



# Calvary Church Sunday Worship

## June 21, 2026

### Children's Sunday

\* Please rise as you are able.

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

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: "Little" Prelude in C Major by J. S. Bach Sue Paro, organ

Welcome Rev. Good

Poem: "Hope is the thing with feathers" by Emily Dickinson Cora Jones

Choral Introit: "Alone Shall Live," German folk song Calvary Choir

Gathering Words from *God's Good Earth* Tapani Ronni

People's from every corner of creation

**Celebrate with all creatures on Earth!**

Young and old across the planet,

**Rejoice in the day that God has made!**

Indigenous peoples of every land,

**Help us sense the Spirit deep in each land!**

All humanity on Planet Earth,

**Celebrate with us the colors of creation!**

Praise God from our planet home,

**Sing, peoples, sing!**

**Sing, creation, sing!**

\*Opening Prayer from *God's Good Earth* Tapani Ronni

**God of wonder, God of joy, we thank you for your precious gift of children. Through their eyes, we see your hopes and dreams for all humanity; through their love, we feel your love; through their idealism, we envision a world of justice and liberation for every person on earth; through their generous hearts, we reach out to all who need and seek you; through their courage, we act courageously. Lead children to honor parents by compassion and forgiveness, and may all people discover your parental care by the respect and love given to them by others. God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace Tapani Ronni

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



1. God of the spar-row God of the whale
2. God of the earth-quake God of the storm
3. God of the rain-bow God of the cross
4. God of the hun-gry God of the sick
5. God of the neigh-bor God of the foe
6. God of the a-ges God near at hand



God of the swirl-ing stars	How does the crea-ture say
God of the trum-pet blast	How does the crea-ture cry
God of the emp-ty grave	How does the crea-ture say
God of the prod-i-gal	How does the crea-ture say
God of the prun-ing hook	How does the crea-ture say
God of the lov-ing heart	How do your chil-dren say



Awe	How does the crea-ture say	Praise
Woe	How does the crea-ture cry	Save
Grace	How does the crea-ture say	Thanks
Care	How does the crea-ture say	Life
Love	How does the crea-ture say	Peace
Joy	How do your chil-dren say	Home

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Scripture: John 3:1-8

Iain Babeu

"Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus, who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."  
 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."  
 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So, it is with everyone born of the Spirit."  
 The Word of God for us. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Susan Stewart

After the song, young children are invited to attend the nursery (room 3).

Music from Wesley McGovern

Scripture: Matthew 18:1-5

Devin Jones

At about the same time, the disciples came to Jesus asking, "Who gets the highest rank in God's kingdom?" For an answer, Jesus called over a child, whom he stood in the middle of the room, and said, "I'm telling you, once and for all, that unless you return to square one and start over like children, you're not even going to get a look at the kingdom, let alone get in. Whoever becomes simple and elemental again, like this child, will rank high in God's kingdom. What's more, when you receive the childlike on my account, it's the same as receiving me. The Word of God for us. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

277 [large hymnal]



1. Tell me the sto - ries of Je - sus I love to hear;  
2. First let me hear how the chil - dren stood round his knee,  
3. In - to the cit - y I'd fol - low the chil - dren's band,



things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
and I shall fan - cy his bless - ing rest - ing on me;  
wav - ing a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;



scenes by the way - side, tales of the sea,  
words full of kind - ness, deeds full of grace,  
one of his her - alds, yes, I would sing



sto - ries of Je - sus, tell them to me.  
all in the love - light of Je - sus' face.  
loud - est ho - san - nas, "Je - sus is King!"

Thoughts

A Prayer for Pets

Gabe Babeu

Music: "Dandelion Wishes" by Carol Klose

Margaret Joseffer-Paul

Celebration of our Seniors

Rev. Good

Celebration of Volunteers

## Solidarity Prayer by Bishop Marianne Edgar Budde

Our God teaches us that we are to be merciful to the stranger, for we were all once strangers in this land. May God grant us the strength and courage to honor the dignity of every human being, to speak the truth to one another in love, and walk humbly with each other and our God for the good of all people. The good of all people in this nation and the world. **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.

Rev. Good



## Blessing of the Mission Trip Team

Rev. Good

\*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!**

\*Hymn: "The Trees of the Field"

2279 [small hymnal]



You shall go out with joy — and be led forth with peace; — the  
moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you; there'll be  
shouts of joy, — and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their  
hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, — the  
trees of the field will clap their hands, — the trees of the  
field will clap their hands — while you go out with joy.

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Announcements

Rev. Good

Special Events:

Book Club BBQ Tuesday 5:30 PM

Weekly Events:

Bible Study Wednesday 10 AM in the Parlor

Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM in classroom 1

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: "The Trees of the Field" by Stuart Dauermann

Sue Paro, piano