



Calvary Church Sunday Worship

April 19, 2026

* Please rise as you are able.

Bold text is spoken by the congregation.

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: Voluntary in D Minor by Samuel Long

Sue Paro, organ

Welcome and Poem

Bright Einstein Nogoh

Introit: Love Round

Calvary Choir

*Gathering Words

Darcy Coleman, worship leader

Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.

We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.

We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.

Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! Amen.

*Opening Prayer

Darcy Coleman

O risen Christ,

On the road to Emmaus, you were the disciples' companion.

Be at our side on the journey of faith on life's pathways

and at every encounter, engender our compassion,

so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories.

Kindle anew the desire to proclaim your Word.

May it illumine us, and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it.

May your Holy Spirit teach us the art of explaining scripture

and open our hearts to recognize you.

Grant us the courage to become vulnerable so that our siblings may know you through us and that we may know you through them. Amen.

*Hymn: We Have a Gospel to Proclaim

1 We have a gos- pel to pro- claim, good news for
 2 Tell of his birth at Beth- le- hem - not in a
 3 Tell of his death at Cal- va- ry: ha- ted by
 4 Tell of that glor- ious East- er morn: emp- ty the
 5 Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all cre-
 6 Now we re- joice to name him King: Je- sus is

all through- out the earth; the gos- pel of a
 roy- al house or hall, but in a sta- ble
 those he came to save, in lone- ly suf- fering
 tomb, for he was free. He broke the power of
 a- tion glo- ri- fied. He sends his Spir- it
 Lord of all the earth. This gos- pel- mes- sage

Sav- iour's name: we sing his glo- ry, tell his worth.
 dark and dim, the Word made flesh, a light for all.
 on the cross, for all he loved his life he gave.
 death and hell that we might share his vic- to- ry.
 on his Church to live for him, the Lamb who died.
 we pro- claim: we sing his glo- ry, tell his worth.

Words: Edward Joseph Burns ©Canon Edward J. Burns Music: *Sacred Melodies*, William Gardiner

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Darcy Coleman

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

2026 (small hymnal)

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Scripture: Psalm 34:1-10

Darcy Coleman

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord
and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

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

Music: Easter Alleluia, 15th cent. French carol adapted by Marty Haugen

Calvary Choir

Thoughts

Bright Einstein Nogoh

*Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

452 (large hymnal)

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of
 2. May thy rich grace im - part strength to my
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a -
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold,

Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me
 faint - ing heart, my zeal in - spire! As thou hast
 round me spread, be thou my guide; bid dark - ness
 sul - len stream shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior,

while I pray, take all my guilt a - way,
 died for me, O may my love to thee
 turn to day, wipe sor - row's tears a - way,
 then in love, fear and dis - trust re - move;

O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Words: Ray Palmer Music: Lowell Mason

Affirmation of Faith

Bright Einstein Nogoh

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing of Prayers and Prayer of the People

Bright Einstein Nogoh

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 100th (95, large hymnal)

**O Morning of our hearts, we sing; our endless alleluias ring!
Amid the shadows of our gloom; new hope, new life, an empty tomb! Amen!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bright Einstein Nogoh

**Dear God, we thank you
For the countless ways you bless us each day,
For smiles you place along our path,
For the peace we find in creation.**

**Help us to live in a spirit of gratitude,
To see your presence surrounding us
And to embrace each moment with joy.**

**As we connect with each other,
May we rise above our differences
And find the blessed community you intended,
One full of support, empathy and kindness.**

**Dear God, we thank you
For the opportunity to draw close to one another,
To share hope, grace and faith,
To love unconditionally, as you love us.**

Amen.

*Hymn: My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

1. My faith has found a rest - ing place, Not in de - vice nor creed;
 2. E - nough for me that Je - sus saves, This ends my fear and doubt;
 3. My heart is lean - ing on the Word, The writ - ten Word of God,
 4. My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, The lost he came to save;

I trust the Ev - er - liv - ing One, His wounds for me shall plead.
 A sin - ful soul I come to him, He'll nev - er cast me out.
 Sal - va - tion by my Sav - ior's name, Sal - va - tion thro' his blood.
 For me his pre - cious blood he shed, For me his life he gave.

I need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea,

It is e - nough that Je - sus died, And that he died for me.

Words, Lidie H. Edmunds, 19th Century. Tune LANDAS, Norwegian Folk Melody; arranged, William J. Kirkpatrick.

Announcements

Bright Einstein Nogoh

Rev. John Mueller, who served at Calvary from 2000-2007, is retiring in June after 36 years of service in the New England Conference. He and his family have been blessed by each of the congregations he has served. Pastor John's family is compiling a memory book in honor of his retirement. The hope is to collect 100 memories that he will read one a day for the first 100 days of retirement. If you have been touched by his ministry and would like to share a brief story or memory, please send it to his son Jacob Le Mueller at jacobjamesmueller@gmail.com.

Women's Overnight Retreat at Rolling Ridge 5/1-2: Contact Kaitlyn at kait19960@gmail.com to sign up! Fee is \$168 and includes a double occupancy room and three meals. Financial assistance is available; please reach out to Kaitlyn or Rev. Cynthia.

Special Events:

Theology on Tap at Town Tavern after worship

Film Screening: Earth's Greatest Enemy Friday at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by XR Boston and Mass Peace Action. RSVP at <https://www.xrboston.org/action/> (scroll to Apr 24).

Weekly Events:

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

Benediction

Bright Einstein Nogoh

Postlude: Herr Gott dich loben alle wir (We all praise you, Lord God)

by Johann Krebs

Sue Paro, organ