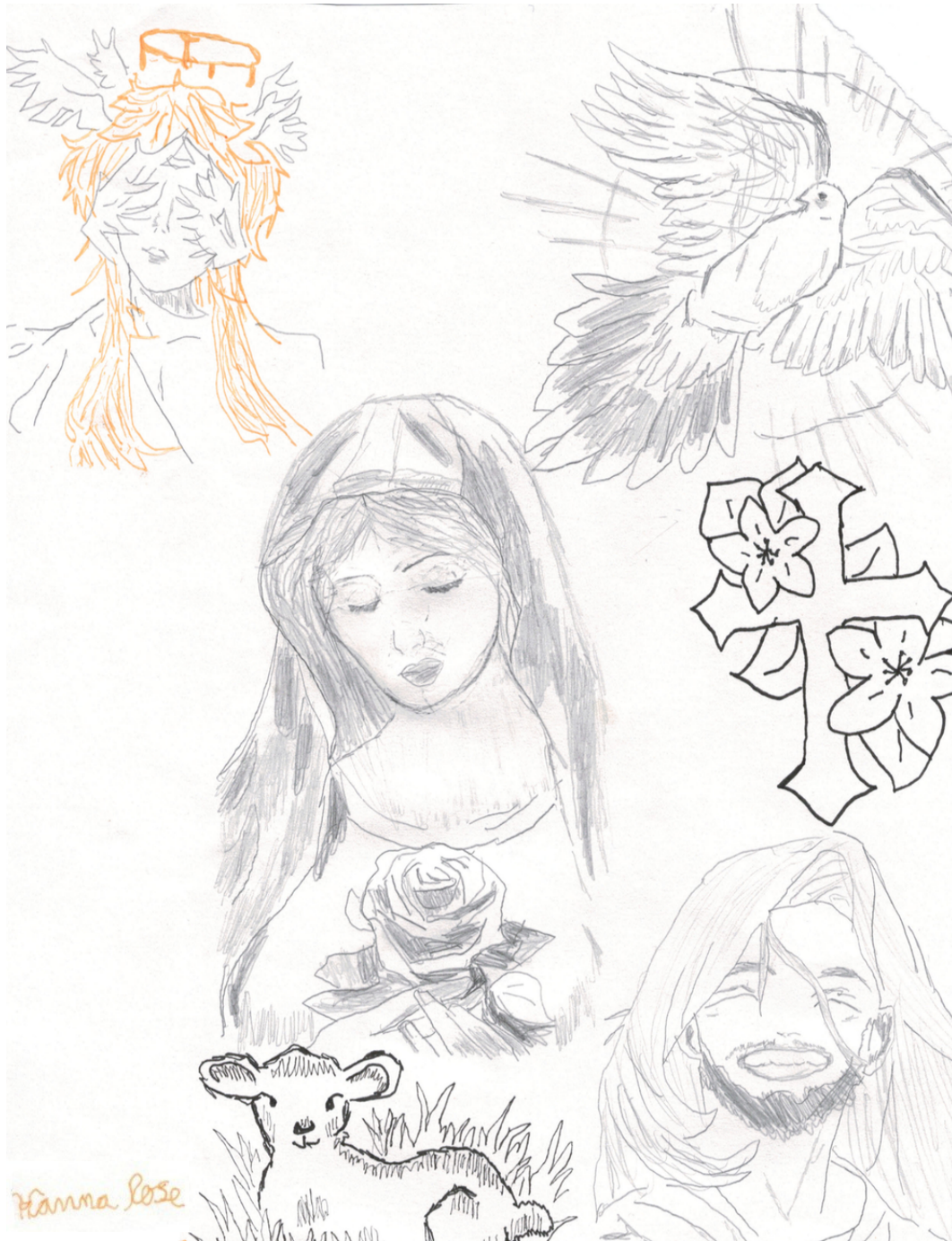


God is my island hideaway



**Calvary Church Sunday Worship
September 27, 2026**

* Please rise as you are able.

Bold text is spoken by the congregation.

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: Allegro from Sonata in F Major by George Frideric Handel

Kate Goldstein-Luiz, violin & Sue Paro, piano

Welcome

Rev. Good

Poem

Evelyn

Introit: "Step by Step" by David Strasser

Calvary Choir

*Gathering Words by Enfleshed

Charlie

We are creating new worlds—

**the art we make,
the stories we tell.**

We are creating new worlds—

**the tenderness we show.
the solidarity we practice.**

The world is creating us—

Elder Oak Tree, exhaling our next breath,
Blue Heron teaching us presence.

The world is making us new—

each evening luring us to the womb of rest,
each sunrise beckoning us to begin again.

*Unison Prayer by Enfleshed

Violet

Spirit of Co-Creation, in the beginning you were with us. Today you are with us.

Tomorrow you will be with us. In your company, we refuse to shrink our dreams to meager portions. When despair creeps in like oil in our oceans, hover your Wisdom over the depths of our souls; sprout in us Possibility like a seed in the secret of soil. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Violet

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

*Hymn: "Gather Us In"

2236 [small hymnal]



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
2. We are the young — our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
4. Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing,



now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
 we are the old — who yearn for your face,
 here we will take the bread of new birth,
 not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, but



see in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 here you shall call all of your chil - dren,
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day. _____
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race. _____
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth. _____
 now is the King-dom, now is the day. _____



Gath-er us in — the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in — the
 Gath-er us in — the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in — the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



weak and the shamed; call to us now, and we shall a - wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in — all peo - ples to-geth-er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song. _____
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

WORDS: Marty Haugen (Matt. 5:13)
 MUSIC: Marty Haugen

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GATHER US IN
 Irregular

Scripture: Psalm 32, "The Message"

Iain

Count yourself lucky, how happy you must be—you get a fresh start, your slate's wiped clean. Count yourself lucky—God holds nothing against you, and you're holding nothing back from God. When I kept it all inside, my bones turned to powder, my words became daylong groans. The pressure never let up; all the juices of my life dried up. Then I let it all out; I said, "I'll come clean about my failures to God." Suddenly the pressure was gone—my guilt dissolved, my sin disappeared. These things add up. Every one of us needs to pray; when all hell breaks loose and the dam bursts, we'll be on high ground, untouched. God's my island hideaway, keeps danger far from the shore, throws garlands of hosannas around my neck. Let me give you some good advice; I'm looking you in the eye and giving it to you straight: "Don't be ornery like a horse or mule that needs bit and bridle to stay on track." God-defiers are always in trouble; God-affirmers find themselves loved every time they turn around. Celebrate God. Sing together—everyone! All you honest hearts, raise the roof!

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

Children's Time

Rev. Good

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

Song: "Jesus Loves Me," verse 1

191 [large hymnal]

Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.

Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Words: Anna B. Warner
Music: William B. Bradbury

Scripture: Matthew 6: 5-6, "The Message"

Beatrice

"And when you come before God, don't turn that into a theatrical production either. All these people making a regular show out of their prayers, hoping for fifteen minutes of fame! Do you think God sits in a box seat?

"Here's what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense God's grace.

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

Anthem: "Were I the Perfect Child of God" by John Bell and Tony Alonso

Kate Goldstein-Luiz, violin

Sharing

*Hymn: Here I am, Lord"

593 [large hymnal]



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
Who will bear my light to them?
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will speak my word to them.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
I will give my life to them.

2.



Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.
Whom shall I send?



Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the
night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.



I will hold your people in my heart.

Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Good

I believe in one God creator of heaven and earth and all things in-between. Who gave life and light to everything, who is a protector and guide on my path. Who welcomes everyone with open arms no matter what and shows people how to live with kindness and compassion.

I believe in Jesus as a mentor, empathetic teacher, a relatable example, who healed and helped his followers, who loved everyone and everything and brought light in a dark time and saved many from hate and danger. Who preached forgiveness, love, honesty, and bravery.

I believe in the Holy Spirit that lives in and surrounds everyone, that guides and strengthens everyone, that brings comfort and growth through things like community. I believe in the church as a community full of kindness that helps everyone possible inside the building and outside. That will shower anyone who steps inside with compassion, friendliness, and love. That will keep spreading God's word to anyone and everyone. I believe in Junior Church, Christmas pageants, and that you can both grow and have fun at church. I believe in Mission trips and gluten free ice cream sandwiches in Maine.

I believe in forgiveness because everyone makes mistakes.

I believe in family that will listen to you and show you how to live.

I believe in friends who will make you laugh.

I believe in the beauty that this world God created can offer.

I believe that there's still hope in humanity.

I believe that change is possible with enough effort.

I believe in hope.

I believe in peace.

I believe in love.

Confirmation

I present these people for confirmation.

As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

Confirmands: I will.

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

Confirmands: I will.

The Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

Members of the household of God,
I commend these persons to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Good

O God, we are thankful for this community and all who participate. We are thankful that the gifts of our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness to share your good news and build your beloved community in the name and example of Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn: "We are Marching"

2235b [small hymnal]

(English) We are march - ing in the
(Zulu) Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God. -
nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos. -

of God -
kwen - khos' -

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We are march-ing in the light of, the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen kha -

of God -
kwen - khos' -

we are march-ing
si - ya - ham - ba

light of God. We are march-ing, march-ing, we are
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -

Ooo

march - ing, march - ing, we are
ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -

(Last time) D.S.
march-ing in the light of God. - We are
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos. (Last time) Si - ya -

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Announcements

Rev. Good

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

Somerville Homeless Coalition 5K,

Join the Calvary Team - Saturday, October 3rd at 9:00 AM

- Register with this QR code and be sure to join the "Calvary Church, Arlington" team.



- If you can't attend, you can still support the effort by donating through this QR code:



Questions? Contact Sarah Huber at sarah.huber8@gmail.com.

Next Sunday, October 4, Calvary people ages 20-35 are invited to a luncheon celebration after church. Come and greet old friends and get to know people you've seen but not met. Hear what other people are doing--still in school or out in the world. Compare ideas about what being a Christian involves in living day-to-day. Find a buddy/companion to stay in close touch with and be supportive about how faith is working out. Hear about the rewards of volunteering to help operate the church and the many different ways you can help. To reserve your place, please reply to cthompson246@comcast.net or 781-643-1754.

On Saturday, October 10 between 9-2, there will be a Red Cross blood drive in Fellowship Hall. If you are able to volunteer to help that day, please contact Jeannette Iles at jeanne6ff@gmail.com. She'll need someone to help set up tables and chairs at 7:30am, then two people to take a shift, one from 10-Noon and the other at Noon-2. And you can sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> to donate blood (put in our zip, 02474, and look for the date).

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: Coro from *Water Music* by Handel

Sue Paro, organ

2026 Confirmands

Iain

I am 14 and a freshman at Arlington High school. I have two cats, I play guitar and I really like dogs. I enjoy video games, playing tennis, and reading books.

Bible Character: Jesus - tells the Apostles to let the children come to him because everyone is a child of God.

Inspired by: Guadalupe Rico - Orchestra conductor and teacher, creates programs to give free access to music to Rarámuri children (Pueblo Originario in North Mexico).

My calling is helping people be seen and connecting. I would like to help raise funds to support musical scholarships and lessons at local music schools for children who can't afford them.

Beatrice

Beatrice is a freshman at Belmont High School! When she isn't hanging out with her younger sister and their two cats, you can usually find her outdoors. Beatrice loves hiking, camping, swimming and especially anything related to the beach! Beatrice is also very creative and enjoys filling her free time with horseback riding, playing volleyball, drawing, painting and reading!

Bible Character: Jesus - listening to people who were struggling.

Inspired by: Shirley Raines RIP founder of *Beauty 2 the Streetz*.

One way I hope to pursue my calling is to help in shelters for women who are currently unhoused like Rosie's place. I can also support Rosie's Place by becoming a part of their Young Professionals Network!

Charlie

I am a sophomore at Arlington High School. I play baseball and soccer, as well as the piano and trumpet. I love traveling and taking photos when I go places.

Bible Character: Jesus - as an advocate and peacemaker

Inspired by: Nadia Tavera - advocate for undocumented immigrants and our LGBTQ+ siblings.

I will be working with Stop Handgun Violence to make the US safer.

Hanna (being confirmed next week)

Bible Character: Phoebe - messenger and translator of the letters of Paul.

Inspired by: Shirley Raines RIP, founder of *Beauty 2 the Streetz* - feeding and supporting women who live in the streets, offering free showers, hygiene items, and hairstyles, helping them to recover their confidence.

Hanna volunteers at a food bank and occasionally does outreach work, guiding and informing people in vulnerable situations on how to find the nearest places to get free groceries.

Steve

Hi! I'm currently a sophomore at Arlington High School. I'm really into a lot of different sports, like cross country, basketball and baseball. When I'm not doing that, I'm usually either sleeping or listening to music.

Some of my favorite things to do are going to amusement parks and relaxing near the lake. One of my favorite memories from the past years was visiting Canada with my High School Band. One thing I'm looking forward to in the future is next summer when hopefully I can drive.

Confirmation has been a cool experience because I have learned lots of new things about Christianity and met new people at the church, and I'm grateful for the overall experience.

Bible Character: Jesus - helped everyone he could while also spreading the word of God.

Inspired by: Lieutenants Sosa because of their work of providing shelters to those in need and working with the Salvation Army.

I am already a part of the Make-A-Wish club at AHS and I help out at My Brothers Keeper during Christmas time.

Evelyn

I'm 14 years old, in 8th grade, and go to the McGlynn Middle School. My hobbies are softball, track, theater, and baking/cooking.

Bible Character: Jesus - caring for the vulnerable and overlooked.

Inspired by: Shirley Raines RIP founder of *Beauty 2 the Streetz* - feeding and supporting women who live in the streets, offering free showers, hygiene items and hairstyles, helping them to recover their confidence.

I want to help younger girls coaching softball. Coaching helps in motivating young athletes to stay active, grows their confidence, and teaches teamwork.

Violet

I am currently a freshman at Arlington High School. I do gymnastics and started cross country this year, which are both very exciting. I also sing and do theater inside and outside of school.

Bible character: Joseph - feeding people.

Inspired by: Shirley Raines RIP founder of *Beauty 2 the Streetz* - feeding and supporting women who live on the streets, offering free showers, hygiene items and hairstyles, helping them to recover their confidence.

I would like to help people by volunteering at Food Link and collaborate in preventing food insecurity.