

# Calvary Church Sunday Worship

## February 15, 2026

\* Please rise as you are able.

**Bold text** is spoken by the congregation.

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: The Power of Your Love by Geoff Bullock, arr. by Jane Holstein

Sue Paro, piano

Welcome and Poem

Rev. Cynthia Good

Introit: Only Love, text by Adam Tice, music by Mark Miller

Calvary Choir

\*Gathering Words by The Rev. Lucas Levy Keppel      Parke Wilde, worship leader

Listen to God, whose voice speaks from the top of the tallest mountain  
to the depths of humanity.

**May the peace of God's words resonate within us!**

Marvel at the light of the Holy Spirit, which inspires all goodness  
and shines forth brilliantly against the darkness of sin and evil.

**May the light of the Holy Spirit be the lamp to our true path!**

Follow Jesus wherever he leads you – for Jesus' way is love.

**May the love of Jesus lead us to change ourselves and the world! Amen.**

\*Opening Prayer by Ted Dodd

Parke Wilde

**Lead us up the mountain, O Beloved Child of God.**

**Transfigure us with your transcendent holiness.**

**Shine upon us with your sacred illumination.**

**Dazzle us with your grace and compassion.**

**Transform us with revelation. Change us with new insights.**

**Move us from the ordinary day-to-day to the divine extraordinary.**

**Let the prophets of old educate us.**

**May the saints of the past accompany us.**

**Allow the wisdom of the ages to inform our hearts and minds.**

**But do not let us get stuck: building shrines to former glories,  
erecting edifices to distant memories,**

**commemorating occasions when we need to move on.**

**Speak to us your comforting, challenging word.**

**Teach us to listen to what is most important.**

**Help us to know what is most faithful, most true.**

**And when we fear failure, or exposure, or pain,**

**tell us in your gentle, assertive way: "Be not afraid."**

**And gather us up to come down from the mountain,  
and love the world. Amen.**

## \*Passing the Peace

Parke Wilde

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of God's peace with your neighbors.*

## \*Hymn: Praise God for This Holy Ground

1. Praise God for this ho - ly ground,  
2. Praise God in whose word we find  
3. Praise God who through Christ makes known  
4. Praise God's Spir - it who be - friends,  
5. Though praise ends, praise is be - gun

place and peo - ple, sight and sound.  
food for bod - y, soul, and mind.  
all are loved and called God's own. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!  
rais - es, hum - bles, breaks, and mends.  
where God's will is glad - ly done.

Hal - le - lu - jah! God's good - ness is e - ter - nal.

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## Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

Parke Wilde

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Lord, it's good that we're here. If you want, I'll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!" Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.

But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anybody about the vision until the Human One is raised from the dead."

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

# Song: Open the Eyes of My Heart

O - pen the eyes of my heart, \_ Lord,

o - pen the eyes of my heart; \_ I want to see you,

I want to see you. O - pen the eyes of my heart, \_

\_ Lord, o - pen the eyes of my heart; \_ I want to

see you, I want to see you. To see you

high and lift - ed up, \_ shin-ing in the light of your glo-

ry. Pour out your pow - er and love \_

\_ as we sing. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

ly. ly. To see you

high and lift - ed up, \_ shin-ing in the light of your glo-

ry. Pour out your pow - er and love \_

\_ as we sing. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-

ly. I want to see you.

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## Children's Time

Susan Stewart

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

### Song: Holy Ground

2272 (small hymnal)

We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,  
and I know that there are an - gels all a -  
round; let us praise  
Je - sus now; we are  
stand - ing in his pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

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### Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18

Parke Wilde

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there. I'll give you the stone tablets with the instructions and the commandments that I've written in order to teach them."

So Moses and his assistant Joshua got up, and Moses went up God's mountain. Moses had said to the elders, "Wait for us here until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur will be here with you. Whoever has a legal dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The Lord's glorious presence settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from the cloud. To the Israelites, the Lord's glorious presence looked like a blazing fire on top of the mountain. Moses entered the cloud and went up the mountain. Moses stayed on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Music: Ubi Caritas by Victor C. Johnson

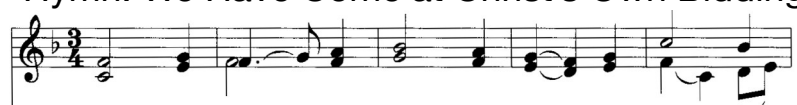
Calvary Choir

Thoughts


Rev. Good

# \*Hymn: We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

2103 (small hymnal)



1. We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this  
 2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor  
 3. Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful



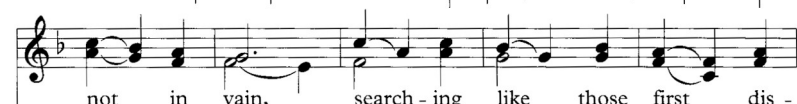
high and ho - ly place, where we wait with  
 bathes the flesh - joined Word, Mo - ses and E -  
 lest our faith de - cline, we, like Pe - ter,




hope and long - ing for some to - ken of God's grace.  
 li - jah mar - vel as the heaven - ly voice is heard.  
 find it tempt - ing to re - main and build a shrine.



Here we pray for new as - sur - ance that our faith is  
 Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the Law and  
 But true wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro - claim what



not in vain, search - ing like those first dis -  
 Proph - ets meet: Christ with gar - ments drenched in  
 we pro - fess, that our dai - ly lives may



ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.  
 bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.  
 prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

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 MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams  
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Affirmation of Faith by The Rev. Julia Seymour

Rev. Good

**Our hope is God, our holy Parent,  
who makes all things and from whom all blessings flow.  
God's faithfulness is the anchor of our hope.**

**Our trust is in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
More than a teacher,  
His life, death, and resurrection giving meaning to our existence.  
Christ's faithfulness tethers us to holy mystery.**

**Our trust is in the Holy Spirit.  
Blowing over and through creation, unexpected and untamed,  
The Spirit stirs forgiveness, fruitfulness, and creates families.  
The Spirit's faithfulness ties together past, present, and future.**

**Holy Trinity, One God, we believe you transfigure our faith. Amen.**

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 words by Mary Luti, tune Old 100<sup>th</sup> (95, large hymnal)

**With stunned disciples here we see the wonder and the mystery  
The gift of Christ, transfigured bright, all life alive with God's own light. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Good

**Radiant God, you meet us in moments of mystery and transformation, calling us to listen, to follow, and to give ourselves in love. We offer who we are and what we have. May we reflect the light of Christ we have glimpsed on the mountaintop and the hope we carry into the valleys below. Use us to shine your love where shadows linger, until all your beloved children know they are seen, named, and cherished. In the name of your Beloved Son, we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn: Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

1 Swift- ly pass the clouds of glo- ry, Hea- ven's voice, the  
 2 Glimpsed and gone the rev- e- la- tion, they shall gain and  
 3 Lord, trans- fig- ure our per- cep- tion with the pur- est

dazz- ling light; Mo- ses and E- li- jah van- ish;  
 keep its truth, not by build- ing on the moun- tain  
 light that shines and re- cast our life's in- ten- tions

Christ a- lone com- mands the height! Pe- ter, James, and  
 an- y shrine or sa- cred booth, but by fol- low-  
 to the shape of your de- signs, till we seek no

John fall si- lent, turn- ing from the sum- mit's rise  
 ing the Sa- vior through the val- ley to the cross  
 oth- er glo- ry than what lies past Cal- vary's hill

down- ward toward the shad- owed val- ley where their Lord has fixed His eyes.  
 and by test- ing faith's re- sil- ience through be- tray- al, pain, and loss.  
 and our liv- ing and our dy- ing and our ris- ing by your will.

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## Announcements

Rev. Good

### Special Events:

Theology on Tap at Town Tavern after worship

Monday: The church office will be closed and Monday Muddle will not meet.

Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday Combo Tuesday, 2/17 from 6-8 PM: Join us for a festive Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday dinner in the Fellowship Hall. After dinner, we will transition to the sanctuary for prayer and ashes as we prepare ourselves for Lent.

Plate & Project Saturday 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall

### Weekly Events:

Choir rehearsal Tuesday after the Shrove Tuesday event

Bible Study Wednesday 10 AM in the Parlor

Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM in classroom 1

## Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: Batalha do sexto tom (Battle of the Sixth Tone) by Pedro de Araujo

Sue Paro, organ

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We are updating the Calvary directory, which includes all active participants at Calvary, not just members! The directory is available only to the Calvary congregation. If you're not in it, we'd love to include you, and if you are in it, Susan wants to confirm your current contact information. Please fill out this form and leave it in an offering basket, or email the information along with a picture to [office@calvaryarlington.org](mailto:office@calvaryarlington.org). Thank you!

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Birthday(s) – year not necessary for adults (birthdays aren't in the directory but we send cards!)

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