



Calvary Church Sunday Worship

November 9, 2025

* Please rise as you are able.

Bold text is spoken by the congregation.

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: Let All Things Now Living/Now Thank We All Our God by Lloyd Larson
Sue Paro, piano

Welcome and Poem Rev. Cynthia Good

Introit: In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful by Jacques Berthier Calvary Choir

*Gathering Words Doug Storms, worship leader

In the shifting of the seasons

We find God's grace

In the turning of the times

We seek God's presence

In endings and beginnings

We look for hope and meaning

In all things, God is with us

In tough times, God calls us

We give thanks

Now and always

*Opening Prayer by Phil Hardwick Doug Storms

The trees let go, leaf by leaf, trusting the turning of the season.

So too, O God, we release what we no longer need—

old fears, worn patterns, heavy burdens—

placing them gently into Your hands.

In the stillness, we rest.

In the silence, we wait.

And in the letting go,

we find You are making space

for new life to grow within us. Amen.

*Passing the Peace Doug Storms

*Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, kin-folk, sib-ling, par-ent, child,
 5. For thy church, that ev-er-more lift-eth ho-ly hands a-bove,
 6. For thy-self, best Gift Di-vine, to the world so free-ly given,

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies;
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight;
 friends on earth and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild;
 of-fering up-on ev-ery shore its pure sac-ri-fice of love;
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. by W. H. Monk, 1861

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Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12

Doug Storms

We greet you as God's own children and wish you all the best – God's love and peace given through the Lord Jesus the Messiah.

Sisters, brothers, siblings, we are constantly expressing our thanks to God for you. How could we not?! Your faith is growing in leaps and bounds, and your love for each other continues to expand and deepen. We have even found ourselves boasting about you when we've been visiting God's people in other churches. We go on and on about how your commitment and faith have remained rock-solid, despite the campaign of vilification and abuse you have had to endure.

Through these tough times we continue to pray that God will enable you to live up to your calling. We pray too that God will be at work among you, to make sure that every goal you set yourselves in faith and integrity is achieved. In that way, your lives will be putting the name of our Lord Jesus up in lights. In your union with him, you will also be sharing the glory because in extravagant generosity, our God and the Lord Jesus the Messiah always share the glory.

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

Children's Time

Susan Stewart

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

Song: Thank You, Lord

84 (large hymnal)

Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. I just want to thank you, Lord.

Scripture: Luke 20:27-38

Doug Storms

Some Sadducees, who deny that there's a resurrection, came to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a widow but no children, the brother must marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first man married a woman and then died childless. The second and then the third brother married her. Eventually all seven married her, and they all died without leaving any children. Finally, the woman died too. In the resurrection, whose wife will she be? All seven were married to her."

Jesus said to them, "People who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy to participate in that age, that is, in the age of the resurrection from the dead, won't marry nor will they be given in marriage. They can no longer die, because they are like angels and are God's children since they share in the resurrection. Even Moses demonstrated that the dead are raised—in the passage about the burning bush, when he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. He isn't the God of the dead but of the living. To him they are all alive."

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

Music: Blessings by Benjamin Harlan

Calvary Choir

Thoughts

Rev. Good

*Hymn: Let All Things Now Living

2008 (small hymnal)

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2. The law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es and

God the Cre - at - or tri - um - phant - ly raise, who
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the

fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

guides us and leads to the end of our days. God's
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim the Di - vine. We,

ban - ners fly o'er us; God's light goes be - fore us, a
 too, should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing; with

pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night, till
 glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise, till

shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est ho - san - na and praise!

Words: Katherine K. Davis ©1938, 1966 E.C. Schirmer Music: Trad. Welsh melody

*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Good

**We believe in God who cares for all
 especially vulnerable and powerless people.**

**We affirm the right of all people to decent living conditions:
 housing, health services, education, food and clothing, fun and leisure.**

**We assert that God is with us in all that life brings us;
 that God loves us as we are at any moment in our life:
 in our anger and rage, in our pain and grief,
 our complaints and despair, our joy and delight.**

**We hope for the day that will come
 when God's justice and mercy, love and peace, will be realities in this world.
 We commit ourselves to show what we believe,
 by the way we take care of God's creation and how we live together in community.**

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.

Mission Moment

Patricia Horgan, Resident Services Coordinator, AHA

Offering

To make a 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

words by Mary Luti, tune 682 (large hymnal)

**Good Giver of the gifts we give; Creator of the life we live;
Delight that gladdens all our days: To you, our endless thanks and praise! Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian

Rev. Good

God of Infinite Love, through our gifts, we create glimmers here on this side of Heaven. Through our treasures, time, and talents, we nurture your Realm. We provide for our neighbors who lack basic necessities and who look for inclusion of their souls. May Heaven be a place that we can experience throughout our lives as we breathe the invigorating air of your Spirit. With gratitude, we celebrate our gifts from you and dedicate our gifts to bring peace to this earth. Amen.

*Hymn: We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

words by June Boyce
tune Danny Boy

**1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on,
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
Tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted,
We'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed,
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.**

**2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken,
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed,
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
Vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,
Chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story
Including all within the circles of our love.**

Announcements

Rev. Good

Bible Study today after worship: Join Bright in the Parlor to discuss building community.

Craft Sale today after worship: Do some holiday shopping in the Fellowship Hall.

Your Autobiography in Nine Words (or fewer) 11/15 9-2: Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a time of reflection, prayer, and writing, led by Jeanne Martin and Cynthia Good. We will use simple writing prompts to learn about ourselves and come up with a brief, clear autobiography that points the way to who we are and who we want to be. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to office@calvaryarlington.org.

Plate & Project 11/15 6 PM: We will share a potluck dinner and put together Hygiene Packs for the community. See the weekly email for items to donate.

Antisemitism: Ancient Roots, Current Life Experiences 11/16: Lexington United Against Antisemitism presents this opportunity for learning and interfaith dialogue at Hancock Church in Lexington from 12:30-2:30 PM. Registration is required; visit lexluaa.org/events.

Advent Dinner and Workshop 11/30 5-7 PM: Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a spaghetti dinner followed by crafts and activities. We will make Advent wreaths (bring your wire candle holder if you have one), luminaries, and edible ornaments for the birds. Will there be some chemical magic, too? Come and find out! RSVP to Susan Dorson at susandorson@gmail.com or to the church office at 781-646-8679 so we know how much pasta to cook!

Calvary Men's Retreat 12/6 9:30-1:30: Bright invites all men to a special one-day retreat for a time of fellowship, learning, and spiritual renewal. Come connect with other men, strengthen your faith, and be refreshed for daily life and service. It will be held in classroom 1.

9th Annual Calvary Christmas Spectacular 12/14 4-6 PM: We are putting together the program and all adults and children are invited to perform and join in the merriment! The ukulele band will also be performing so dust off your uke and practice holding it while you smile. If you feel moved to add to the fun, please email susandorson@gmail.com. Being a member of the audience is just as important, so plan to be there and invite your friends!!

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: Two Variations on an American Hymn Tune (*Nettleton*) by Gordon Young
Sue Paro