



Calvary Church Sunday Worship

September 28, 2025

* Please rise if able.

Bold text is spoken by the congregation.
Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: Affetuoso from Trio Sonata in G Major by Georg Philipp Telemann

Kate Goldstein-Luiz, violin

Heidi Julien-Sarro, flute

Sue Paro, piano

Welcome and Poem

Rev. Cynthia Good

Introit: God Welcomes All, South African traditional with text by John L. Bell

Calvary Choir

*Gathering Words

Jeanne Le Suer, worship leader

We are connected to one another

Whether we know it or not

We are bound together

Whether we recognize it or not

Together we are woven in purpose

Together we are woven in community

Each of us matters

Everyone is a beloved child of God

*Opening Prayer

Jeanne Le Suer

God of all people, rich and poor, seen and unseen, powerful and powerless, be present to us. Help us to see each other, to hear each other, to reach out to each other.

Encourage us to share our lives, our gifts, our stories. Remind us that we are not whole until all are welcomed and everyone has a place. Jesus showed us. Help us to believe it and live it in his name. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Jeanne Le Suer

*Hymn: When Morning Gilds The Skies

185 (large hymnal)



1. When morn-ing gilds the skies my heart a - wak-ing cries:
 2. The night be-comes as day when from the heart we say:
 3. Let all the earth a - round ring joy-ous with the sound:
 4. Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine:

May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! The powers of dark-ness fear
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! In heaven's e - ter - nal bliss
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this th'e - ter - nal song

to Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 when this sweet chant they hear: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 the love-liest strain is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 through all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

WORDS: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, ca. 1744; sts. 1, 2, 4 trans. by Edward Caswall, 1854;
 st. 3 by Robert S. Bridges, 1899
 MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

Jeanne Le Suer

“There once was a rich man, expensively dressed in the latest fashions, wasting his days in conspicuous consumption. A poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, had been dumped on his doorstep. All he lived for was to get a meal from scraps off the rich man’s table. His best friends were the dogs who came and licked his sores.

“Then he died, this poor man, and was taken up by the angels to the lap of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell and in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham in the distance and Lazarus in his lap. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, mercy! Have mercy! Send Lazarus to dip his finger in water to cool my tongue. I’m in agony in this fire.’

“But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that in your lifetime you got the good things and Lazarus the bad things. It’s not like that here. Here he’s consoled and you’re tormented. Besides, in all these matters there is a huge chasm set between us so that no one can go from us to you even if he wanted to, nor can anyone cross over from you to us.’

“The rich man said, ‘Then let me ask you, Father: Send him to the house of my father where I have five brothers, so he can tell them the score and warn them so they won’t end up here in this place of torment.’

“Abraham answered, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets to tell them the score. Let them listen to them.’

“‘I know, Father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but they’re not listening. If someone came back to them from the dead, they would change their ways.’

“Abraham replied, ‘If they won’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, they’re not going to be convinced by someone who rises from the dead.’”

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

Children’s Time

Bright Einstein Nogoh

After the song, children are invited to attend Jr. Church (classroom 1) or the nursery (room 3).

Song: Bind Us Together (chorus)

2226 (small hymnal)

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

Scripture: I Timothy 6:6-19

Jeanne Le Suer

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, people of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

Music: Were I the Perfect Child of God by John Bell and Tony Alonso Calvary Choir

*Hymn: Heaven Shall Not Wait



1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa- tience,
wait for the rich to share their for- tunes,
wait for the dawn of great i- de- as,
wait for tri- um-phant Hal- le- lu- jahs,

the scorned to smile, the des- pised to find a friend: Je- sus is
the proud to fall, the é- lite to tend the least: Je- sus is
thoughts of com- pass- ion di- vored from cries of pain: Je- sus is
when earth has passed and we reach a- no- ther shore: Je- sus is

Lord; he has champ- ioned the un- want- ed; in him in- jus- tice con-
Lord; he has shown the mas- ter's privi- lege - to kneel and wash ser- vants'
Lord; he has mar- ried word and ac- tion; his cross and com- pan- y
Lord in our pres- ent im- per- fec- tion; his power and love are for

fronts its time- ly end. 2 Heaven shall not
feet be- fore they feast. 3 Heaven shall not
make his pur- pose plain. 4 Heaven shall not
now, and then for ev- er- more.

Words: John L. Bell and Graham Maule Music: John L. Bell

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a world full of riches meant for all to enjoy.
We believe in one race, the family of humankind,
learning to live together in humility and patience.
We believe in one life, exciting and positive,
which celebrates all beauty, integrity and science;
which uses the disciplines of work to enrich society,
and which finds fulfillment in harmony with the life and teaching of Jesus.
We believe in one morality, Love;
the essential ingredient of all thought and motive;
practical, sharing the sorrows and joys of others,
bringing people together in true friendship,
working to get rid of the causes of poverty, ignorance, fear and injustice;
energy springing from God forgiving and accepting us.

**We believe in Jesus, and in the Bible's evidence about him;
whole life, death and resurrection prove God's permanent love for the world.
Jesus, who is himself life, love, truth, humanity and God.
Who saves, guides and unites all people who follow his way
and makes them confident under his Holy Spirit's inspiration.
We believe in purpose; the purpose of God,
working through the Spirit in our world to unite everything, spiritual and secular;
to bring about constructive revolution in society, individuals and nations,
and to consummate world history under God's love.**

Response: Bind Us Together (chorus) 2226 (small hymnal)

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.**

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

If you wish to make a monetary donation, you can leave cash or a check in the offering baskets located at the entrances to the sanctuary or scan the Venmo code at the right.

*Doxology 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!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving from *Enfleshed* Rev. Good

**We dream of a time where no basic need goes unmet. From housing to food to clean
water to community—we long to be a part of rearranging the priorities of the world. We
offer ourselves and our gifts to participate in God's foundation for the future.**

*Hymn: For the Healing of the Nations

428 (large hymnal)

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob -
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of

earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion help us
 go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness fear will
 scure your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we
 Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its

rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.
 die and hope in - crease, (hope in - crease) fear will die and hope in - crease.
 hal - low life's brief span, (life's brief span) may we hal - low life's brief span.
 des - ti - ny may find, (may find) earth its des - ti - ny may find.

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Announcements

Rev. Good

Today: Caregiver Support Group in the Parlor after worship
 Monday Muddle 10 AM in the Parlor
 Bible Study Wednesday 10 AM in the Parlor
 Choir rehearsal Wednesday 7:30 PM in the sanctuary
 Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM in classroom 1

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: Presto from *Les Plaisirs* by Georg Philipp Telemann

Sue Paro, piano