

"Moses and the Burning Bush" 1985, Keith Haring

Say My Name, Say My Name

Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." — Exodus 3:3

September 28, 2025

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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).



Daily Lectionary: September 28-October 4

Sunday: Exodus 2:23–25: 3:1–15: 4:10–17: The Burning Bush

Monday: Exodus 5:1-13; Bricks without Straw

Tuesday: Exodus 7:14–8:15; The First and Second Plagues **Wednesday:** Exodus 8:16–9:12; The Third through Sixth Plagues **Thursday:** Exodus 9:13–10:29; The Seventh through Ninth Plagues

Friday: Exodus 12:1-32; The Passover and Tenth Plague Saturday: Exodus 13:17-14:25; Crossing the Red Sea

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 "Canzonetta, Op. 78, No 2" (1979)

William Mathias (1934–1992)

INTROIT "God of Many Names"

Dolores Hruby (1924–2008)

God of many names, now bless us; God of many faces, protect us; God of many faiths, now hear our prayer: bring us love and peace.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In every day gone by,

God has been faithful.

Today, right here and right now,

God is paying attention and knows us.

On every tomorrow, to the end of the age,

God will be present and fulfilling the covenant.

In every time and place, un-confined by our calendars and clocks,

God was. God is. God shall be.

*Hymn 19 "God of Great and God of Small"

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our ancestors,

we confess that sometimes we wonder

if you are as close to us as you seemed to be for people in the past.

We hear stories of your mighty works and intimate conversations,

and we long for a tangible sense of your presence.

We come today in part because it's what we do,

and also hoping that today is the day something will catch our eye,

that out of the corner of our spirit we will get a glimpse

and that your Spirit will enable us to turn aside to see.

And when that happens, Lord,

we confess we'll have plenty of explanations why

we can't be seeing what we're seeing or hearing what we're hearing,

and plenty of excuses why we can't do what you're asking.

Forgive us our conflicted hearts,

our confused minds.

our desires that pull us one way and another...

and show us who you have really made us to be.

*Assurance of Pardon

Whatever the reason you might imagine God can't accept you, can't use you, can't love you, God overrules every objection with the truth:

I have called you by name. I will be with you.

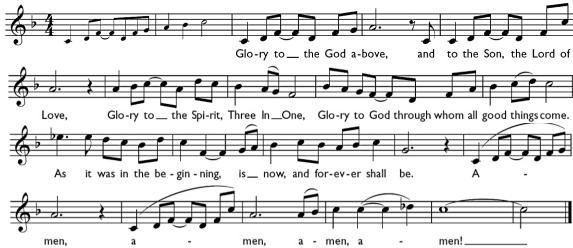
I will give you everything you need to fulfil my purpose for you.

God believes in you!

Thanks be to God.



GOLDEN GATE, Michael Conley



*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

When you reveal yourself today —
for you have promised to be among us whenever we gather —
make us ready to perceive.
Overwhelm us with your presence,
with a sure sense of your attention to our lives and our prayers,

and with the will to walk in your way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17 (page 44-45)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

© CHILDREN'S MEDITATION Presbyterian Youth Triennium Participants

Following the Children's Meditation, 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.

♪ ANTHEM "Only a Voice"

Thomas LaVoy

You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain while it blazed with fire to the very heavens with black clouds and deep darkness; there was only a voice.

Then the Lord spoke to you out of the fire.
You heard the sound of words but saw no form.
There was only a voice.

—Deuteronomy 4:11-12 (adpt. by Thomas LaVoy)

SERMON "Say My Name, Say My Name"

*Affirmation of Faith "Affirming the Church's Mission", Wild Goose Resource Group, 2015

This we believe:

That we worship one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in whose image we are made, to whose service we are summoned, by whose presence we are renewed.

This we believe:
That it is central to the mission of Christ
that we participate through word and action

to rejoice in the diversity of human culture, to preserve the earth in all its beauty and frailty, to witness to the love of God for every person, and to invite all to share in that converting experience.

This we believe:

That through the power of the Holy Spirit, the persecuted shall be lifted up and the wicked will fall, that the heartfelt prayers and hidden actions of God's people shall change for good the course of human history. that the ancient words of scripture shall continue to startle us with fresh insight.

This we believe:

That God has called the Church into being to be the servant of the kingdom, to be a sign of God's new order; to celebrate in every land worship which raises our hearts to heaven.

This we believe and to this we are committed: That Christ, fully aware of our differences, prays that we may be one so that the world may believe, for the love of God, in the way of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 "Moses"

Hyun Kook

Moses, a baby in a basket, floatin' down the river. Moses grew up to be a leader, a chosen man. God spoke to Moses in the land of Midian. From a burnin' bush, he heard Him callin': "Watch where you're walkin'. Don't come any closer now. Moses, you're standin' on holy ground." God said to Moses, "I have heard my people cry. Down in Egypt, they are a-groanin'. They are hopin' for a leader. You are the man they need. It's you that I'm supplyin', I'm gonna tell you why. Get down to Egypt and I'll go along." "Lord, don't You know I am not who You think I am. Don't make me go! Lord, don't You know someone else You can ask? I'm not the man You need! I'm not cut out to lead!" "Moses, you're talkin' to the Lord here! Listen to me, Moses! You gotta get on board here, so pack your bag!"

Pharaoh, he didn't wanna budge now, couldn't see the light so God said, He needs a little nudge now to do what's right!"

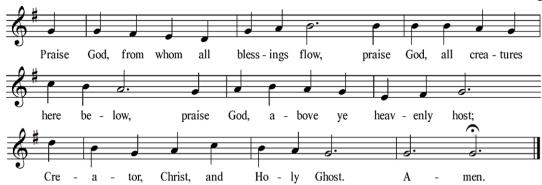
God said to Moses, "You can make them understand.

When I'm done he'll wish he'd listened to you! He will be glad when you get up and go!" Blood in the water and hoppin' frogs everywhere.

Gnats all around, lots of flies buzzin' in the air.

Death and destruction and hail from the sky, locusts and darkness and babies will have to die! God said to Moses, "I have heard my people cry, but their cryin' days are gonna end now. Pharaoh has got more trouble than he bargained for. He will be glad when you get up and go!" "Moses, the promised land is waitin', listen to me, Moses, Get up and go! Better be on your way! No reason now to stay! This is your movin' day! On your way, Moses!"

-Mary Kay Beall



*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 52 "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

Go Down Moses

BENEDICTION

"CHORAL BLESSING "Alleluia"

Svlvia Mestaver-Collins

Joachim Luis

Michael Villarreal

Calvary Chancel Choir

Jacques Berthier

Postlude "Twelve Miniatures, No. 5 - Allegro Pomposo" (1913)

Henry Marcellus Higgs (1854-1929)

Acknowledgement: Liturgy adapted from Teri Peterson for Bible Worm.

Soloist

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Leading Worship This Morning

Liturgist Rev. Victor H. Floyd Preaching Rev. Marcella Auld Glass **Assisting** Rev. Joann H. Lee **Assisting** Jeff Smith, Henry Faison, Children's Meditation Arianna Kaliontzakis, Simon Kraay Conductor Michael Conley Organist/Pianist John Walko Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols Soloist Natalie Ter Agapova Soloist Soloist Nancy Hall

> We welcome a new baby to the Calvary family! Ben Pattison, one of our soloists, and his wife, Lauren, recently welcomed Quinn into the world.

Next Week in Worship: October 5 at 10am

World Communion Sunday

Come hear the woman who taught Pastor Marci everything she knows!

Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence The Manna Season

Exodus 16:1-21, 35 This story from Exodus 16 contains one of the best-known miracles in the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible: when Moses and the people have no food to eat in the wilderness, God sends the miracle of manna to be their daily bread. The people eat that manna for the next forty years, as God sustains them throughout their wilderness journey. What might manna look like for us, when we find ourselves in our own wilderness seasons?





SPECIAL OFFERING: PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 12

The Peace & Global Witness Offering supports the peacemaking and reconciliation efforts of the church at every governing body level and provides an opportunity to spread God's gift of peace in the world. This offering empowers congregations and individuals to become peacemakers themselves.

Contributing is easy:

- 1. Donate online directly to the Presbyterian Church USA at pcusa.org/donate/pg999999-peace-global-witness-offering
- 2. Donate online to Calvary at **calvarypresbyterian.org/donate** and the funds will be sent to PCUSA (select *Peace & Global Witness* in the "Fund" dropdown menu)
- 3. Place **a check in the offering plate**, payable to Calvary, noting *Peace & Global Witness* on the memo line

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!

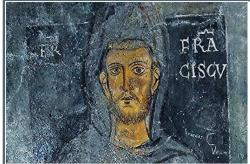
The response was so positive that we've extended the blood drive, which will be open for the next 30 days (through October 7).

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to donate at a Vitalant center. vbd.vitalant.org/drive/SaveMore-4143-N

They'll know Calvary sent you!

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





Spiritual Wellness Event: Saturday, October 18, 9am–12pm

Saint Francis & The Book of the Cross
How much do you know about the
patron saint of our city? Join Sister
Carmen Barsody of Faithful Fools and the
Calvary Deacons for this morning of
spiritual exploration. Learn about Francis
of Assisi, how he prayed with the San
Damiano Cross, and how God calls

us to rebuild our lives, the church, and the community. *Please register in advance at calpres.org/events. Questions?*

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



- 1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
- 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
- si lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
- 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



whom all things be - long, God of weak and God of strong, God to God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour, dark-est night, God whose love turns wrong to right, God of day and God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,



Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

TEXT: Natalie Sleeth, 1973 MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1973; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012 Text and Music © 1973 Carl Fischer, Inc.

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

7.7.7.7 with refrain



Nothing in Hebrew Scripture resonated more deeply with the experience of African Americans in North America than Israel's slavery in Egypt. In this spiritual's recurring line, "Let my people go," past and present became one, as they still do for all who are oppressed.