



Calvary Church Sunday Worship

May 10, 2026

* Please rise as you are able.

Bold text is spoken by the congregation.

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: Jesus, Name Above All Names (*Naida Hearn*), arr. by John F. Wilson

Sue Paro, piano

Welcome and Poem

Rev. Cynthia Good

Introit: Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord by Carol Browning

Calvary Choir

*Gathering Words by Lisa Hancock

Jeanne Le Suer, worship leader

Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path,
Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.

The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way,
the truth, and the life of Jesus.

God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.

The Spirit draws us into God's story,
showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.

Easter people, God's story abides in you,
calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

**We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides,
and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.
Amen.**

*Opening Prayer

Jeanne Le Suer

**God of all time and space,
you initiated the relationship of love and generosity with creation
at a time before and beyond all knowing.**

**Through the Word and the Spirit,
you continue in eternal love for all beings.**

**Fill us with a deep and abiding awareness of your presence,
your call, and your grace in our lives and in our world.**

**Shape us into the people you have made us to be –
poured out in creative mercy
for the sake of Jesus Christ in all creation. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

Jeanne Le Suer

Peace be with you. **And also with you.** *Please share a sign of peace with your neighbors.*

*Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

384 (large hymnal)

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion

all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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Scripture: John 14:15-21 from laughingbird.net

Jeanne Le Suer

Jesus said to his disciples, “If you love me, it will show in the way you live out what I’ve told you to do. I will have a word with God and arrange for another advocate to be permanently assigned to you. Your new advocate will be the Spirit of Truth. The rest of the world will not accept the Spirit because they never accept what they can’t see or comprehend. You already know the Spirit though, because the Spirit is with you and will be at work inside you.

“I’m not going to leave you to fend for yourselves like abandoned children; I’ll be there for you. Soon the rest of the world will think I’m gone — out of sight, out of mind — but you’ll still be seeing me. I am really living, and because of that you’ll be really living too. When that day comes, you’ll be left in no doubt that I am one with God, and that you are one with me and I am one with you. Those who take seriously what I’ve said and live it out are the ones who truly love me. God will love all those who truly love me. I’ll love them too and bare my soul to them.”

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

Children’s Time

Sandra Barrios

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: Acts 17:22-31

Jeanne Le Suer

“Good people of Athens, it is clear to me that you are a people who take religion seriously. Everywhere I look in your city, I see places and objects intended for worship. I even came across an altar with a sign that said it was dedicated to ‘an unknown god.’ This God who you already worship but do not know is, in fact, the God I am here to make known to you. This is the God who made the world and everything in it. This is the one who is Lord of heaven and earth. No house built by human hands could ever hold this God. No act of service offered by human beings could ever provide anything which God would otherwise be left in need of. No, it is we mortal creatures who depend on what God provides, for our life, our breath, and all we need are given by God. This God made the whole human race from scratch – every people and nation on the face of the earth – and set the basic limits on what is possible and impossible for them. All of this inspires us to search for God, which is exactly what God intended. At times we may feel like we are groping blindly in the dark, but God wants to be found by us and is never beyond the reach of anyone. One of your local poets summed it up well:

‘Our lives are lived in God,
everything we do and everything we are;
for we are the fruit of God’s womb.’

So if we have been brought to birth by God, then we should never fall for the idea that we humans can shape God in some image that appeals to us. Even the most exquisite creations of gold, silver and precious stone, crafted with great skill and imagination by the best artists, are nothing but meaningless lumps of rock in comparison to God. Fortunately, God has not taken offence over such unworthy representations when their creators didn't know any better. But such excuses are a thing of the past. We now know who God is. We are now aware that God wants everyone everywhere to turn their lives around. And we now know that God has appointed the judge and set the date for the world to be put right. You can stake your life on this, because God has given a spectacular guarantee, by raising the appointed judge from the dead."

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

Music: I Will Not Leave You Comfortless by Everett Titcomb

Calvary Choir

Thoughts

Rev. Good

*Hymn: O God, In Whom We Live



1. O God, in whom we live and move and have our
2. We seek your face, your ways, in far - off
3. No work of ours, these fee - ble, fad - ing
4. Work now this day our blind - ed eyes to
5. Be, liv - ing God not made by hands of



be - ing, you set the bounds of time and
 pla - ces, though you are near to each of
 ob - jects, can fill our hearts, nor take your
 o - pen, make our hearts quick to un - der -
 hu - mans, no more to us a God un -



space. We live in dark - ness with our proud di -
 us. You know our frame, you formed our ver - y
 place. All are of you the ver - y
 stand. Be all to us, our sib - ling and our
 known; that we to - geth - er drink joy un -



vi - sions, yet are in you one blood, one race.
 fa - ces, you call us each to see your light.
 off - spring, in ev - ery - one we see your face.
 neigh - bor touch us in one an - oth - er's hand.
 end - ing, as we sing prais - es 'round your throne!

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 MUSIC: William P. Gorton
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*Affirmation of Faith by Sophie Churchill

Rev. Good

**We believe in one God,
who gave birth to the cosmos and to us,
creating, out of nothing but God's own will,
a world of rocks, plants and human longing;
whose eyes will not fail to cry for it all.**

**We believe in one God,
who redeems the waste of all things good,
weaving, from the griefs of our freedom,
new and un hoped-for things;
whose mercy will not fail to heal it all.**

**We believe in one God,
who lives among all people in all places,
calling us from our despair and sleep
to live out Easter in our generation;
whose love will not fail to hold us all.**

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 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

Gracious God, we are filled to overflowing with your Spirit. May your grace flow through us to a world that needs your presence of justice and peace. May our gifts reflect our faith. May our lives reflect your love. Amen.

*Hymn: Praise to God, The World's Creator by Jan Berry tune: 150 in large hymnal

**1 Praise to God, the world's creator,
source of life and growth and breath,
cradling in her arms her children,
holding them from birth to death.
In our bodies, in our living,
strength and truth of all we do,
God is present, working with us,
making us creators too.**

**2 Praise to God our saving Wisdom,
meeting us with love and grace,
helping us to grow in wholeness,
giving freedom, room, and space.
In our hurting, in our risking,
in the thoughts we dare not name,
God is present, growing with us,
healing us from sin and shame.**

**3 Praise to God, the Spirit in us,
prompting hidden depths of prayer,
firing us to long for justice,
reaching out with tender care.
In our searching, in our loving,
in our struggles to be free,
God is present, living in us,
pointing us to what shall be.**

Announcements

Rev. Good

Special Events:

Mission Trip Signup today in the parlor after worship
Taizé Service Wednesday 7 PM in the sanctuary
Plate & Project Saturday 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall
Theology on Tap next Sunday at Town Tavern after worship
Arlington Pet Food Pantry yard sale next Sunday 1-3 PM on the front lawn

Weekly Events:

Monday Muddle 10 AM in the Parlor
Bible Study Wednesday 10 AM in the Parlor
Choir rehearsal Wednesday 7:45 PM in the choir room under the sanctuary
Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM in classroom 1

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: Holy Manna, two settings by Michael Burkhardt

Sue Paro, organ