



Calvary Church Sunday Worship

February 1, 2026

* Please rise as you are able.

Bold text is spoken by the congregation.

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: One Bread, One Body; music by John B. Foley, SJ; arr. by Mark Hayes
Sue Paro, piano

Welcome and Poem Rev. Cynthia Good

Introit: Let All Who Are Thirsty Come, from the Taizé community Calvary Choir

*Gathering Words Bright Einstein Nogoh, worship leader

The world is upside down

We don't know who is wise and who is foolish

The world is upside down

We don't know whether to laugh or cry

The world is upside down

We can't make sense of any of it

God tunes our hearts to find new ways

God tunes our ears to hear new stories

We can find our way through

By following Jesus

We can find our way with God's grace.

*Opening Prayer by Rex Hunt Bright Einstein Nogoh

God of surprises, startle us with truth we do not see, amaze us with your power and grace, beckon us, and lead us far above restricted hope and narrow faith. May it be so. Amen.

*Passing the Peace Bright Einstein Nogoh

*Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick Music: John Hughes

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Bright Einstein Nogoh

Jesus found himself increasingly surrounded by crowds of people, so one day he headed off up the mountain. He sat down up there, and his committed followers gathered around to hear what he had to say. This is what he taught them:

Those who depend entirely on God for their welfare
have got it made,
because they are already at home in the culture of heaven.

Those who are stricken with grief
have got it made,
because they will receive the ultimate comfort.

Those who allow others to have first claim on everything
have got it made,
because the whole world will be given to them.

Those who hunger and thirst to see the world put right
have got it made,
because they will be richly satisfied.

Those who readily treat others better than they deserve
have got it made,
because they will be treated with extravagant mercy.

Those whose hearts are unpolluted
have got it made,
because they will see God.

Those who forge peace and reconciliation in places of hostility
have got it made,
because they will be known as God's own children.

Those who are attacked and abused for sticking to what is right
have got it made,
because they are already at home in the culture of heaven.

When people turn on you and do all they can to make your life a misery;
when they make false allegations about you and drag your name through the mud,
all because of your association with me, you have really got it made!

Kick up your heels and party, because heaven is coming
and you will be rewarded beyond your wildest dreams!
You are in great company, because they were just as vicious
to God's faithful messengers in the past.

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: Arise, Your Light Is Come

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;

Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of music ends with a double bar line. The second system of music also ends with a double bar line.

Words: Ruth Duck ©1992 by G.I.A. Publications, Inc. Music: William Walter

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:18-31

Bright Einstein Nogoh

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

Music: Living Waters, words/music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Ed Cash;
choir arr. by Paul Campbell

Calvary Choir

Thoughts

Rev. Good

*Hymn: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

295 (large hymnal)

1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow - ering
 2. When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3. When the sun of bliss is beam-ing light and
 4. Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea-sure, by the
 5. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow - ering

o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that
 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream-ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea-sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Words: John Bowring Music: Ithamar Conkey

Affirmation of Faith by Lorraine Parkinson

Rev. Good

**I believe in Jesus' vision of the best kind of world
 made known to us in his teaching.**

Jesus said: Fortunate are the humble-minded;

they will live in the best possible world.

Fortunate are the mournful;

they will face the future with strength.

Fortunate are the non-violent;

they will govern the earth.

Fortunate are those whose passion is for justice;

they will receive justice.

Fortunate are the compassionate;

they will receive compassion.

Fortunate are the undivided in heart;
they will commit to the way of Jesus.
Fortunate are the peacemakers;
they will forgive and reconcile humanity.
Fortunate are those in danger for living Jesus' way:
they will be freed from fear to follow him...
And I believe that all who follow him will create a world according to Jesus.

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

Rev. Good

To donate to the Parish Fund, use the Love Offering envelopes near the offering baskets located at the entrances to the sanctuary, or scan the Venmo code at the right (please indicate "Parish Fund" in the "What's this for?" box. The Parish Fund is used for emergency needs of our members and neighbors. If you have a financial need of any kind, please contact Rev. Cynthia. Disbursements from this Fund are kept in confidence.



*Doxology words by Mary Luti, tune Old 100th (95, large hymnal)
**Praise God, whose image we all bear; Praise Christ, whose mercy we all share;
Praise Spirit, making justice grow – One God from whom all blessings flow! Amen.**

Sharing in Communion, liturgy by Thom Shuman

May the God of foolishness be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, open your hearts.

We offer them to the God who transforms us.

Join in singing praises to our God.

With joy and wonder, we lift our voices.

You were foolish enough to overcome chaos, Wise God,
speaking to hills blanketed with snow,
pleading your hopes before the mountains,
spinning planets into the night sky -
creating all that is wonderful, including us, people shaped in your image.
But we thought we knew better than you,
running after death's false wisdom, chasing sin's silly teachings.
Miriam and Moses, Hannah and Micah were among those you sent
to call us back to your heart,
but we boasted of our exploits, drowning out their impassioned pleas.

So you sent Jesus to us, the source of our life and hopes.
With those who wonder what to offer,
with all who seek to worship you,
we sing songs of praise to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of the Blessed.
All creation rejoices in your saving acts. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One whose weakness is our strength. Hosanna in the highest!

Holiness is your nature, God of our lives,
and Jesus Christ is your gift of salvation.
Foolishness enough to become one of us,
his wisdom filled every word, every action.
He left your side in glory,
so we might realize we could build
our lives in your neighborhood.
Weakened by dying on the cross,
he went into the grave,
your resurrecting love strengthening him
to defeat the power of sin and death.

As we seek to comprehend his life,
as we are transformed by his grace,
we speak of that mystery we call faith:

Christ died, humbling himself on the cross;
Christ was raised, filled with your righteousness;
Christ will come, so we may inherit your kingdom.

Here around the Table, with our siblings beside us,
your Spirit comes, foolishly transforming
simple, everyday elements into sacred gifts.
We eat the Bread which is broken,
so we can serve your children,
refusing to harm neighbor or stranger,
seeking to treat others fairly.
We drink from the Cup which is blessed,
so we may be foolish enough to comfort all who mourn,
to believe that peace can be a reality.

And when all human wisdom
is supplanted by the foolishness
of eternal life with you in your kingdom,
we will join with those of every time and place
in singing your glorious praise,
God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We have been nourished by God's grace and hope,
**and so we will go to those who hunger for justice,
as well as to those who thirst for reconciliation.**

We are called to follow the One who is weak and powerless,
**and so we will bring healing to the broken among us,
as well as comfort to those who grieve in every moment.**

We learn what is right and good from the Holy Spirit,
**and so we will go as fools to be blessings to the wise,
as well as to do not what is easy, but what is difficult.**

*Hymn: O For a World

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Words: Miriam Therese Winter Music: Carl G. Gläser, adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody

Announcements

Rev. Good

Voice Recital today at 1:30 PM in the sanctuary: students of Mark Lee

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

Soup Sunday next week in the Fellowship Hall after worship! Email Kaitlyn at kait19960@gmail.com to sign up!

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude

Sue Paro, organ