

Calvary Church Sunday Worship

July 19, 2026

* Please rise as you are able.

Bold text is spoken by the congregation.

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: Prelude in G Major by J.S. Bach

Susan Schmidt, organ

Welcome and Poem

Terry Rice

*Gathering Words

Bright Einstein Nogoh

Come all who wander

God will guide you, God will guide us

Come all who are lost

God will find you, God will find us

Come, you are a beloved child of God

Come, you matter

Let us worship the God who knows us best

And loves us still

*Unison Prayer

Bright Einstein Nogoh

Holy One, you call us beloved, each one of us.

Help us to know it when we feel unloved and uncertain.

You call us beloved, each one of us.

Help us to trust it when we feel lost and forgotten.

Help us to find ourselves again, encircled by grace, gathered into your beloved community, where everyone belongs.

Amen.

*Passing the Peace

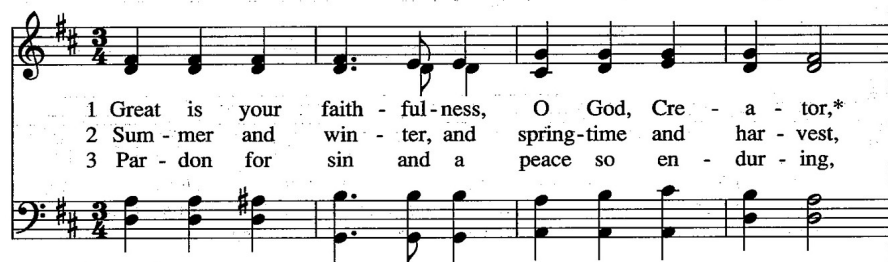
Bright Einstein Nogoh

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

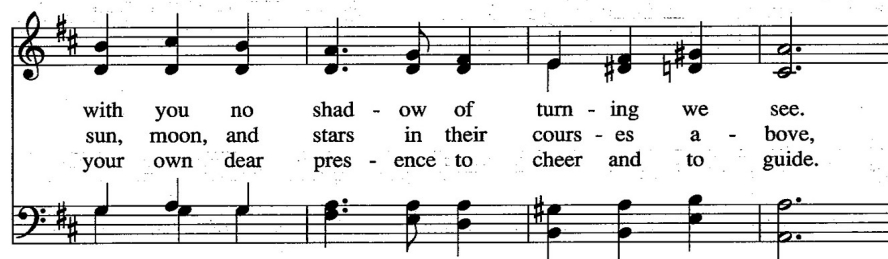
Hymn: Great is Your Faithfulness

Lam. 3:22-23

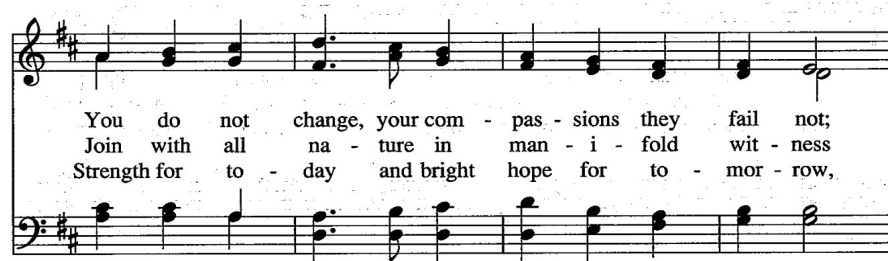
Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.



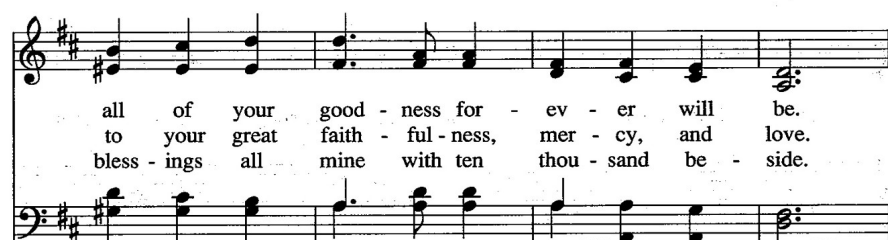
1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,



with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

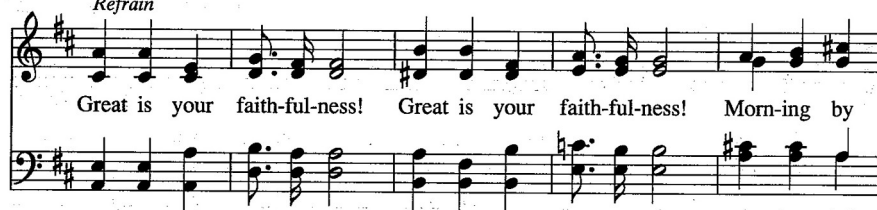


You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

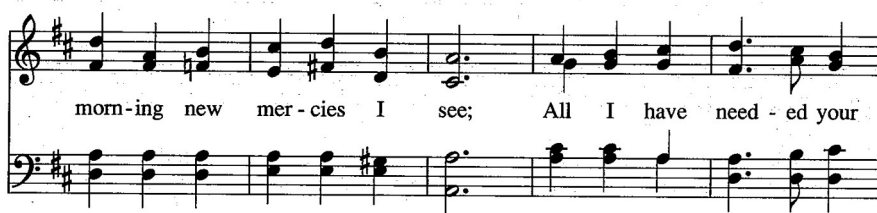


all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

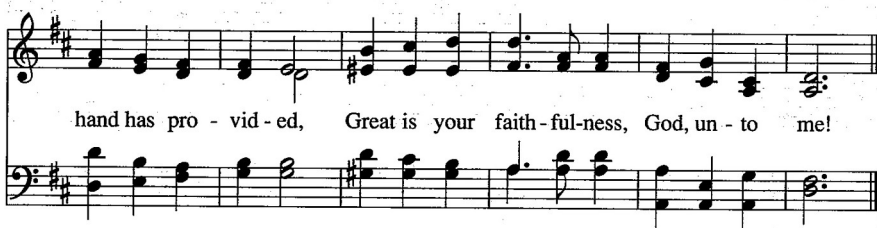
Refrain



Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed your



hand has pro - vid - ed, Great is your faith - ful - ness, God, un - to me!

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-19a

Bright Einstein Nogoh

Jacob left Beersheba and went to Haran. He came to a certain place and camped for the night since the sun had set. He took one of the stones there, set it under his head and lay down to sleep. And he dreamed: A stairway was set on the ground and it reached all the way to the sky; angels of God were going up and going down on it.

Then God was right before him, saying, “I am God, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. I’m giving the ground on which you are sleeping to you and to your descendants. Your descendants will be as the dust of the Earth; they’ll stretch from west to east and from north to south. All the families of the Earth will bless themselves in you and your descendants. Yes. I’ll stay with you, I’ll protect you wherever you go, and I’ll bring you back to this very ground. I’ll stick with you until I’ve done everything I promised you.”

Jacob woke up from his sleep. He said, “God is in this place—truly. And I didn’t even know it!” He was terrified. He whispered in awe, “Incredible. Wonderful. Holy. This is God’s House. This is the Gate of Heaven.”

Jacob was up first thing in the morning. He took the stone he had used for his pillow and stood it up as a memorial pillar and poured oil over it. He christened the place Bethel (God’s House). The name of the town had been Luz until then.

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

Children’s Time

Terry Rice

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

Song: “Walk With Me”

refrain 2242 [small hymnal]

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

Scripture: Psalm 139 1-12,23-24

Bright Einstein Nogoh

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,”

even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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

Music: Sonatina Op. 30 No. 4, 2nd Movement by Muzio Clementi

Susan Schmidt, piano

Thoughts

Rev. Kate Andre

*Hymn: "Nearer, My God to You"

Gen. 28:10-22; Matt. 16:24

Sarah Flower Adams, 1841
Adapt. Thomas H. Troeger

1 Near - er, my God, to you, near - er to you. I'll bear the
2 When I am wan - der - ing as Ja - cob did, and in the
3 Let Ja - cob's lad - der fill the sky a - bove, and an - gels
4 Then, wak - ing from the night to morn - ing air by Beth - el's

cross as Christ calls me to do and pray each day a - new:
deep - est night the path is hid, my dreams will bring me, too,
car - ry down the faith and love to keep this goal in view:
stone, I'll know you heard my prayer, and how my yearn - ing grew:

1-4 Near - er my God, to you, near - er my God, to you, near - er to you.

Sarah Flower Adams, daughter of a well-known English editor, was a successful actress in London. During her short life she wrote prose and poetry for religious publications, a five-act drama, and a children's catechism.

Tune: BETHANY 6.4.6.4.6.6.6.4.
Lowell Mason, 1856

*Affirmation of Faith

Terry Rice

God made all that is seen and unseen,
filling the universe with the life of God,
filling creation with the glory of God,
And filling history with the purpose of God.

We believe it.

God became flesh and revealed God's glory in Christ,
showing the world the character of God,
giving humanity the dignity of God,
ending death's tyranny by the resurrection of God.

We believe it.

God continues to work in the world by the Holy Spirit,
flooding the earth with the Presence of God
teaching Christ's followers the truth of God,
drawing all people into the family of God,

We believe it and we proclaim it. Hallelujah!

Sharing of Prayers and Prayer of the People

Terry Rice

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

Old 100th (95, large hymnal)

**Praise God whose breath fills all the earth
Whose love reveals our sacred worth
Whose Spirit forms one family
Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Terry Rice

With thankful hearts we offer ourselves to you, O God. We offer our gifts, our talents, our hopes, our fears, knowing you use everything for good, in the name and example of Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn: "We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

Gen. 28:10-17

African-American spiritual

1 We are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der, we are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der,
 2 Ev-ery round goes high-er, high-er, ev-ery round goes high-er, high-er,
 3 Rise, shine, give God glo-ry, rise, shine, give God glo-ry,

we are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der, bear-ers of the cross.
 ev-ery round goes high-er, high-er, bear-ers of the cross.
 rise, shine, give God glo-ry, bear-ers of the cross.

Like many spirituals, this one uses a story from the Hebrew scriptures as its starting point and the element of the ladder as a creative device to draw us into the narrative. In like manner, the following twentieth-century adaption of the song by Carole Etzler employs the story of Sarah, the matriarch of the Hebrew people, and extends the direction of the pilgrimage from the upward climb of the ladder to the outward embrace of a circle.

Tune: JACOB'S LADDER 8.8.8.5.
 African-American spiritual

Announcements

Terry Rice

Weekly Event:

Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM

Benediction

Terry Rice

Postlude: "In My Heart There Rings a Melody" by Elton M. Roth

Susan Schmidt, organ