



Calvary Church Sunday Worship May 17, 2026

* Please rise as you are able.

Bold text is spoken by the congregation.

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: How Can I Keep from Singing? by Robert Lowry, arr. by Tom Fettke

Sue Paro, piano

Welcome and Poem

Rev. Cynthia Good

Choral Introit: God Calls You Good by Paul M. Vasile

Calvary Choir

*Gathering Words

Tapani Ronni, worship leader

Why look to the sky?

God is here with us now

Why look for someone to save us?

God is here with us now

Look around you

We are God's community

Look around you

We are what we need

The world needs you

The world needs us

*Song: "We are the ones we have been waiting for" by June Jordan

*Opening Prayer

Tapani Ronni

God of earth and sky, above and below and in-between, be with us now. When we feel alone, remind us of your presence. When we feel lost, find us. Gather us in this place to be your beloved community, your church. May we continue to create here a circle of love, ever expanding, ever growing. A place of wisdom. A place of connection. A place of hope. Together, may we stand in your grace. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Tapani Ronni

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

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. There the glo - rious tri - umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. See! the heaven its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. See! he lifts his hands a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

To his throne a - bove the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Al - le - lu - ia!
 See! he shows the prints of love, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ hath con - quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Though re - turn - ing to his throne, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!

Re - as - cends his na - tive heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Take the King of glo - ry in, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Still he calls the world his own, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Bless - ings on his church be - low, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
MUSIC: Robert Williams, 1817; harm. by David Evans, 1927

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Scripture: Acts 1:6-14

Tapani Ronni

When they were all together for the last time, the apostles had one burning question for Jesus: "Lord, is this the time? Will you regain our freedom now and give us our own king to reign over Israel?"

Jesus replied, "Only God can decide such things and the timing is none of your business.

Just focus on this: the Holy Spirit will flood over you and drench you with power, giving you the passion and courage to be my witnesses. Then you will be able to tell everyone about me, in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.”

That was it - his last words. Right before their eyes, he was carried up into the air where he soon disappeared into the clouds. They just stood there stunned, staring into the sky. Suddenly two men appeared next to them, dressed in white robes! They said, “You Galileans! What are you standing here for, staring into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven, but don’t worry. He’ll be back, just as surely - and just as mysteriously - as he left.”

This happened at the Mount of Olives, about a half an hour’s walk outside of Jerusalem. When they returned to the city, they gathered again in the upstairs room that had become their regular meeting place. The remaining eleven apostles were all there: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. Along with a wider group, which included many of the women who had followed Jesus, they committed themselves to a shared life of fervent prayer. This group included Mary, the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

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

Children’s Time

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 17:1-11

Tapani Ronni

After the supper, and after giving his final teaching to his followers, Jesus gazed up towards the skies and began to pray:

“Father, the time has come;
cover your Son in glory now
so that he may give all the glory to you.

You have put the destiny of every person on earth
in the hands of your Son,
so that he can give life without limit
to all those you have entrusted to him.
And what this boundless life is all about is this:
intimacy with you, the one and only true God,
and with Jesus the Messiah,
the chosen one who you sent.

I brought great credit to you
by finishing the job you gave me.
So now, Father, let me bask in your glory again,
in the glory I enjoyed when I was with you,
back before the world began.

Father, you have given me some followers from this world,
and I have given them the full picture of what you are like.
They were yours to begin with,
but you gave them to me,
and they have done what you asked of them.
Now they know for sure that everything I have
was given to me directly by you.
I gave my followers the same message you gave to me.
They received it and were convinced that I came from you.
They believe that it was you who sent me.
I pray for them.

My prayer is not for this hell-bent world
but for the followers you gave me,
for they are rightfully yours.
Everything that is mine is yours,
and everything that is yours is mine
and my image lights up in them.

I will no longer be seen in the world,
but they will continue on in the world
while I come back to you.
Holy Father, protect them
by writing your name on them,
giving them the same identity you gave me,
so that they will be one with each other,
just as you and I are one in heart and mind.”

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

Music: How Can I Keep from Singing? by Robert Lowry, arr. by Andy Beck
Calvary Choir

Thoughts

Rev. Good

*Hymn: Born of God, Eternal Savior

tune: 384 [large hymnal]

**1 Born of God, Eternal Savior, source of life, of truth and grace,
Human One, whose birth incarnate hallows all our human race,
Come again, in all your glory; come to us, inspire and lead;
Fill us with your lovingkindness; heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

**2 Christ, as you have lived for others, so may we for others live;
Freely have your gifts been granted, freely may your servants give.
All the wealth that we may gather is for use in causes just.
We are stewards of the bounty loaned to us in solemn trust.**

**3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, granting love and joy and peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst for pleasure, shame our selfish greed for gain.**

**4 See the Christ-like host advancing, high and lowly, great and small,
Linked in bonds of common service, answering the Savior's call.
Jesus Christ, we hear your pleading that your people should be one.
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition; here on earth, your will be done.**

*Affirmation of Faith by Binkley & McKeel

Rev. Good

The kingdom of love is coming because:
**somewhere someone is kind when others are unkind,
somewhere someone shares with another in need,
somewhere someone refuses to hate, while others hate,
somewhere someone is patient - and waits in love,
somewhere someone returns good for evil,
somewhere someone serves another, in love,
somewhere someone is calm in a storm,
somewhere someone is loving everybody.
Is that someone you?**

*Song: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

2088 [small hymnal]

Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth _ to show the way, _
_ from the earth to the cross _ my debt to pay; _
_ from the cross to the grave, _ from the grave to the sky; _
_ Lord, I lift your name on high.

WORDS: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)
MUSIC: Rick Founds

LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH
Irregular

Recognition of Bright

*Prayer

Rev. Good

O God, we give thanks for remembered times when we together have shared the life of faith. We thank you for the moments we have shared with Bright in worship, in learning, in service. We pray that Bright will be aware of your Spirit's guidance as he moves on in the next steps of his journey following in the example of Christ. Amen.

Prayers

Video: Miracle Sunday

Special Offering

The Endowment Fund for Theological Education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. If you wish to make a monetary donation, scan the Venmo code at the right.



*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Good

Thank you for your presence, O God, in people and places, in talents and gifts. May we spread your good news through our good works and faithfulness. Amen.

*Hymn: I'll Fly Away

2282 [small hymnal]

**1 Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.**

**I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away, in the morning.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**

**2 When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.**

**I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away, in the morning.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**

**3 Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
to a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.**

**I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away, in the morning.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**

Announcements

Rev. Good

Weekly Events:

Monday Muddle 10 AM in the Parlor

Bible Study Wednesday 10 AM in the Parlor

Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM in classroom 1

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: Dialogo per Organo by Adriano Banchier

Sue Paro, organ