



Calvary Church Sunday Worship

October 19, 2025

Laity Sunday

* Please rise if able.

Bold text is spoken by the congregation.

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace by Sebastian Temple,
arr. by Jane Holstein

Sue Paro, piano

Welcome and Poem

Terry Rice, Lay Leader

Introit: I Will Sing a Song of Mercy by William J. Doggett

Calvary Choir

*Gathering Words: Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Kate André

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

*Opening Prayer

Kate André

O God, you call us to serve with joy and compassion.

May our hands do your work,

may our words bring comfort,

and may our lives reflect your love in every place we go.

*Passing the Peace

Kate André

*Hymn: Gather Us In

2236 (small hymnal)



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
2. We are the young — our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
 we are the old — who yearn for your face,
 here we will take the bread of new birth,
 not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, but



see in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
 we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 here you shall call all of your chil - dren,
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day. _____
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race. _____
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth. _____
 now is the King - dom, now is the day. _____



Gath - er us in — the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in — the
 Gath - er us in — the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in — the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



weak and the shamed; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in — all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. _____
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

WORDS: Marty Haugen (Matt. 5:13)
 MUSIC: Marty Haugen

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GATHER US IN
 Irregular

Scripture: John 13:34-35, 1 Peter 4:10-11 from The Voice Heather MacIndoe

So I give you a new command: Love each other deeply and fully. Remember the ways that I have loved you, and demonstrate your love for others in those same ways. Everyone will know you as My followers if you demonstrate your love to others.

Use whatever gift you've received for the good of one another so that you can show yourselves to be good stewards of God's grace in all its varieties. If you're called upon to talk, speak as though God put the words in your mouth; if you're called upon to serve others, serve as though you had the strength of God behind you. In these ways, God may be glorified in all you do through Jesus the Anointed, to whom belongs glory and power, now and forever. Amen.

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

Music Wesley McGovern

Children's Time Susan Stewart

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: Psalm 100 from Laughing Bird Sonya Coleman

With all the earth we join in thunderous celebration, LORD;
raising the roof as we come into your presence singing;
coming gladly to offer you our devotion.

LORD, we know that you are God.
You made us, and we belong to you.
We are your people, fed and cared for by you alone.

Your gates are open to us; thank you!
In your presence, we sing your praises!
We name you as deserving all the credit and thanks!

You are the best, LORD!
Your love is rock-solid, and always will be.
Down through the ages, you keep your word and stick by us.

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

Music: God Has Work for Us to Do by Carl P. Daw Jr., Mark A. Miller Calvary Choir

Thoughts Johan de Besche

*Hymn: Here Am I

2178 (small hymnal)



1. Here am I, where un - der-neath the brid - ges
 2. Here am I, with peo - ple in the line - up,
 3. Here am I, where two or three are gath - ered,



in our win-ter cit - ies home-less peo - ple sleep. Here am I, where
 anx-i-ous for a hand-out, ach - ing for a job. Here am I, when
 read - y to be al - tered, shar - ing wine and bread. Here am I, where



in de - cay - ing hous - es lit - tle chil-dren shiv - er,
 pen-sion-ers and strik - ers sing and march to - geth - er,
 those who hear the preach - ing change their way of liv - ing,



cry - ing at the cold. Where are you?
 want - ing some-thing new. Where are you?
 find the way to life. Where are you?

WORDS: Brian Wren (Matt. 25:31-46)

MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon

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*Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God, creator of all life,
 maker of past, present and future.
 Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.
 We believe in Jesus Christ,
 God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,
 who came to declare good news to those in despair,
 to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor,
 to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.
 We believe in God's Holy Spirit,
 who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again,
 who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage,
 who resurrects us to new life.
 We believe that the Church is of God
 and will endure to the end of time,
 and calls us into a life of love and service.**

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.

Stewardship Moment

Adrienne Landry

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

Rev. Good

Gracious God, we thank you for all the gifts you give this community and all the ways we share them. Open our hearts and hands to new ways to spread your love and peace in the world. Amen.

*Hymn: We Are the Church

558 (large hymnal)

Unison

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -
geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,
all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

Fine

1. The church is not a build-ing, the church is not a stee-ple,
2. We're man-y kinds of peo-ple, with man - y kinds of fac - es,
3. Some-times the church is march-ing, some-times it's brave-ly burn-ing,
4. And when the peo-ple gath-er, there's sing - ing and there's pray-ing,
5. At Pen - te - cost some peo - ple re - ceived the Ho - ly Spir - it

D.C.

the church is not a rest-ing place, the church is a peo-ple.
all col - ors and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac - es.
some-times it's rid-ing, some-times hid-ing, al - ways it's learn-ing.
there's laugh-ing and there's cry-ing some-times, all of it say-ing:
and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

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Announcements

Monday Muddle 10 AM in the Parlor

Bible Study Wednesday 10 AM in the Parlor

Choir rehearsal Wednesday 7:30 PM in the choir room under the sanctuary

Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM in classroom 1

Consecration Sunday 10/26 with luncheon in the Fellowship Hall

Save the Dates for Four Sundays of Exciting Bible Study: Community is something we all want. Every human being longs for meaningful relationships—a context in which they can know, be known, and feel fulfilled. How can we build this community? Join Bright Einstein Nogoh in the Parlor after worship for an exciting Small Group Bible Study time as this question and many others are explored. First Study on November 2nd, 2025. Blessings!

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, Jamaican folk tune *Linstead*,

adapted by Doreen Potter, arr. by John Carter

Sue Paro, piano