

# Calvary Church Sunday Worship

## May 3, 2026

\* Please rise as you are able.

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

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: God Welcomes All (*Amen themba*), tune trad. South African,  
setting by Mary Howarth

Sue Paro

Welcome and Poem

Rev. Cynthia Good

Introit: Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God (*Amen, Siakudumisa*), trad. Xhosa  
(South Africa), attr. to S. C. Molefe as taught by George Mxadana Calvary Choir

\*Gathering Words

Bright Einstein Nogoh, worship leader

We are part of something bigger

**Each one of us has a place**

**Each one of us matters**

When foundations crumble around us

**We stand on solid ground**

When institutions falter

**We are built into God's beloved community**

Stone upon stone

**Rock upon rock**

We are built together with Christ as our cornerstone

**Constructed in love, built with grace.**

\*Opening Prayer

Bright Einstein Nogoh

**Holy One, builder of life, you gather us together, as your own people, beloved and light-filled. We come to hear your story again and to live it. When we share stories and food, we find life. When we share wisdom and hope, we find truth. When we share laughter and pain, we find our way. Gather us as living stones into your household, your home. Walk with us and guide us. Help us to seek your way today and always. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

Bright Einstein Nogoh

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

\*Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

546 (large hymnal)

WORDS: Samuel J. Stone, 1866; adapt. by Laurence Hull Stookey, 1983  
 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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Scripture: I Peter 2:4-10

Bright Einstein Nogoh

God is building a house and Christ is the living foundation stone. The human race didn't want him included in the building, but God saw him as the most precious stone of all and chose him to be the one on which everything else depends. So now as you come to him, allow yourselves to be used as further living stones in the construction of this sacred building. Within this house you will serve as the dedicated priests whose job is to work with Jesus the Messiah in offering the spiritual sacrifices that are a welcome gift to God. The scriptures put it this way:

“Look, I am setting a stone in place in Zion; a precious, hand-picked stone; foundation and centrepiece; holding the weight of all. Those who entrust themselves to him will never be dragged through the mud.”

He has proven himself invaluable to you who trust him, but to those who refuse to trust him, other sayings spring to mind: “The stone the builders tossed out as useless is now seen in all its glory holding everything together.” and also: “There is a stone that trips them up; they stumble over it and fall flat on their faces.”

Such people defy the message, so their fate is a foregone conclusion; they keep on being tripped up by it. But it is a very different story for you. You are God’s own special people, chosen to be a noble priesthood and a nation wholly dedicated to God. That is why God, who turned on the lights for you when you were lost in the dark, has given you the job of broadcasting the news about all the great things God does.

Once you were nothing but a rabble, but now you are God’s own people.  
Once mercy was nothing but a word to you, but now you are showered with mercy.

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: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

2026 (small hymnal)

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

Scripture: John 14:1-14

Bright Einstein Nogoh

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

\*Hymn: My Hope is Built



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' love and  
2 When shad - ows veil my Sav-i-or's face, I rest up - on un -  
3 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the  
4 When Christ shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in



righ-teous-ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but  
chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ  
Love be found, Dressed in God's righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
an-chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be - fore the throne.



all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.



\*Psalm of Affirmation

Rev. Good

**In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.  
Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.  
You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;  
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.  
Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

**My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.  
Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.**

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

If you wish to make a monetary donation to the Parish Fund, you can use the Love Offering envelopes near the offering baskets located at the entrances to the sanctuary, or scan the Venmo code at the right and 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)

**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!**

## Sharing in Communion by Beth Merrill Neal

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and good to give you thanks and praise, O God, because from the beginning, you invited us on a journey with you, a journey of wonders and miracles, a journey of healing and joy, a journey of mystery, a journey full of life and love.

And so in thanks and praise we join our voices in the song of the angels and saints, who forever sing to you, as we say these words:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

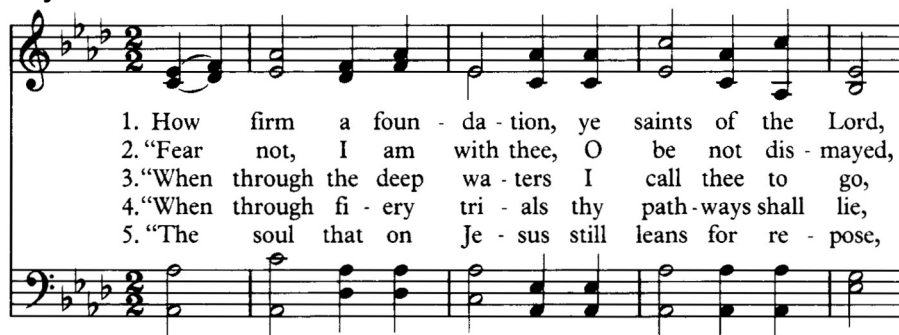
**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

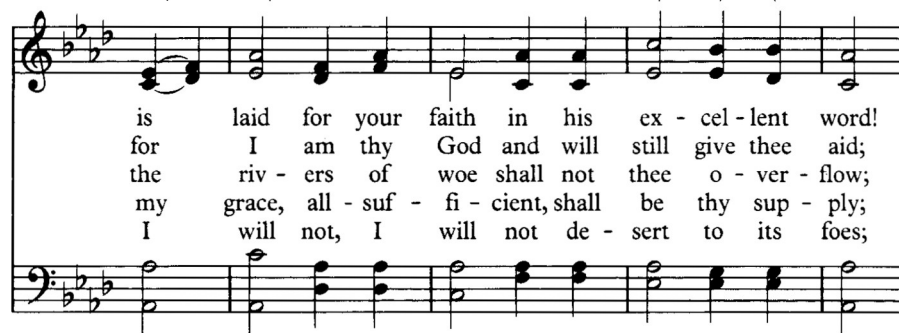
Blessed is your son, O God, our savior Jesus Christ, who joined us on our journey, who was so full of grace and truth that we cannot help but follow him. When his path went back to you, you sent us your Spirit to continue alongside us, to empower and inspire us to continue to be your people. Now we pray that that same Spirit will be among us, and among these elements of bread and cup, that our ordinary meal will become our sacred feast, to nourish us for the next part of the journey. As we break bread together, as we drink from the same cup, unite us as people who are grateful for the journey, for each other's company, and for your guiding presence. **Amen.**

\*Hymn: How Firm A Foundation

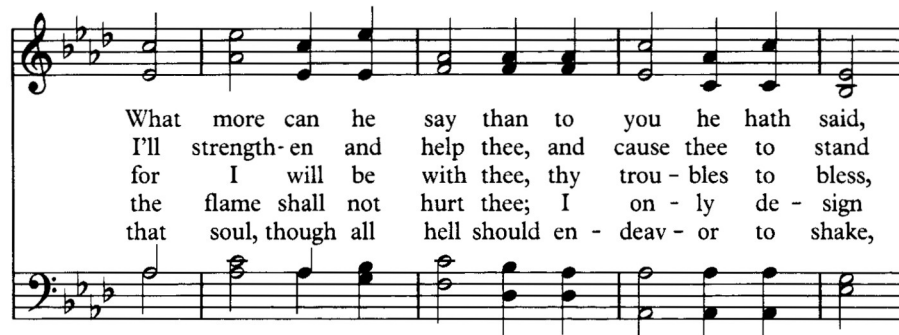
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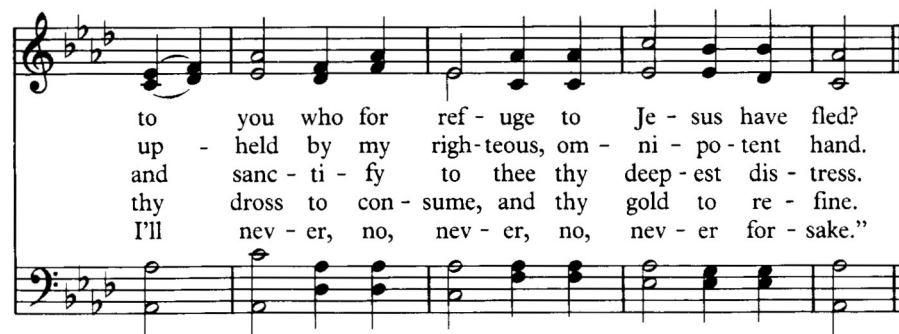
1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - ways shall lie,  
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 I'll strength - en and help thee, and cause thee to stand  
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Announcements

Rev. Good

- 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

Sue Paro, organ