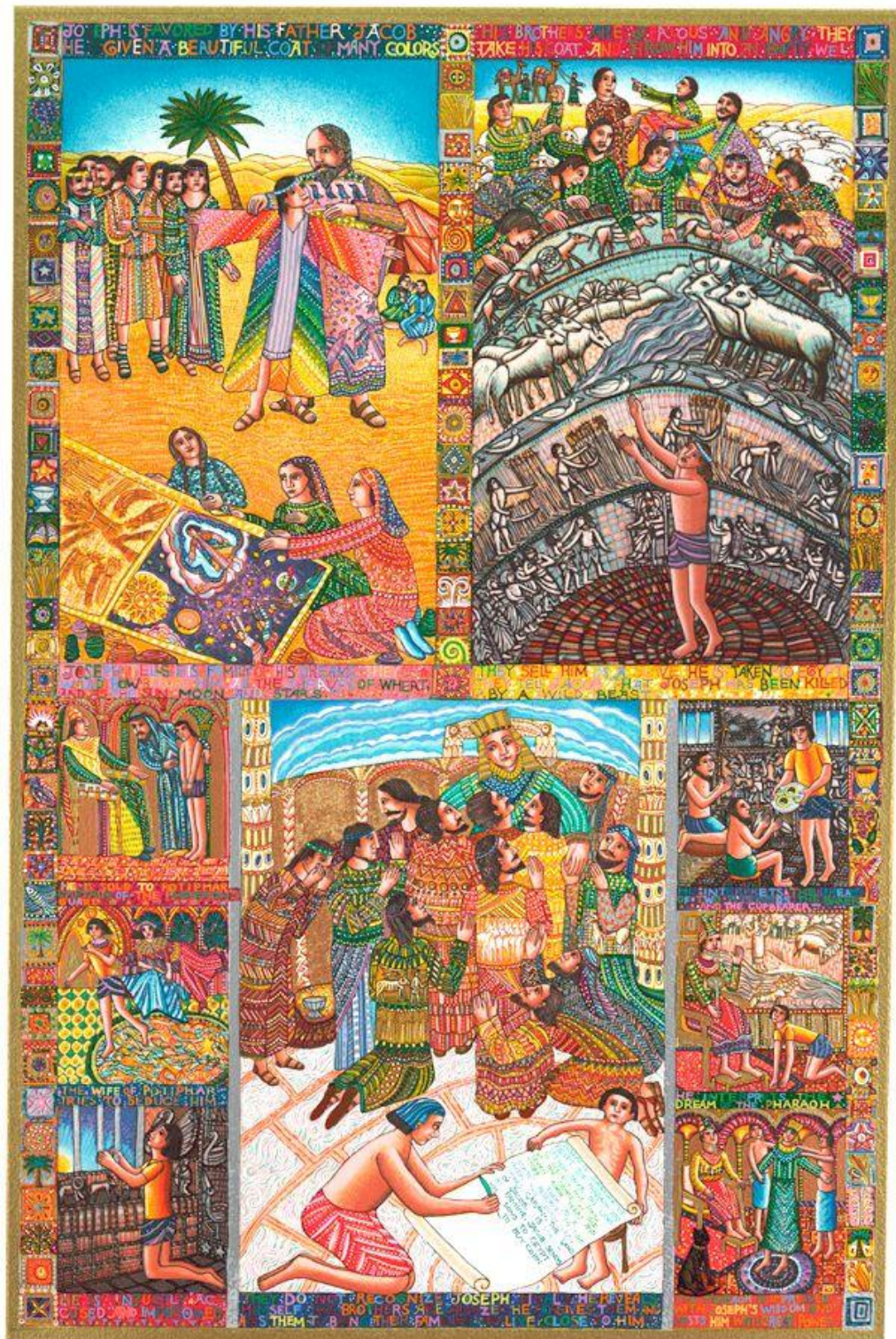




Story of Joseph (2005), by John August Swanson

HERE'S TO YOU, MRS. POTIPHAR

SEPTEMBER 27, 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 27–OCTOBER 3

Sunday: Genesis 39:1-23; *Joseph's Hope*

Monday: Genesis 41:1-13; *Pharaoh's Dream*

Tuesday: Genesis 41:14-45; *Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dream*

Wednesday: Genesis 47:1-12; *Jacob and His Sons Come to Egypt*

Thursday: Exodus 1:8-14; *Enslavement in Egypt*

Friday: Exodus 3:1-17; *Words of Liberation from the Bush*

Saturday: Exodus 5:1-9; *"Let My People Go"*

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** "Fantasia on the Hymn-Tune ST. ANNE"

Cuthbert Harris (1870-1932)

🎵 **INTROIT** "Benedictus"

Jacob Handl (1551-1591)

Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In every place,
God is present.
In every circumstance,
God is with us.
In the best and worst of times,
God is making us a blessing right where we are.

🎵 ***HYMN 687** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

👂 ***CALL TO CONFESSION**

🕯 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of every blessing,
we confess that sometimes we can't see your blessing in every situation.
We want you to give us what we want –
a good life, free of trouble, safe and comfortable, prosperous and happy.
You promise instead to be with us,
to show us your steadfast love,
and to make us a blessing wherever we are.
We want you to set your people free and make sure everyone is cared for.
You call us instead to look out for the vulnerable and to use our own powers for good.
Forgive us when we want you to give us an easy life,
but we don't want to do the work to make others' lives easier.
Forgive us when we confuse your blessing with privilege or prosperity
and then refuse to share any of it.
Forgive us, O God,
and liberate us from our wrong thinking and our wrongdoing,
that we may learn to live out your goodness in every place and time.
We ask in Jesus' name. 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 39 (page 31)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



CHILDREN'S MEDITATION

Following the Children's 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 "Living Faith"

Brad Croushorn

*In our flaws and in our failures; loss of status, pride, or place;
in our doubts and in our questions, can we find Your touch of grace?
When we stumble, when we falter, will You hear us as we call upon Your name?
With simple prayers and honest searching, may we come to see Your face.*

*Voices clamor for assistance, no compassion in reply.
Who will help the poor and powerless? Doors are shut to mute their cry.
Stubborn minds and cold indifference, we ignore their plight and keep our comfort safe.
Turn our callous hearts to caring. Turn our hands to lift them high.*

*Through our seeking and our service, draw us closer day by day;
in our task to lessen suffering, let us work without delay.
Though the needs are overwhelming, and discouragement feels rooted here to stay;
with each breath of life You give us, may You find in us a living faith.*



SERMON "Here's to you, Mrs. Potiphar"



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH written by Calvary's Session

We confirm the 1934 Declaration of Barmen, which took a stand against the mistaken concept that the gospels might be rewritten as a political accommodation to an authoritarian government, and we affirm:

"Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God." (Barmen 8.11-12)

We confess that Christianity today in the United States is being aligned with a message of power, cruelty, racism, and national identity that is at odds with the Gospel of Jesus, who instructed his followers to lead as servants (Matthew 20:26). **We reject the co-opting of the Gospel to serve the agendas of white supremacy, authoritarianism, militarism, state sponsored cruelty, or the innate superiority of any racial or ethnic group.**

Because Jesus told us in Matthew 25, "*I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me,*" **we seek to follow Jesus' instructions and seek to feed, house, and care for our neighbors, regardless of their immigration status.**

Because the Book of Genesis (1:26-27) tells us that humanity was created in the very image of God (*imago dei*), we believe it is sin to deny or diminish the humanity of any of our neighbors. **Regardless of race, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity, or citizenship status, the image of God lives in each of us and each person is worth our concern, love, and protection.**

Because the Book of Exodus tells us that God instructed the people of God to care for foreigners who lived among them (Exodus 22:21) and because Jesus himself fled to another country to escape political violence (Matthew 2: 13-15), **we take seriously our call to be a church that offers welcome and sanctuary for our**

immigrant neighbors. We remember that our ancestors were once immigrants in a foreign land and that a foreign country welcomed Jesus as an infant.

Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35) We believe loving one another is the true measure of our faith. **We commit to loving each other. When love is difficult, we commit to seeking repair. When love becomes a hollow sentiment, we commit to honoring its sacred origin. "We love because God first loved us".** (1 John 4:19)

Therefore, we commit to:

- **Listen to, and stand with, the most vulnerable and harmed communities;**
- **Use our energy, imagination, love, resources, and privilege to enact change born of partnership and accompaniment;**
- **Use our platforms and voices to counter the rhetoric of hatred and fear;**
- **Engage honestly with those who hold different points of view by working to seek common ground in our shared humanity; and**
- **Do everything with mercy, kindness, humility, and love.**

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 "The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation"

Brad Nix

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Oh I will rejoice, I will rejoice.
The Lord is my rock, a sure foundation.
Oh I will rejoice, I will rejoice. Alleluia!
With every breath I sing God's praise,
With all my heart I seek God's ways.
I will rejoice for all my days,
I will rejoice in the Lord!
The Lord is the hope of every nation.
Oh I will rejoice, I will rejoice.
The Lord is the light of all creation.*

*Oh I will rejoice, I will rejoice. Alleluia!
With every work I praise God's name.
With every word I shout God's fame.
With every song I will proclaim:
I will rejoice in the Lord!
The Lord God is faithful, whose word is my sight.
My heart, always grateful, rejoices in God's light.
God's power and majesty, God's wisdom and mystery
Are greater and higher, deeper and wider,
Reaching from the earth to heaven's shore.
The Lord is my light and my salvation...*

—Joseph and Jonathan Martin



*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow, praise God, all crea - tures
here be - low, praise God, a - bove ye heav - enly 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 805 "Come Sing to God" (verses 1, 2, & 4)

ELLACOMBE

♪ ***BENEDICTION**

♪ ***CHORAL BLESSING** "Three-fold Amen"

Michael Conley

♪ **POSTLUDE** "Short Postlude on ST. ANNE" (1960)
(Our God, Our Help in Ages Past - hymn tune by William Croft, 1708)

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

LEADING WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Susie Williams	Liturgist
Rev. Marcella Auld Glass	Preaching
Rev. Joann H. Lee	Assisting
Alison Faison	Children's Meditation
Michael Conley	Conductor
John Walko	Organist/Pianist
Natalie Ter Agapova	Soloist
Victoria Belova	Soloist
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols	Soloist
Joachim Luis	Soloist
Jefferson Packer	Soloist
Ben Pattison	Soloist
Michael Villarreal	Soloist
Calvary Chancel Choir	

Pastor Victor is on vacation, returning October 1; **Pastor Marcella** will be away from Calvary on her sabbatical beginning October 1, returning November 1.

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

OCTOBER 4 AT 10AM

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Rev. Joann H. Lee: You Cannot Do It Alone

Exodus 18:10-27 Communion reminds us that we cannot do life alone. And in today's scripture passage, Jethro reminds Moses that he cannot lead alone either. We are made for community. So join us around the Lord's Table and help us build community!

The flowers this morning are given by Paul and Linda Vermeulen in memory of their mother, Pauline Barnes.



WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

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

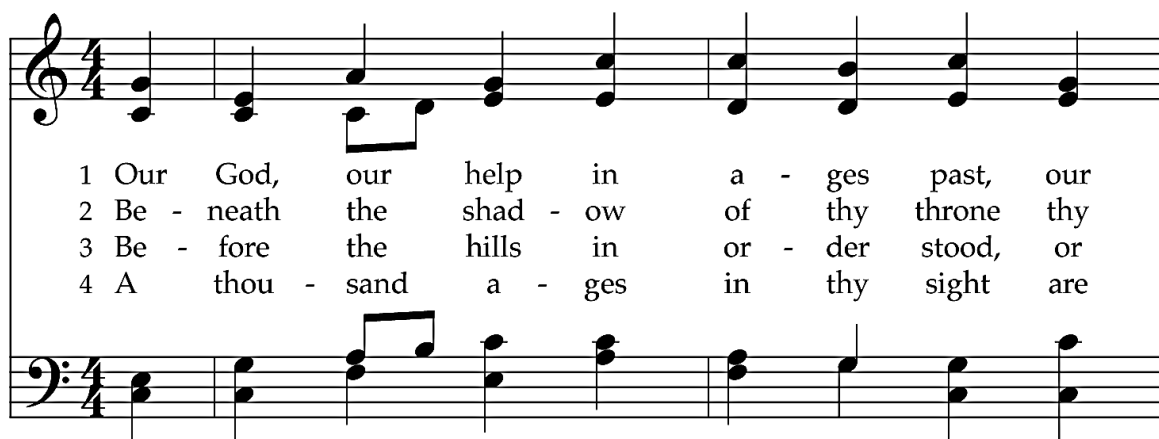
Reconciling God's people at the Table of Grace through ministries of justice.

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.

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

(Psalm 30)



1 Come sing to God, O liv - ing saints; sing prais - es to God's name.
 2 In my suc - cess I felt se - cure; how good you've been to me.
 3 What good is gained by my dis - grace, what prof - it in de - feat?
 4 You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sor - rows you de - stroy.

God's an - ger is not per - ma - nent; God's love will nev - er wane.
 I said that this is my own work, as - crib - ing all to me.
 My grave can - not con - fess your name, nor praise for you re - peat.
 In faith - ful - ness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.

Though tears may tar - ry for the night with sighs of deep - est pain,
 But when you turned a - side your face, my life was filled with fears.
 Now hear, O Lord, my plain - tive cry; be mer - ci - ful to me.
 And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your good - ness raise.

yet joy comes with the morn - ing sun, a peace that is not vain.
 I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bit - ter tears.
 Ac - cept my long - ing heart's re - quest and from death set me free.
 You are my God, for - ev - er - more. My life shall sing your praise.

In effect, the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 30 states the general truth that has been learned from the personal experience described in the last three stanzas. It is set to an 18th-century German tune brought into use with English hymnody in the 19th century.

CALVARY WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND PROGRAM STAFF



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