



November 23, 2025

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

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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).



DAILY LECTIONARY: NOVEMBER 23–NOVEMBER 29

Sunday: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14; *Hope for the Future*

Monday: Jeremiah 29:15-23; *Prophecy of Exile*

Tuesday: Jeremiah 30:1-11; *Prophecy of Return from Exile*

Wednesday: Jeremiah 31:1-14; *Prophecy of Abundance*

Thursday: Jeremiah 31:31-40; *A New Covenant*

Friday: Daniel 1:1-21; *Daniel Comes to Babylon*

Saturday: Daniel 2:1-6, 24-30, 45b-49; *Nebuchadnezzar's Dream*

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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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** "Prelude on St. COLUMBA (The King of Love My Shepherd Is)" (1956)

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

🎵 **INTROIT: HYMN 473** "Shepherd Me, O God"

SHEPHERD ME

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

apathy says
others can do it,
let's get away;
compassion says
we can do it,
let's get involved
apathy says
there is a shortage,
let us save;
compassion says
there is enough,
let us share
apathy says
there are dangers,
let us be cautious;
compassion says
there are risks,
let us be vulnerable
apathy says
live and let die,
alone they can survive;
compassion says
live and let live,
together we can thrive

🎵 ***HYMN 802** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (verses 1–3, & 6)

ST. COLUMBA

👂 ***CALL TO CONFESSION**

🔊 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Good Shepherd, we take your care for granted.
In the midst of your many blessings, we complain of not having enough.
In the presence of danger, we fail to trust your abiding love.
When you set a table before us, we turn aside from you.
Call us back into your care and help us trust your caring presence,
that our actions may proclaim your truth. 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.

Following The Peace, children are invited to come up front for scripture reading and Children's Meditation.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 23:1-6 (page 633)

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 "Sheep May Safely Graze" from Cantata BWV 208

J.S. Bach, arr. by Katherine K. Davis

*Sheep may safely graze and pasture
In a watchful shepherd's sight.
Those who rule, with wisdom guiding,
Bring to hearts a peace abiding,
Bless a land with joy made bright.*



SERMON "Sheep Without a Shepherd"



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission.

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving humanity with our sinfulness. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's 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 "But Thanks Be to God" from Messiah

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

—1 Corinthians 15:57



*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 274** "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

PICARDY

 ***BENEDICTION**

 ***CHORAL BLESSING** "Alleluia"

Jacques Berthier

 **POSTLUDE** "Toccata on PICARDY (You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd)" (1962)

Gordon Young (1919–1998)

Acknowledgements:

The Call to Worship was written by Magdalena Garcia.

Liturgy adapted from Teri Peterson for Bible Worm.

Leading Worship This Morning

Jamie McAdoo	<i>Liturgist</i>
Rev. Marcella Auld Glass	<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>
Jefferson Packer	<i>Soloist</i>
Ben Pattison	<i>Soloist</i>
Michael Villarreal	<i>Soloist</i>
Calvary Chancel Choir	

Rev. Victor returns to the office tomorrow.

Next Week in Worship: November 30 at 10am

First Sunday of Advent

Rev. Victor H. Floyd: *God's Eminent Imminence: Keep Awake!*

Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44 "Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel." But when? There is no holy itinerary for God's arrival—no day or hour, no platform or gate. In Matthew 24, Jesus teaches us that if we want to live good and meaningful lives, we must keep awake: stay alert, attentive, expectant. God's ever-dawning presence is always on the verge.

CHURCH OFFICES

CLOSED

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

**SOON
AND VERY
SOON**
ADVENT 2025

THIS ADVENT, WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR NEED FOR RADICAL HOPE. THE SCRIPTURES FROM THIS SEASON ENCOURAGE US TO PREPARE FOR GOD'S BEST, YET IT SOMETIMES FEELS LIKE WE ARE LIVING IN THE "WORST OF TIMES." CAN WE HOLD FAST TO THE PROMISE THAT "SOON AND VERY SOON" WE ARE GOING TO SEE THE HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE OF GOD MANIFEST IN OUR LIVES AND INT THE WORLD? SOON AND VERY SOON, FRIENDS, SOON AND VERY SOON.

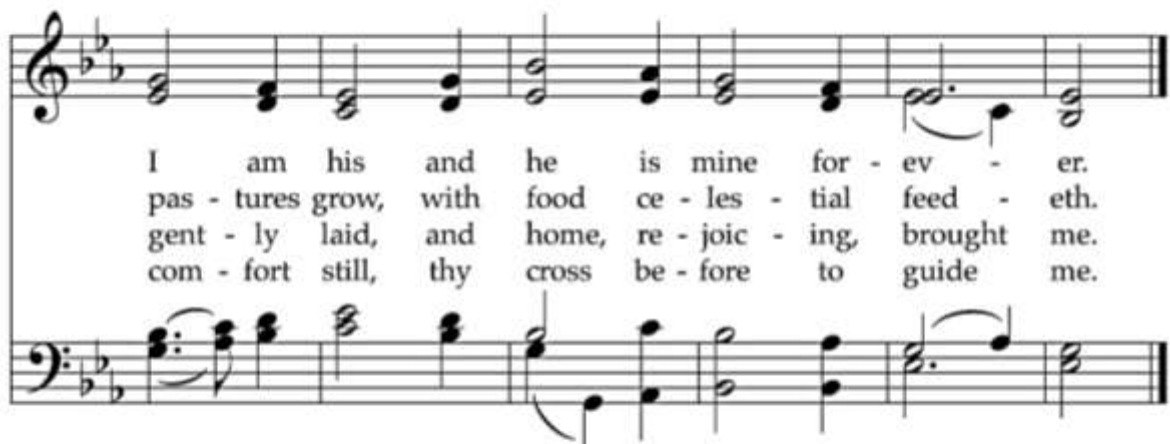
(Psalm 23)



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and O what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

Capo 5: (Am) Dm (F) B $\flat$ (C) F (Em) Am (Am) Dm (A7) D7



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

(Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Em) (Dm) (Am)
 Gm C F B $\flat$ Am Gm Dm



prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;

(B $\flat$) (F) (E) (A/C $\sharp$) (Dm)
 E $\flat$ B $\flat$ A D/F $\sharp$ Gm



of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

(Am) (G) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
 Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm



in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.

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