

Calvary Church Sunday Worship

September 13, 2026

* Please rise as you are able.

Bold text is spoken by the congregation.

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: "I Woke Up This Morning with My Mind Stayed on Jesus," traditional
Calvary Brass Band

Welcome and Poem Rev. Good

Introit: "Hallelujah" by John L. Bell Calvary Choir

*Gathering Words Parke Wilde

Welcome! Whoever you are, from wherever you've been.

We've been far and wide and around the block.

We travelled and settled, wandered and sat.

Welcome back! Whether you have been gone a week, or a year, a moment or a lifetime.

We are here. The journey continues.

God meets us here!

Together we begin again. Together we worship and study, work and sing.

God is with us in all of it, always.

May we be filled with God's grace and strength for the living of these days.

*Opening Prayer Parke Wilde

Wherever we wander, God, you are there. Wherever we settle, God, you are there. In our travels, on our trips, in our quiet moments, and in our busyness, you are with us. As we gather again from a summer full of rest and relaxation, activity and action, renew our spirits, draw us back together with each other and with you. May we find new purpose in our callings to follow your son, Jesus. Amen.

*Passing the Peace Parke Wilde

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

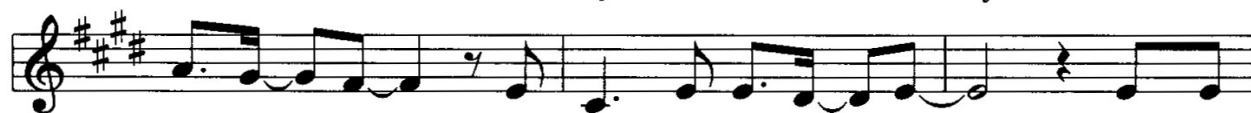
*Hymn: "Welcome"



1. Let's walk to- geth - er for a while and
 2. Let's talk to- geth - er of a time when
 3. Let's dream to- geth - er of the day when



ask where we be - gin — to build a world where
 we will share a feast, — where pride and pow - er
 earth and heaven are one, — a ci - ty built of



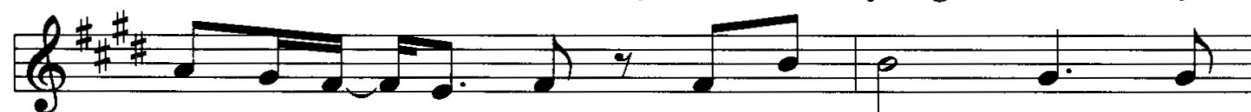
love can grow and hope can en - ter in, — — to
 kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least, — — and
 love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, — where our



be the hands of heal - ing and to
 joy will set the ta - ble as we
 mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, ev - ery



plant the seed of peace, — sing-ing wel - come,
 join our hands to pray, — sing-ing wel - come,
 crea - ture lifts its voice, — cry-ing wel - come,



wel-come to this place. You're in - vit - ed to



come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the



love of God to share — 'cause all of us are wel-come here; —



— all are wel-come in this place. —

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Scripture: Romans 12:1-8

Parke Wilde

Siblings, in light of all the generous breaks God has given you, I urge you to offer in return the only thing you have that comes close to being enough: your whole selves, bodies and all. Hand them over to God as the ultimate offering; the living gift of all you are and all you do. Dedicate your lives wholly and solely to God, for this is the nature of true worship and is the only sacrifice God is looking for.

Take a good hard look at yourselves, and be realistic about what you can and can't do with the gifts and faith God has given you. You are all different, and there is no point in measuring yourselves against each other. It would be like expecting all the different parts of your body to be able to do each other's jobs. However many of us there are, together we are all one body in Christ. As different parts of the body, we belong to one another and need one another, but we are not the same as one another. In the generosity of God, we have been given to one another, each with our own job to do and the unique gift needed to do it. And so just as a human body works best when each part is doing what it was designed to do, so too the body we all belong to works best when everybody faithfully exercises the gift they have been given: the prophets proclaim the message they trust; the ministers perform their ministries; the teachers do the teaching; the encouragers spur others on; the resource people share what they have with uncomplicated generosity; the advocates are spirited in their defense of the community; and the aid-workers carry out their acts of mercy with warmth and good cheer.

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

Music: "Let the Sunshine In" by Ada Blenkhorn, arr. by Zack Smith

Calvary Brass Band

Children's Time

Terry Rice

After the song, children are invited to attend Jr. Church (classroom 1) or the nursery (room 3).

Song: "Make Us One"

2224 [small hymnal]



Scripture: Exodus 14:19-26

Parke Wilde

When the Israelite people were caught between the Red Sea and the pursuing Egyptian army, the angel of God who had been in front of the Israelites moved around and took up a new position, covering them from the rear. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front of them and settled in a position behind them, making it impossible for the Egyptians and the Israelites to see each other. The cloud shrouded the Egyptian camp in darkness and lit up the night over the Israelite camp, and the night passed without any contact between the two camps.

Then Moses stretched out his hand towards the sea and, with a violent wind that blew all night, the Lord forced back the sea, carving out a track of dry ground right through the middle of the water. The Israelites trooped into the sea on the dry track with the angry waters towering over them on either side. The Egyptian soldiers gave chase, charging into the middle of the sea aboard their horses and chariots. Just before dawn, the Lord looked down on the Egyptian army from the pillar of fire and cloud, and began to wreak havoc among them, bogging their vehicles and leaving them stuck in the middle. In panic, the soldiers began shouting, "Run for your lives! Get away from these Israelites because the Lord is on their side fighting against us!"

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand towards the sea again so that the water will surge back over the Egyptian army and all their soldiers and chariots."

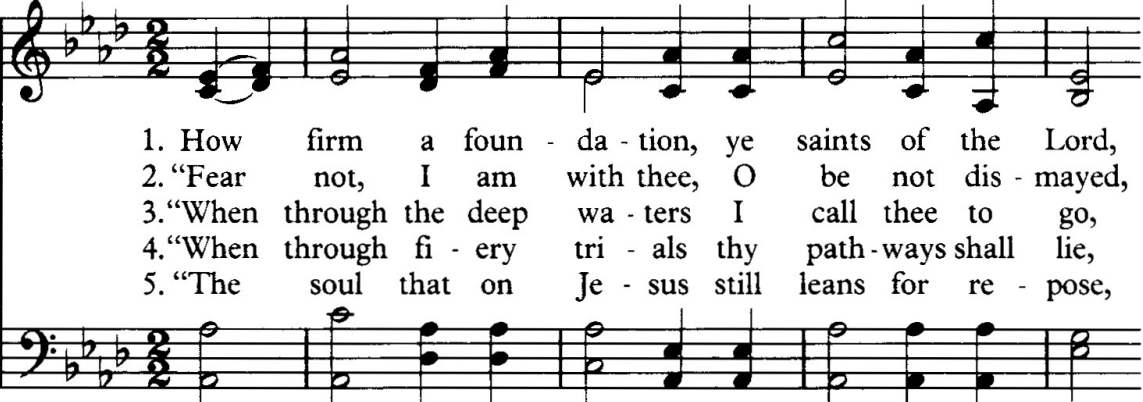
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Music: "Let There Be Jubilant Praise!" by Joseph M. Martin

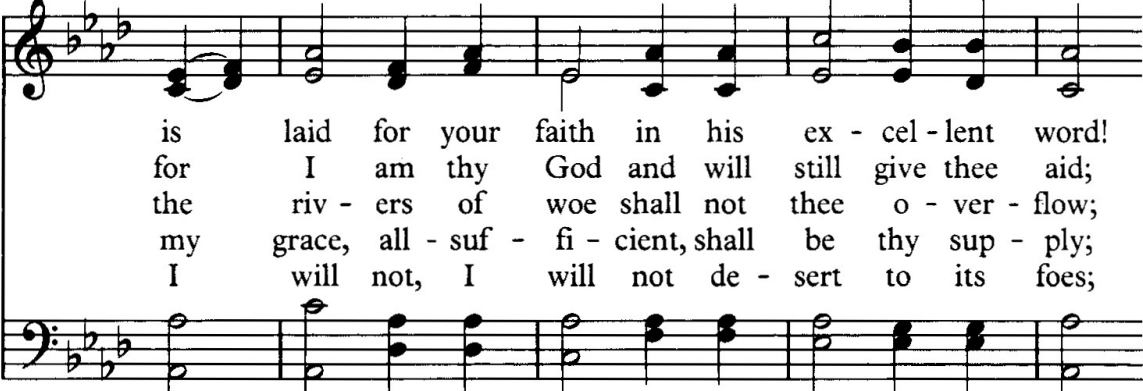
Calvary Choir

Thoughts

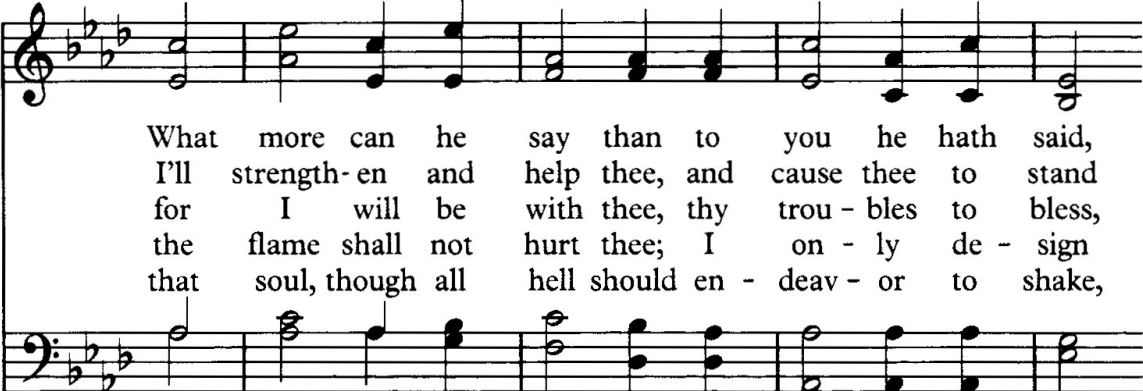
Rev. Good



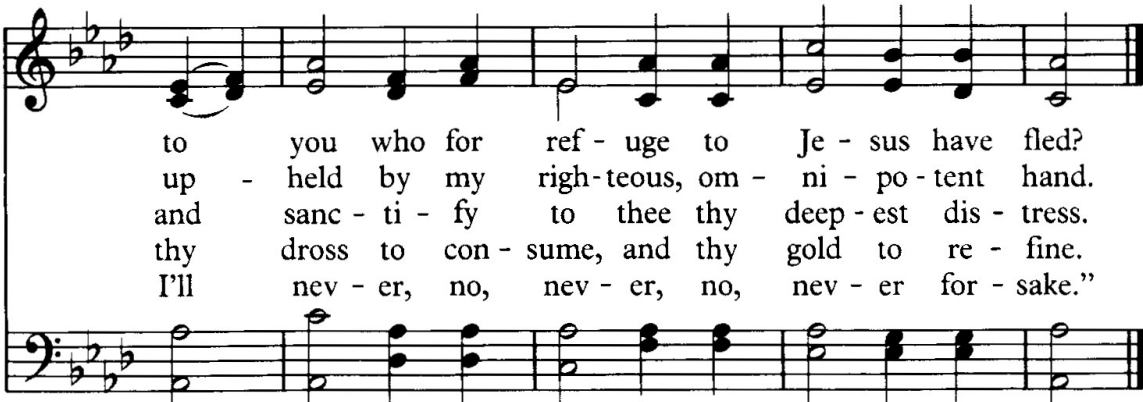
1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - ways shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 I'll strength - en and help thee, and cause thee to stand
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

*Affirmation of Faith, from the United Church of Canada

Rev. Good

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

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

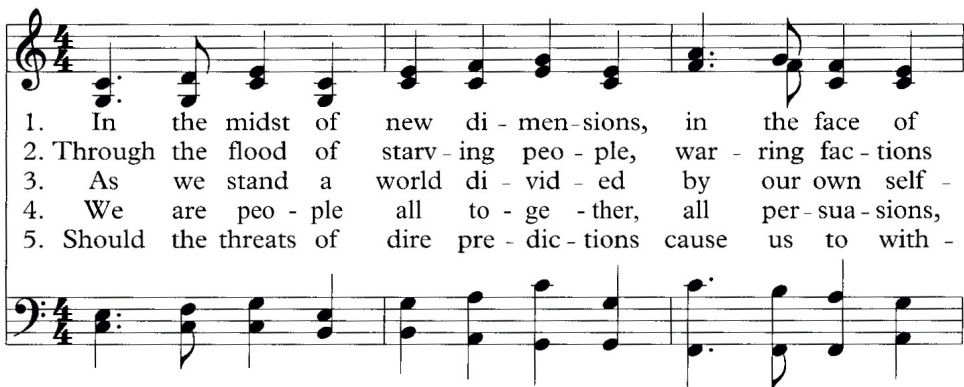
Mary Luti, Old 100th (95, large hymnal)

**For all who seek to live and grow,
to search and find, to ask and know;
unfolding journey, never done:
we sing your glory, Holy One! Amen.**

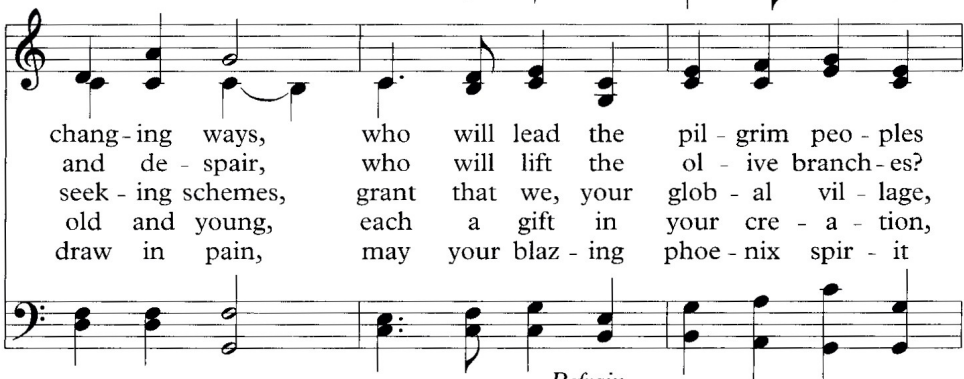
*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Good

For all the roads that brought us here, we give you thanks, Holy One. For all the gifts that have filled our lives, we give you thanks. As we enter this new year, we offer to you our time, our talent, our witness, and our service. May we each share what we can to bring your love and joy into the world. Amen.

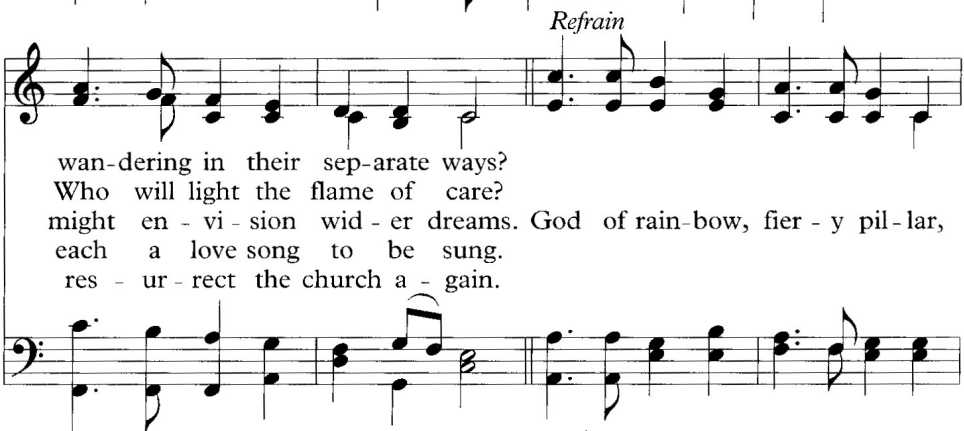


1. In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions
 3. As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4. We are peo - ple all to - ge - ther, all per - sua - sions,
 5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

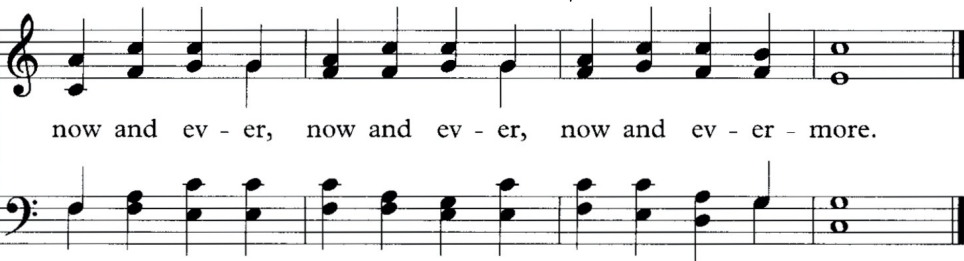
Refrain



wan - dering in their sep - a - rate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung.
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour ney



now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Announcements

Rev. Good

Special Events:

Women's Retreat Friday thru Sunday on Cape Cod
Plate & Project Saturday 6 PM in Fellowship Hall

Weekly Events:

Monday Muddle 10 AM in the Parlor
Bible Study Wednesday 10 AM in the Parlor; Choir 7:30 PM in the choir room
Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM in Room 1
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM; in the sanctuary; Theology on Tap Noon at Town Tavern

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: Variation on *Foundation* by John Eggert

Sue Paro, organ