

# Calvary Church Sunday Worship

## April 26, 2026

\* Please rise as you are able.

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

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: In Green Pastures by Harold Darke

Sue Paro, organ

Welcome and Poem

Rev. Cynthia Good

Introit: Easter Alleluia, 15<sup>th</sup> cent. French carol adapted by Marty Haugen

Calvary Choir

\*Gathering Words

Doug Storms, worship leader

There is a voice that calls to us

**It calls us by name**

There is a voice that calls to us

**To welcome everyone, to live in love**

There is a voice that claims us

**As individuals and as a community**

There are other voices, too

**Voices of division and destruction**

Voices of hatred and violence

**Voices of fear and anxiety**

Help us to listen through the chaos and cacophony

**Help us to hear your voice**

A voice of peace and justice

**A voice of connection and compassion**

Open our hearts and our ears

**Speak to us, that we might hear**

\*Opening Prayer

Doug Storms

**God of the still small voice and the burning bush, when the world is loud with yelling and vitriol, tune our ears to your call. When the voices we hear demean and dismiss, tune our hearts to your voice of love and inclusion. When the voices we hear deny the full humanity of others, tune our spirits to your voice of justice and peace. As members of your flock, as part of your beloved community, help us to listen more closely, to speak more carefully, to live faithfully under the guidance of Christ, our shepherd. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

Doug Storms

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with your neighbors.*

\*Hymn: Christ Has Risen

2115 (small hymnal)

1. Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers,  
 2. Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple  
 3. Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion  
 4. Christ has ris - en and for - ev - er

Christ has ris - en where hope died, as he said and  
 whom he died to love and save; Christ has ris - en  
 for - mer friends who fear the night, sens - ing loss and  
 lives to chal - lenge and to change all whose lives are

as he prom - ised, as we doubt - ed  
 for the wom - en bring - ing flowers to  
 lim - i - ta - tion where their faith had  
 messed or man - gled, all who find re -

and de - nied. Let the moon em - brace the bless - ing;  
 grace his grave. Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples  
 once burned bright. They be - moan what is no long - er,  
 li - gion strange. Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent

let the sun sus - tain the cheer; let the world con -  
 hud - dled in an up - stairs room. He whose word in -  
 they ex - pect no hope - ful sign till Christ ends their  
 mak - ing us what he has been — ev - i - dence of

firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!  
 spired cre - a - tion can't be si - lenced by the tomb.  
 con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing bread and shar - ing wine.  
 trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.

WORDS: John Bell (Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21; 1 Cor. 15:3-8)  
 MUSIC: William Moore

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Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Doug Storms

The newly baptized believers threw themselves wholeheartedly into studying the teachings of the apostles, and into sharing their lives with one another, breaking bread together, and gathering for prayer.

Everyone was mind-boggled by what was going on, and especially by the miraculous things the apostles were doing – things that clearly bore the signs of God’s involvement.

All those who had put their trust in Christ lived a common life and shared everything with one another. They sold off their personal assets and possessions, and pooled their resources so that there was plenty to provide for everybody’s needs. Their daily pattern of life revolved around praising God, both at gatherings for worship in the Temple and while breaking bread in their homes at meals which were eaten in a generous and festive spirit. Everyone thought they were all right, and every day their numbers grew as the Lord added more and more people whose lives were being put on track.

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

Children’s Time

Cynthia and Doménica Good

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

Scripture: John 10:1-10

Doug Storms

“I assure you that whoever doesn’t enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. They won’t follow a stranger but will run away because they don’t know the stranger’s voice.” Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn’t understand what he was saying.

So Jesus spoke again, “I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn’t listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

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

Music: The Shepherd's Psalm by Earlene Rentz

Calvary Choir

Thoughts

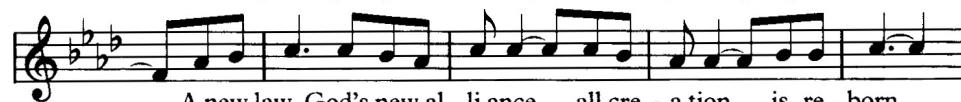
Rev. Good

\*Hymn: Camina, Pueblo de Dios

305 (large hymnal)



Walk on, O peo-ple of God; walk on, O peo-ple of God!



A new law, God's new al - li-ance, all cre - a-tion is re - born.

*Fine*



Walk on, O peo-ple of God; walk on, O peo-ple of God!



- 1. Look on Cal - va - ry's sum - mit; on the rock there tow - ers a cross;
- 2. Christ takes in - to his bod - y all our sin, en - slave - ment, and pain;
- 3. Heaven and earth are em - bra - cing, and our souls find par - don at last.



death that gives birth to new liv - ing, a new peo - ple, a new light.  
as he des - troy - s them he brings us life's a - bun - dance, life's new joy.  
Now hea - ven's gates are re - op - ened to the sin - ner, to us all.



Christ has brought us sal - va - tion with his death and ris - ing a - gain.  
Christ brings rec - on - cil - ia - tion to all things and peo - ple with God.  
Is - ra - el walks a jour - ney; now we live, sal - va - tion's our song;

*D.C.*



Ev - ery - thing comes to new birth - ing, all cre - a - tion is re - born.  
Na - ture bursts in - to new flow - ering, all cre - a - tion is re - born.  
Christ's re - sur - rec - tion has freed us. There are new worlds to ex - plore.

Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Good

**The Lord is my shepherd, I need nothing more.**

**You give me rest in green meadows, setting me near calm waters,  
Where you revive my spirit.**

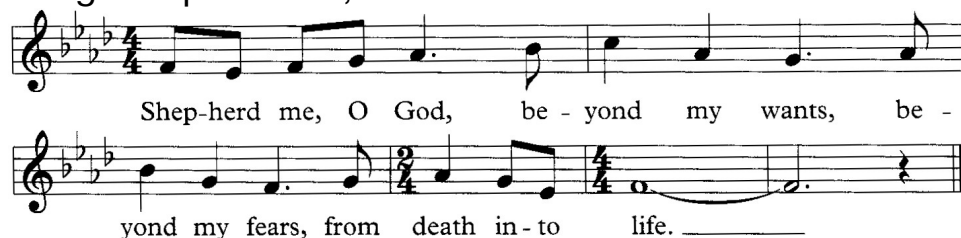
**You guide me along sure paths, you are true to your name,  
Though I should walk in death's dark valley, I fear no evil with you by my side,  
Your shepherd's staff to comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me as my foes look on.  
You soothe my head with oil; my cup is more than full.**

**Goodness and love will tend me every day of my life.  
I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I shall live.**

Song: Shepherd Me, O God

2058 (small hymnal)



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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: Gun Safety Policy

Parke Wilde

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

Rev. Good

**Shepherding God, you have gathered us together and together we are so much more. As part of your flock, as part of your beloved community, we share what we have to spread your love in the world. May your grace be known in our gifts and our lives. Amen.**

\*Hymn: We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

1 We can - not own the sun - lit sky, the moon, the wild - flowers  
 2 When bod - ies shiv - er in the night and, wea - ry, wait for  
 3 God calls hu - man - i - ty to join as part - ners in cre -

grow - ing, for we are part of all that is with -  
 morn - ing, when chil - dren have no bread but tears, and  
 a - ting a fu - ture free from want or fear, life's

in life's riv - er flow - ing. With o - pen hands re -  
 war - horns sound their warn - ing, God calls hu - man - i -  
 good - ness cel - e - brat - ing. That new world beck - ons

ceive and share the gifts of God's cre - a - tion, that  
 ty to wake, to join in com - mon la - bor, that  
 from a - far, in - vites our shared en - deav - or, that

all may have a - bun - dant life in ev - ery earth - ly na - tion.  
 all may have a - bun - dant life in one - ness with their neigh - bor.  
 all may have a - bun - dant life and peace en - dure for - ev - er.

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## Announcements

Rev. Good

There is no coffee hour today. We need volunteers for May 10<sup>th</sup>; if you can help, please contact Susan G in the office.

From Jim Bond: Thanks to our Calvary family for the surprise birthday greetings! They were great and Dianne and I really appreciated it. We will be back sometime in the future.

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](mailto:jacobjamesmueller@gmail.com).

Women's Overnight Retreat at Rolling Ridge 5/1-2: Contact Kaitlyn at [kait19960@gmail.com](mailto: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:

Book Club Tuesday at 7 PM in the Parlor

### 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

Rev. Good

Postlude: My Deliverer by Steven Tippett

Sue Paro, piano