

Calvary Church Sunday Worship

August 30, 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 F Major by J.S. Bach

Susan Schmidt, organ

Welcome and Poem

Parke Wilde

Chime

*Gathering Words

Parke Wilde

We come from many places, carrying many things.

I trust that this matters to God.

We come with questions, with hopes, with the weight of the week.

I trust that this matters to God.

We come as we are — uncertain, hopeful, searching.

I trust that this matters to God.

This place is made of people — their time, their care, their presence.

I trust that this matters to God.

Today, God is here.

In this place, I trust that we matter to God and to one another.

*Opening Prayer

Parke Wilde

God of all creation, you spoke and matter came to be. You breathed and it became alive. You loved and it began to mean something. We gather today trusting that what we do here matters — that our presence, our attention, our care for one another is not lost on you. Open our hearts to the radical idea that we matter to you, and that you have made us to matter to each other. Guide us in the way of love. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Parke Wilde

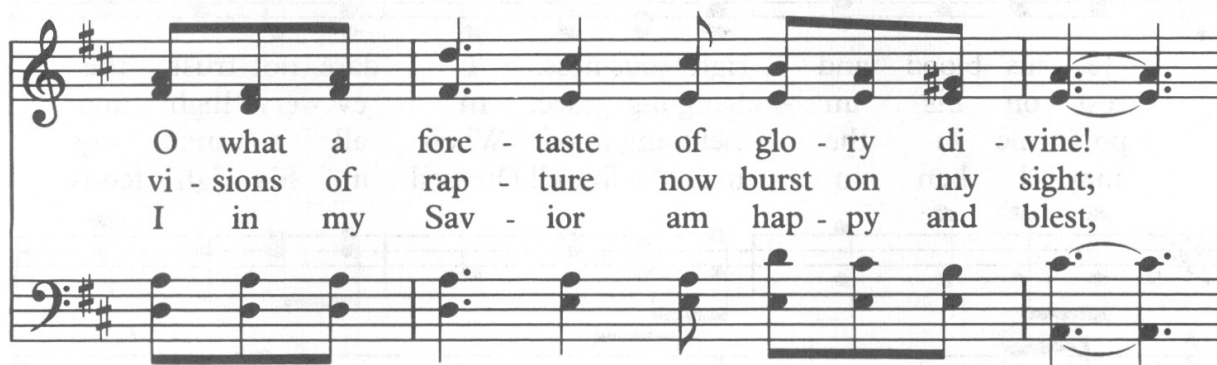
Peace be with you. **And also with you.** *Please share a sign of peace with your neighbors.*

*Hymn: "Blessed Assurance"

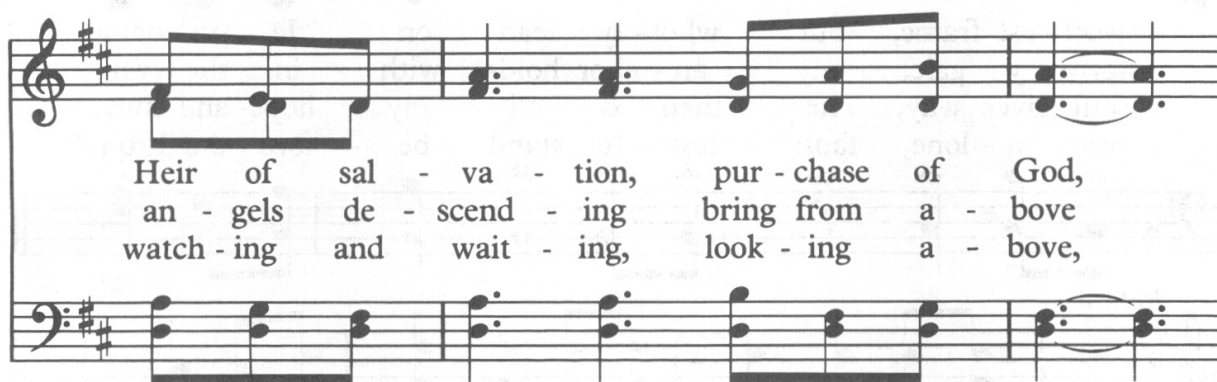
369 [large hymnal]



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest;



O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!
 vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;
 I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,



born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song,
prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;
this is my sto - ry, this is my song,
prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Scripture: Romans 12:9-21

Parke Wilde

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Children's Time

After the song, children are welcome in 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: Matthew 16:21-28

Parke Wilde

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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

Music: Rondo from Mozart's Clarinet Concerto

Anne Lewin, clarinet and Susan Schmidt, piano

Thoughts: "Creating Matter"

Rev. Jordan Harris, pastor of Connexion and Community UMC

*Hymn: "Be Still My Soul"

534 [large hymnal]

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
 to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

in ev - ery change God faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Words: Katharina von Schlegel; trans. by Jane Borthwick
 Music: Jean Sibelius; arr. from The Hymnal ©1933, renewed 1961 Presbyterian Board of Christian Education

*Psalm of Faith: Psalm 26, paraphrased by Nan C. Merrill

Rev. Harris

Speak on my behalf, O Beloved,
for I would choose the path of wholeness,
trusting in your love without reserve.
May my heart be as your Heart;
May my mind be as your Mind -
As your steadfast love guides me,
As I live in faithfulness to You.

I walk with friends of integrity;
and associate with those who live in truth;
I love the company of faith-filled people,
And count myself among those
who make you Word their own.

Sharing of Prayers and Prayer of the People

Parke Wilde

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

Parke Wilde

We give you thanks, O God, for the audacious truth that we matter to you — that our lives, our loves, our struggles and our gifts are held in your care. May we leave this place transformed, ready to make others matter the way you have made us matter. In the name of the one who gave everything, so that we might know our worth. Amen.

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
 Lean-ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean -
 lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on

ing, lean - ing,
 Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Words: Elisha A. Hoffman Music: Anthony J. Showalter

Announcements

Parke Wilde

Weekly Events:

Bible Study Wednesday 10 AM in the Parlor

Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM in classroom 1

Benediction

Parke Wilde

Postlude: "The Bucks of Oranmore"

Anne Lewin, pennywhistle