

Calvary Church
Season of Pentecost
October 18, 2020 10:30 AM

Before the service begins, make sure you have a candle and lighter.

Prelude

Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord)

Sue Paro, Music Director
Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cynthia Good

Candle Lighting: We invite you to light a candle with us.

Poem

Chime

Gathering Words

God called Abraham and Sarah
And God calls us

Haley Hansen, Worship Leader

Abraham and Sarah were faith in action
We follow in their footsteps

Jesus called disciples and followers
And Jesus calls us

God calls us into a journey of faithful living and being
We are love in action

Unison Prayer

**For each step that we might take, be our guide, O God of life.
For each load that we might bear, be our strength, O God of life.
For each mountain we might face, be our power, O God of life.
For each river that might impede, be our safety, O God of life.
For each place where we might rest, be our peace, O God of life.
For each sunrise and sunset, be our joy, O God of life. Amen.**

(from John Birch)

Passing the Peace: We invite you to unmute your microphone so you can greet one another. After the chime sounds, we will wait five seconds and then mute everyone's microphone.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**



1. This is the house of God. This is the gate of heav-en.
 2. Live in the house of God. Live at the gate of heav-en.
 3. You are the house of God. You are the gate of heav-en.



This is a ho - ly place. You are al - ways wel - come.
 Live in a ho - ly place. You are al - ways wel - come.
 You are a ho - ly place. I am al - ways wel - come.



Trust and know I'm al - ways with you through all chan - ges
 You are al - ways pre - cious to me. You are al - ways
 Through your tears and through your cour - age, through all tri - als



and all sea - sons. When you wake and when you're sleep - ing.
 per - fect to me. Stop your wor - ry, your ex - cus - es.
 and all sto - ries. Cra - dled in my arms please hear me.



All is well. All is well. You are the house of God.
 All is well.



You are the gate of heav - en. You are a ho - ly place.



I am al - ways wel - come. This is the house of God.

Scripture: Genesis 25:7-17 from the Common English Bible

Abraham lived to the age of 175. Abraham took his last breath and died after a good long life, a content old man, and he was placed with his ancestors. His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave in Machpelah, which is in the field of Zohar’s son Ephron the Hittite, near Mamre. Thus Abraham and his wife Sarah were both buried in the field Abraham had purchased from the Hittites. After Abraham’s death, God blessed his son Isaac, and Isaac lived in Beer-lahai-roi.

These are the descendants of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah’s servant, bore for Abraham. These are the names of Ishmael’s sons, by their names and according to their birth order: Nebaioth, Ishmael’s oldest son; Kedar; Adbeel; Mibsam; Mishma; Dumah; Massa; Hadad; Tema; Jetur; Naphish; and Kedemah. These are Ishmael’s sons. These are their names by their villages and their settlements: twelve tribal leaders according to their tribes. Ishmael lived to the age of 137. He took his last breath and died, and was placed with his ancestors.

The Word of God for us.

Children’s Time with Ryan Harrison

Scripture: Matthew 10: 5-8 from The Message

Jesus sent his twelve harvest hands out with this charge:

“Don’t begin by traveling to some far-off place to convert unbelievers. And don’t try to be dramatic by tackling some public enemy. Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously.”

God’s Word for us.

Music

Lord, Have Mercy

Carmen Phillips and the Calvary Choir
Pepper Choplin

Thoughts

Johan de Besche

Calvary Statement: Calvary Church is love in action.

We are a loving, welcoming, and fully inclusive Christian community. We believe in the Gospel. We worship, live, pray, and take action all within the Wesleyan tradition. Calvary is strong spiritually and financially. We are visible due to our beautiful 100-year physical presence and our active role in the community. Our current members are multi-generational and creative. We have adaptive leaders who demonstrate their faith through good works based on our traditions as influenced by our current reality.

We welcome everyone who enters our sanctuary. We see all as bright, brilliant and beloved children of God who are beautiful to behold.

We manifest our faith in everything we do:

- By fostering a church culture and a community whose participants are engaged, open, loving, adaptive, and supportive.
- All steward the church their time, talent, and treasure.
- By creating dynamic worship services, inclusive of all ages, full of songs, stories, and silence. The services are creative, prayerful, challenging, joyful, and comforting.
- By learning together through play, gatherings, study, and dialogue about the Word and our world.
- By engaging and supporting brave, collaborating, and flexible leadership. We encourage people to participate, learn, and then to lead.
- By taking action, partnering and collaborating within and outside of our church, locally and globally, to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

Hymn: Old Abram Was Blest words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; tune “O Worship the King”

**Old Abram was blest and Sarai was, too,
When God called their names and said, “I choose you!
I’ll give you descendants like stars up above —
Too many to count, and a sign of my love.”**

**That old couple laughed at what God might do.
Was what they had heard impossibly true?
For they had no children to carry their name —
Yet God promised nations would rise out of them.**

**God promised to them a life that was new:
A new set of names, a new future, too.
They faithfully trusted — that husband and wife;
Soon Sarah and Abraham found a new life.**

**O God, in your love, a whole nation grew;
You called them to be a blessing for you.
You sent them, you send us, to be this world’s light.
Your promise still shines like the stars in the night.**

Journeying Together

Sharing of Joys and Concerns: The shepherds will each read prayers from their flocks.

Abracadabra: Jane Clarke and Kent Werst
Candle: Sara Stackhouse and Johan de Besche
Flo’s Flock: Flo and Luke Lucarelli
Lemonade: Sarah Huber and Parke Wilde
Ponderers: Becky and Paul Linton
Schmidts’ Creek: Susan and Steve Schmidt
Whyzeflock: Jamie and Clara Webster

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

We invite you to use your chosen words for God: Father, Mother, or...

Our Creator, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Stewardship Moment with Jamie Webster

Calvary Video of the Somerville Homeless Coalition 5K

Offering: What is it you will offer to God and neighbor this week? Type on the screen.

Offertory

Adagio from Toccata No. 11

George Muffat (1645–1704)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of the journey, you have blessed us, each of us, in different ways and we respond in different ways, offering you the best of what we have, the best of what we are, so that together, we are love in action.
Amen.**

Benediction

Virtual Fellowship Time: We will invite everyone into breakout rooms where you can unmute yourself and chat with your Calvary friends.