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REFORMATION SUNDAY & FALL FESTIVAL

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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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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.

DAILY LECTIONARY: OCTOBER 26–NOVEMBER 1

Sunday: 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13; *Solomon's Temple*

Monday: 1 Kings 11:1-13; *Solomon's Errors*

Tuesday: 1 Kings 11:41–12:19; *The Kingdom Divides*

Wednesday: 1 Kings 16:1-28; *The Situation before Ahab*

Thursday: 1 Kings 16:29-34; *Ahab Marries Jezebel*

Friday: 1 Kings 17:1-24; *The Widow of Zarephath*

Saturday: 1 Kings 18:20-46; *Elijah and the Prophets of Baal*

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.



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♪ **PRELUDE** "Arabesque, from 24 Pièces en style libre (24 pieces in free style), Op 31 No 15"

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

♪ **INTROIT** "Orison"

Michael A. Gray

*O my Lord, when darkness falls,
Teach us how to call on Thee.
When the path of light is gone,
Grant us faith that we may see.*

*Teach us Lord, how to love.
Guide our actions from above.
Teach us to reflect Thy light;
As the moon shines thru the night. Amen.*

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is here, in this place.

The glory of the Lord is all around and fills this house!

The Living God dwells here among the people—

forever and ever, God is with us!

Come, let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

♪ ***HYMN 364** "Lift Up the Gates Eternal"

GILU HAGALILIM

👂 ***CALL TO CONFESSION**

🕯 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of grace and glory, you fill this place and your people with your presence. We confess that we have believed we could confine you, that your glory can only be seen in certain places or by certain kinds of people. We admit that we enjoy the feeling of control that comes with the idea that you'll be in one place, a place we call ours. And we confess that we often misplace our trust in buildings and the power they represent, forgetting that you are the One who saves, you are the One who is everywhere present, you are the One who forever does a new thing. Forgive us, O God. Save us from mixing up place and purpose, that we might be always ready to serve, wherever you desire. In Jesus' name. Amen.

👂 ***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

♪ ***GLORIA** "Glory to the God Above"

GOLDEN GATE, Michael Conley

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a repeat sign. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff begins with a repeat sign and ends with a double bar line.

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, 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** Prayer of St. Francis, alt.

Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of our hearts, and give us true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, that we may carry out your holy and true will. Amen.



SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13 (page 268; 271)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



CHILDREN'S MEDITATION

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 "Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen" from *Eine deutsches Requiem* Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

*How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord.
My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.
O blest are they that dwell in thy house:
they praise thy name evermore.
—Psalm 84*



SERMON "In the Thick of It"



***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 Calvary Nursery School



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 "Music In the Air"

trad. spiritual, arr. Ryan Murphy

*Over my head, I hear music in the air. There must be a God somewhere.
And when I'm alone, I hear music in the air.
And when I'm afraid, I hear music in the air.
And when it's dark, I hear music in the air.
And when I'm weary, I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.*



***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 275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG



*BENEDICTION



*CHORAL BLESSING "Alleluia"

Jacques Berthier



POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress (EIN' FESTE BURG)" (1976)

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Acknowledgement: Liturgy adapted from Teri Peterson for Bible Worm.

Leading Worship This Morning

Kristen Marsh	<i>Liturgist</i>
Sarah Martin	<i>Minute for Ministry</i>
Rev. Victor H. Floyd	<i>Preaching</i>
Rev. Joann H. Lee	<i>Assisting</i>
Alison Faison	<i>Children's Meditation</i>
Michael Conley	<i>Conductor</i>
John Walko	<i>Organist/Pianist</i>
Natalie Ter Agapova	<i>Soloist</i>
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols	<i>Soloist</i>
Nancy Hall	<i>Soloist</i>
Joachim Luis	<i>Soloist</i>
Michael Villarreal	<i>Soloist</i>
Calvary Chancel Choir	

Pastor Marci is away,
returning October 30.

Next Week in Worship: November 2 at 10am

Rev. Marcella Auld Glass: *Light of the World*

Matthew 5:14-16 Toward the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells his disciples to be the 'salt of the earth' and 'light of the world.' How is God calling Calvary to be light for the world? Are we being called to illumine dark paths to make people's journeys easier to navigate? Or to shed light in dark corners where hope is hard to find? What might God be dreaming for us, from our perch in the city on the hill?

The flowers this morning
celebrate the birth of
Thomas Charles Vandenberg,
born October 15 in Denver,
Colorado, the fifth grandchild of
Rae and Charles Hagner.



(Psalm 24)

Refrain Em A



Lift up the gates e - ter - nal; lift up your voic - es;

Em Bm C D Em



the King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.

G C G D7 G C



1 See, all the earth is God's, its peo - ple and na - tions;
 2 Who can go up this moun - tain, who stand in prais - ing?
 3 Come, lift your voic - es high; be lift - ed to glo - ry;
 4 Who is this glo - rious one, for whom we are wait - ing?
 5 Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tow - er;
 6 Who is this King of glo - ry of whom we're sing - ing?

G Cmaj7 D7 G



God built it on the deeps and laid its foun - da - tions.
 Those who are pure, who come with clean hands up - rais - ing. (R)
 the Lord our God ap - proach - es; come, shout the sto - ry.
 We wait the might - y Lord, our God cel - e - brat - ing. (R)
 the King of glo - ry comes in full might and pow - er.
 Our God, the Lord of Hosts, the vic - tory is bring - ing. (R)

Gradually increasing tempo can heighten the sense of joy and power in this psalm.

This engaging paraphrase of Psalm 24 gains much of its energy from the Israeli folk song for which it was written. This territorial connection adds another dimension to a many-layered text that speaks both to the themes of Advent and to those of Christ's entry into Jerusalem.

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tie.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

WHAT IS PER CAPITA GIVING?

Per Capita is an annual per member apportionment assessed by the General Assembly, our denomination's governing body, which enables all members to share the administrative costs of sharing God's love. The amount each PC(USA) church contributes is based on its membership as reported to the General Assembly. This is not an optional payment for Calvary Presbyterian Church.

**Calvary's obligation for 2025 is \$25,960
\$40 for each member**

Your contribution of \$40 for each person in your family who is a member may be paid online at calpres.org/donate (select "per capita" in the fund drop-down menu) or by check payable to Calvary (drop in the offering plate or mail to the church Attn: per capita). Please mark your check, "per capita." The funds used to pay Calvary's obligation of \$25,960 are taken directly from the church's operating budget. The more per capita contributions received, the less impact on the budget. With thanks and gratitude for your response.



change is in the air...

DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK!

NOVEMBER 2 AT 2AM

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

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