



Calvary Church Sunday Worship

May 5, 2024

* Please rise if able.
Bold text is spoken
by the congregation.

Prelude: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, arr. by Becki Slagle Mayo

Sue Paro, piano

(Hymn tune *Nettleton*, from *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813)

Welcome and Poem

Rev. Cynthia Good

Introit: Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord (Trad. Cameroon)

Calvary Choir

*Gathering Words: Psalm 98 by Nan Merrill

Terry Rice, worship leader

Make a joyful noise to the Beloved, all the earth;

break forth into grateful song and sing praises!

Yes, sing songs of praise extolling Love's way;

lift up your hearts with gratitude and joy!

Let the voices of all people blend in harmony,

in unison let the people magnify the Beloved!

Let the sea laugh, and all that fills it;

the world and those who dwell in it!

Let the waters clap their hands; let the hills ring out with joy

Before the Beloved, who radiates Love to all the earth.

For Love reigns over the world with truth and justice

bringing order and balance to all of Creation.

Unison Prayer from Enfleshed

Terry Rice

Gracious God, thank you for love that is at once comforting and challenging, soothing and demanding. Thank you for showing us when love requires courage and direct action, when it requires softness and rest. Because our liberation is bound, we must move in many ways. Because we are your friend, we are devoted to your cause – life and life abundantly. May it be so. Amen.

*Passing the Peace: The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

400 (large hymnal)

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
 safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm
 stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
 me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758 (1 Sam. 7:12)
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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Scripture: John 15:9-17 from the NRSVue

Terry Rice

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The word of God to us. **Thanks be to God.**

Music: Ubi Caritas (*Live in charity and steadfast love, God will dwell with you.*)

(words: 9th cent. Latin; music: Jacques Berthier and the Community of Taizé) Calvary Choir

Children's Time

Susan Stewart

Song: Hymn of Promise, verse 3

707 (large hymnal)

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

Scripture: Acts 10:44-48

Terry Rice

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell on everyone who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. They heard them speaking in other languages and praising God. Peter asked, "These people have received the Holy Spirit just as we have. Surely no one can stop them from being baptized with water, can they?" He directed that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited Peter to stay for several days.

The word of God for us. **Thanks be to God.**

Thoughts

Rev. Good

*Hymn: I Come with Joy

617 (large hymnal)

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en,
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di -
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence,
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our
loved and free, in awe and won - der to re - call his
all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in
vi - sion ends. The love that made us makes us one, and
al - ways near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known; we
dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple in the world, we'll
life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.
live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

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Music: The Southern Harmony; harm. by Charles H. Webb ©1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

*Affirmation of Faith by Leonard Mason

Rev. Good

We affirm the unfailing renewal of life.

**Rising from the earth, and reaching for the sun,
all living creatures shall fulfill themselves.**

We affirm the steady growth of human companionship.

**Rising from ancient cradles and reaching for the stars,
people the world over shall seek the ways of understanding.**

We affirm a continuing hope

That out of every tragedy the spirits of individuals shall rise to build a better world.

Sharing of Prayers and Prayer of the People

Rev. Good

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.

Offering

*Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

94 (large hymnal)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Great Thanksgiving

2257 (small hymnal)

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features five staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Leader' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al -'. The second staff is labeled 'Leader' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'so with you. Lift up your'. The third staff is labeled 'All'. The lyrics are: 'hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.'. The fourth staff is labeled 'Leader' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is'. The fifth staff is labeled 'All'. The lyrics are: 'right to give our thanks and praise.'.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you are the Lord of wonderful deeds
who fills the earth with mercy, justice and love.

You created the world and all that live there;
and the seas, rivers and hills roar their praise.
Through your people you revealed your commandments
and your merciful love to all the world.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of
power and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -
est! Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

You came among us in your beloved Son, Jesus.
who makes us your friends by planting your word within us
and leading us to abide in your love forever.
He was crucified and buried, but through your victorious power
he was born again from the deep waters of death,
and his resurrection power will conquer the world.
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in
praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen,
 Christ will come again. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

Now he is pouring out your Holy Spirit on all who believe, without distinction, and bringing everyone who loves you and follows your ways to new birth as your children.

And so we celebrate all these gifts and offer you honor and glory, almighty God, now and forever.

A - men. A - men. A -
 men. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the
 high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Sharing in Communion

*Hymn: The Summons

2130 (small hymnal)



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ___ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ___ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ___ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ___ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ___ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ___ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ___ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, ___ will you let my name be known, ___ will you
 stare ___ should your life at - tract or scare? ___ Will you
 clean, ___ and do such as this un - seen, ___ and ad -
 found ___ to re - shape the world a - round, ___ through my
 go ___ where your love and foot - steps show. ___ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ___
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ___
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ___
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ___
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ___

Announcements

Rev. Good

Join Rev. Cynthia in the Parlor after worship to hear about General Conference and to learn more about Methodism.

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: A Hymn of Glory, Let Us Sing by Paul Manz
 (Hymn tune *Lasst uns erfreuen*)

Sue Paro, organ

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