

Calvary Church Sunday Worship

August 2, 2026

* Please rise as you are able.

Bold text is spoken by the congregation.

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: Sonata in E major by Domenico Scarlatti

Yukiko Sekino, piano

Welcome and Poem

Rev. Cynthia Good

Chime

*Gathering Words

Terry Rice

We are on a journey, sometimes alone, sometimes together.

Sometimes we walk, sometimes we limp,

Sometimes we run, sometimes we rest.

We are on a journey.

Sometimes we are hungry and thirsty,

Sometimes we offer food and water.

We are on a journey of faith and life.

Being guided by scripture and the Spirit,

Being nurtured by God's grace.

*Unison Prayer

Terry Rice

Holy One, when the journey is long, we stop and rest and you meet us there.

When the journey is tiring, you ease our steps.

When we are hungry and thirsty, you meet our needs.

Our journeys have brought us here, today.

Meet us where we are. Meet us as we are.

Walking with us, guide us, sustain us in your grace.

Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Terry Rice

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

*Hymn: "Praise God for This Holy Ground"



1. Praise God for this ho - ly ground,
 2. Praise God in whose word we find
 3. Praise God who through Christ makes known
 4. Praise God's Spir - it who be - friends,
 5. Though praise ends, praise is be - gun

place and peo - ple, sight and sound.
 food for bod - y, soul, and mind.
 all are loved and called God's own. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
 rais - es, hum - bles, breaks, and mends.
 where God's will is glad - ly done.

Hal - le - lu - jah! God's good - ness is e - ter - nal.

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Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

Terry Rice

When Jesus got the news, he slipped away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself. But unsuccessfully—someone saw him and the word got around. Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick.

Toward evening the disciples approached him. "We're out in the country and it's getting late. Dismiss the people so they can go to the villages and get some supper."

But Jesus said, "There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper."

"All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish," they said.

Jesus said, "Bring them here." Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed.

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

Children's Time

Terry Rice

After the song, children are welcome to go to room 3.

Song: "Walk With Me"

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

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31

Terry Rice

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

Music: Sarabande from French Overture in B minor by J.S. Bach

Yukiko Sekino, piano

Thoughts

Rev. Good

*Hymn: "All Who Hunger"

2126 [small hymnal]

1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
 2. All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek - er, be a
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - dering.
 wel-come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble live their lives in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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*Psalm of Faith: Psalm 145:8-9,14-21 trans. by Pamela Greenberg

Rev. Good

**God, you are kind and compassionate,
long to anger, endless in love.**

**Your goodness is everywhere;
your compassion extends to all your works.**

**You support all who are falling
and straighten those who are bent.**

**All eyes search for you with hope
and you give them food in time.**

**You open up your hand, satisfying
the desires of all life.**

**You are righteous in all your words,
kind in every act,
close to all who call out,
to all who earnestly call out your name.**

**The will of those who revere you,
you gladly fulfill.**

Hearing their cry, you rush to respond.

**You keep watch over those who love you;
Names of the wrongful in the end disappear.**

**My mouth will speak your praises
Until all flesh exalts the Holy Name –
The blessing never stops. Amen.**

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 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

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.**

Sharing in Communion

Friends, welcome! We're so glad you're here, whether you've been part of this community for a long time or you just walked in the door.

This meal is open to all whom Jesus would welcome, which is pretty much anybody. Jesus ate and drank with people who were rich and poor, with religious professionals and with people who were shunned as outcasts.

Whoever you are, and whatever has happened until now, we hope that you will be fed here in mind, body, and spirit.

We gather for this meal both because Jesus fed people who were hungry, and because we are reaching for something deeper: communion with God and other people at the same time.

Jesus taught people to share food, and compassion, and dignity, and prayer, saying that when they did, then the Beloved Community of God, what he called the kingdom of God, was coming near.

That is why we're here. May you catch a glimpse of that today.

Please join me in prayer.

Blessed One, Giver of all things, as we gather for this meal,
we give thanks when we think of all you have done.

For the vast expanse of galaxies you have fashioned,
for the green and blue earth that is our home,
for the bounty that all creatures receive from you,
and for the rich variety of peoples,
all sculpted by your hand, all bearing the spark of your image,
we give you thanks and praise,

for your steadfast love goes on forever.

For the blessed communion of sharing food,
and for moments of abundance in the midst of hunger:
for Abram and Sarai, preparing a meal for three strangers,
for manna on the Israelites' journey from slavery to freedom,
for the widow of Zerahath, sharing her last morsels with Elijah
and for all those ancestors in faith who have shared their tables and found you in the process,
we give you thanks and praise,

for your steadfast love goes on forever.

For Jesus, your anointed, and his community,
who shared, ate, and prayed freely with people of all sorts,

who healed those no one would touch, and who persisted in spite of hardship, in spite of persecution, in spite of the cross, down through the centuries to this day, we give you thanks and praise, for your steadfast love goes on forever.

Blessing the bread and the cup

Now, by your Spirit, which moves in all things,
Bless this meal, these gifts you have brought forth from the soil.
Bless also each luminous, exquisite soul, and all that we do here together,
that in our eating and drinking, in our sharing with each other,
we may know the abundance of your gracious love
and notice when your Beloved Community of justice and love is drawing near.

May your kin-dom come! and may all that you long for be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.
in Jesus' name we pray, Amen, and let all the people say, "Amen."

Sharing in the meal

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

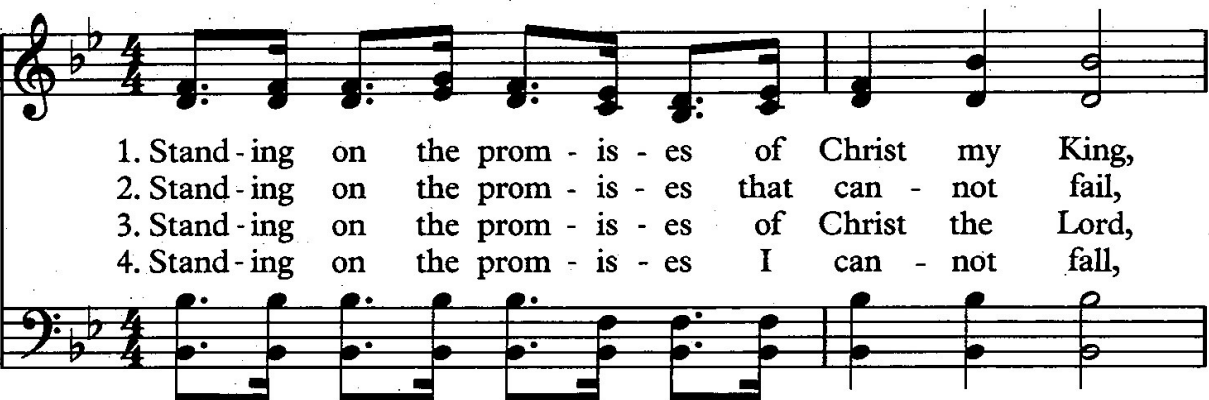
Let us pray.

Gracious One!

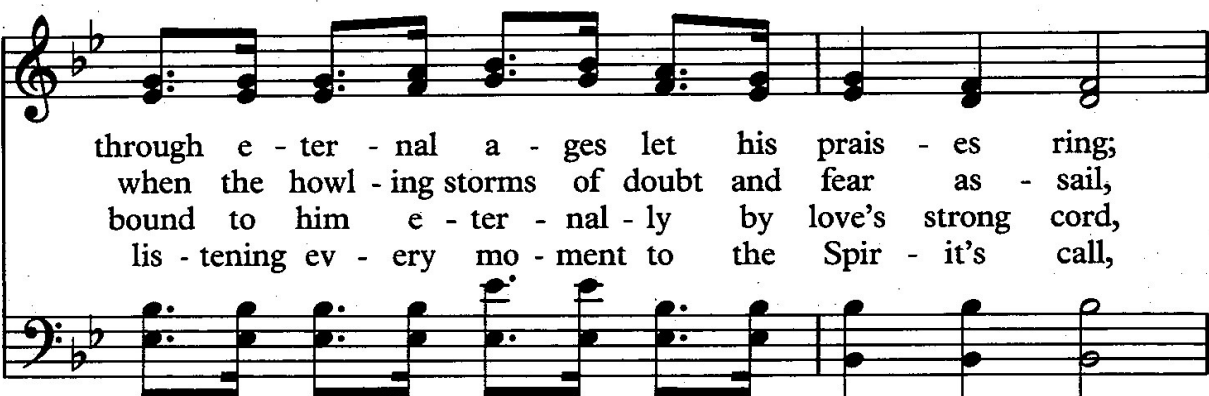
**If we have found nourishment for our hungry bodies and our deepest selves,
if any of us has sensed your Spirit moving here,
if anyone has found themselves to be known and honored,
if any among us has glimpsed the sacred in another
or has tasted the abundance of your grace,
then it is you who have been at work with us
and we give thanks for your Beloved Community, always coming near.**

**As we go from this place, keep us mindful of this meal,
of all who hunger and thirst, and of all that we receive from you.
Keep us mindful of your constant labor for a world of shalom:
compassion, justice, sharing, and peace.
May every table at which we sit, every meal in which we partake,
be an echo or reflection of the deep communion
that all creation shares with you.**

We pray remembering Jesus who showed us the way. Amen.



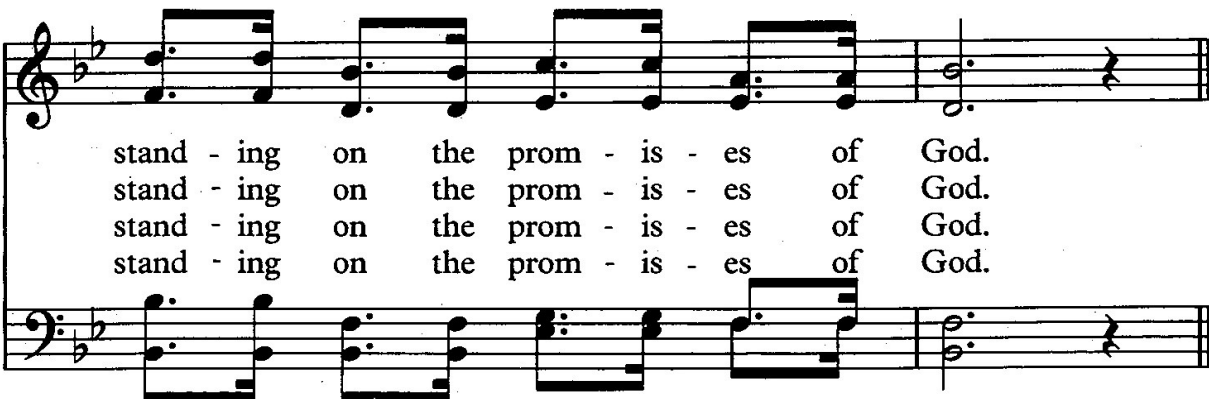
1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King,
2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,



through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,



glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,



stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Announcements

Rev. Good

Weekly Events:

Monday Muddle 10 AM

Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: Bourrée I from French Overture in B minor by J.S. Bach

Yukiko Sekino, piano