



# Calvary Church Sunday Worship

## September 6, 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 E Major op 64, no 9 by Cesar Cui

Hannah Shields, piano

Welcome and Poem

Rev. Good

Chime

\*Gathering Words

Jeanne Le Suer

God of love, we come home from our travels at your invitation.

**Together we worship, together we grow.**

Loving Christ, from our journeys we are gathered in your grace.

**Together we worship, together we grow.**

Holy Spirit, you make us one with you, one with Christ, and one in ministry to the world.

**Together we worship, together we grow.**

**Together we praise you in harmony. Alleluia!**

\*Opening Prayer

Jeanne Le Suer

**God of all creation, you gather us here in your Spirit as the Body of Christ.**

**You call us to grow in love and faith.**

**Open our ears to hear your Word.**

**Open our eyes to see the path you call us to.**

**Open our hearts to be changed and to grow, to blossom and to bear fruit, in the name of Christ.**

**Speak, Holy One, for we are listening.**

**Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

Jeanne Le Suer

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

\*Hymn: "I Come With Joy"

617 [large hymnal]



1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en,
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di -
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence,
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our



loved and free, in awe and won - der to re - call his  
 all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in  
 vi - sion ends. The love that made us makes us one, and  
 al - ways near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known; we  
 dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple in the world, we'll



life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.  
 live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

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Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20

Jeanne Le Suer

"If your sibling should commit some wrong against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by God in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Children's Time

Susan Stewart

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: Romans 13:8-14

Jeanne Le Suer

Keep yourselves out of debt. Let the only thing you owe anyone be love. If you are loving others, you are measuring up to the standard that God's law has always been seeking. The law contains lots of detailed commandments such as don't betray your marriage partner, don't kill anybody, don't pinch other people's stuff, and don't get preoccupied with the desire to possess things you don't have. All such commandments can be summarized into the one simple instruction: "Love your neighbor as attentively as you love yourself." Love never does the wrong thing by anybody, so if you really love, you will measure up to the whole law without even thinking about it.

You will realize how important these things are, because you understand the significance of the times we are living in. It is time to wipe the sleep out of your eyes; to be on your feet, fully alert. Salvation is at hand. It has been approaching ever since we first put our trust in God, and it is now drawing near. The night is almost gone; the new day is about to dawn. So let's make sure that we get rid of any old ways of living that belong to the darkness of our past. Let us live our lives in such a way that we'll be able to hold our heads high when the broad light of day shows up everything for what it really is. Avoid the desperate pursuit of pleasure with its common pitfalls of substance abuse, sexual sleaze, hostile belligerence, and crippling jealousy. Instead, take on the persona of our Lord Jesus the Messiah and don't give any encouragement to the selfish desires that clamor for your attention and seek to hijack your life.

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

Music: Sarabande from the French Suite in E Major by JS Bach

Hannah Shields, piano

Thoughts

Rev. Good

\*Hymn: "Freedom Feast"

tune 618 [large hymnal]

**God, we thank you, for you have set us free. (2x)  
When we come to this feast, from the greatest to the least,  
Oh, God, you set your people free.**

**God, where there is injustice, set them free. (2x)  
When we come to this feast, from the greatest to the least,  
Oh, God, you set your people free.**

**God, now use us to set your people free. (2x)  
When we come to this feast, from the greatest to the least,  
Oh, God, you set your people free.**

\*Psalm of Faith: Psalm 148, translated by Nan Merrill

Rev. Good

**Let all people praise the Beloved,  
who is exalted in heaven  
and on earth;  
whose glory is above  
heaven and earth.**

**For all are to be called friends,  
companions to the true Friend,  
giving their lives joyfully  
as co-creators and  
people of peace.  
Praise to the Blessed One,  
the very Breath of our breath,  
the very Heart of our heart.**

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, 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.**

Sharing in Communion by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Rev. Good

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

**It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.**

God, we give you thanks, for you create this world as one living being, a community of life and beauty.

**You set us free from what imprisons us.**

You make us a community, siblings in your care, neighbors in your realm of mercy.

**You give us freedom, and invite us to this table as one, a community of love, all redeemed by your grace. Therefore with one voice with all Creation we sing your praise.**

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are all who come in your name, and blessed is Jesus, your Christ.

**He loved and taught, he healed the broken and lifted up the lowly.**

He confronted our divisions and gathered the outcast; he created a community of freedom and love.

**Even when we fell into conflict, even when we failed him, he gathered us as a family, and invited us to eat together.**

He gave us this meal as a sign of your faithfulness and our unity, as a sign that whenever we gather he is here among us.

[The Blessing and Covenant]

Therefore in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

God of love, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our Beloved Jesus Christ.

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ, listening with grace, forgiving with love, and working for healing and reconciliation.**

We are one with each other, one with you, and one in ministry to all the world.

**May we truly love one another as you have loved us, and love our neighbor as ourselves, by the grace of the Beloved, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Good

\*Hymn: "Bind Us Together"

2226 [small hymnal]



Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that



can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

*Fine*



bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love. \_\_\_\_



There is on - ly one God, \_\_\_\_ there is on - ly one King; \_\_\_\_

*D.C. al Fine*



There is on - ly one bod - y, \_\_\_\_ that is why we sing. \_\_\_\_

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Announcements

Rev. Good

Special Event:

Taizé Service Wednesday 7 PM in the sanctuary

Weekly Events:

Bible Study Wednesday 10 AM in the Parlor

Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM in classroom 1

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: Gigue from the Partita in B-flat Major by J. S. Bach

Hannah Shields, piano