

# 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

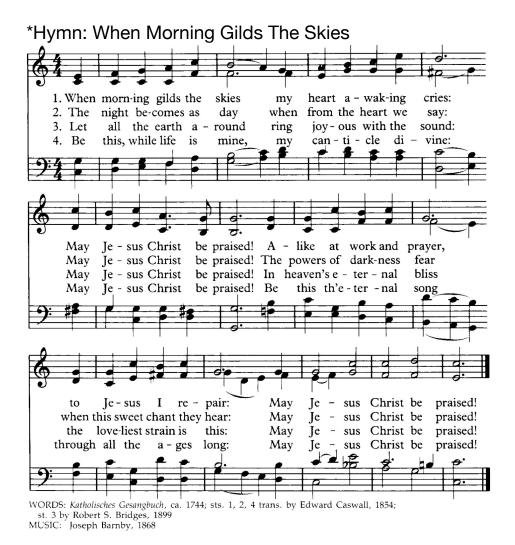
Jeanne Le Suer

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

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Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

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"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.

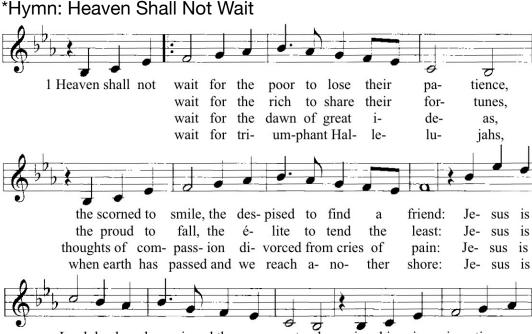
But as for you, people of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of 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

Thoughts Rev. Good



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



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#### \*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Good

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)

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### 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!

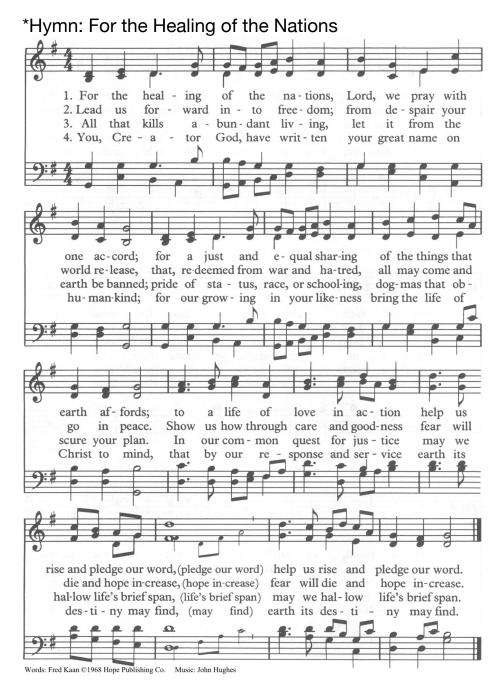
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## \*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.





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