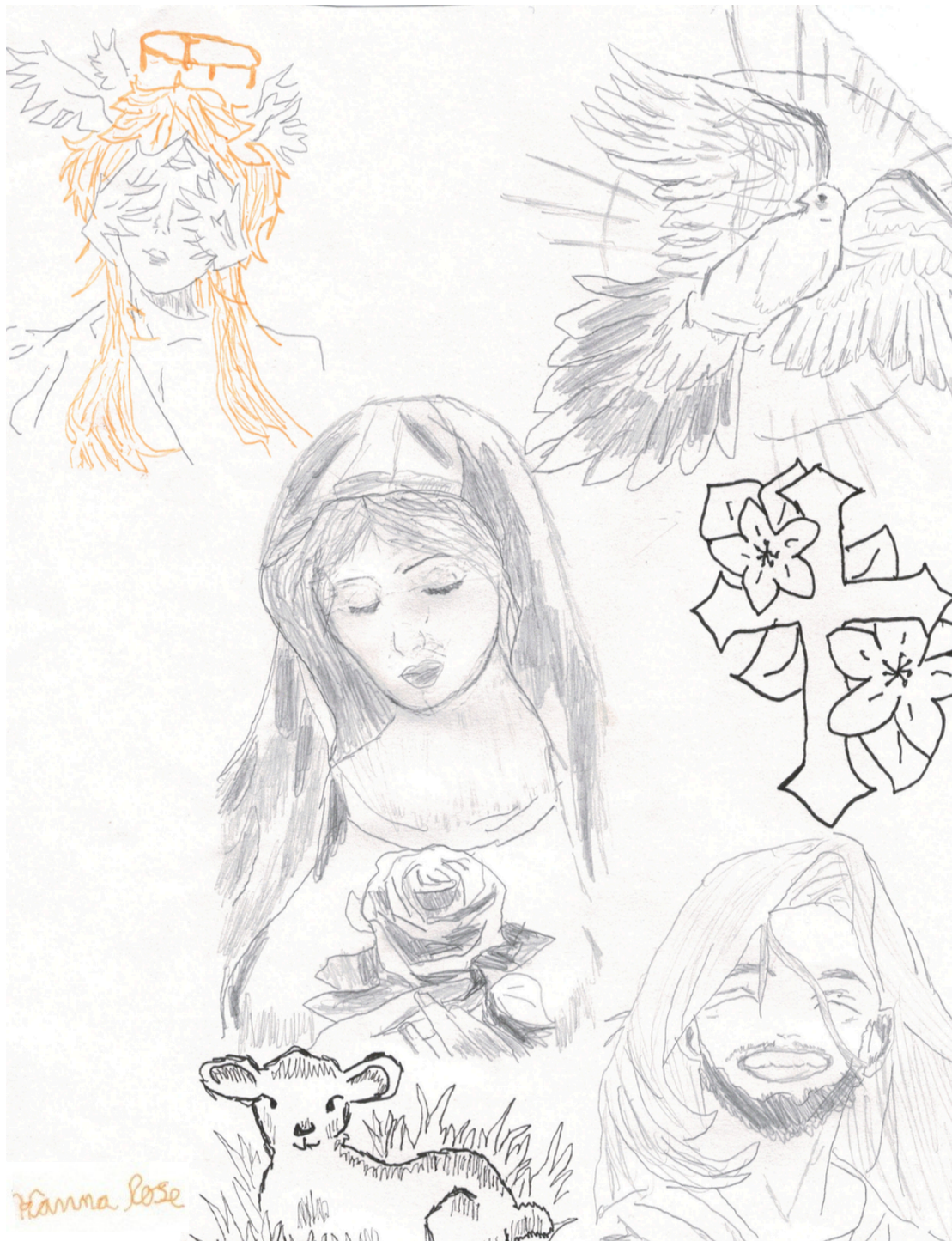


God is my island hideaway



**Calvary Church Sunday Worship
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026**

* Please rise as you are able.

Bold text is spoken by the congregation.

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: "God Welcomes All," trad. Caribbean, arr. by Mary McDonald

Sue Paro, piano

Welcome and Poem

Rev. Good

Introit: "Amazing Abundance," words by Laurie Zelman, music by Mark A. Miller

Calvary Choir

*Gathering Words from Japan

Doug Storms

In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

Today we gather around one table, in answer to God's will.

What do we find at today's table?

God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

What is not at today's table?

The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.

Let us repent, and give thanks to God's power to bring salvation to all who believe.

*Opening Prayer from Australia

Doug Storms

We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.

We serve our God in this community and throughout every land.

**Let us serve by working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort
where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.**

The Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith.

Let us now worship the one who calls us.

*Passing the Peace

Doug Storms

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

*Hymn: "Come, All You People"

2274 [small hymnal]

All

Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise your
U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te

Ahom

Ahom

Mak - er.* Come, all you peo - ple,
Mwa - ri. U - ya - i mo - se,

Ahom

come and praise your Mak - er. Come, all you
ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri. U - ya - i

Ahom

Ahom

peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er.
mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri.

Ahom

Come now and wor-ship the Lord.
U - ya - i mo - se zvi - no.

Ahom

Ahom

Ahom

Scripture: Matthew 21:33-46

Doug Storms

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. Then he rented it to tenant farmers and took a trip. When it was time for harvest, he sent his servants to the tenant farmers to collect his fruit. But the tenant farmers grabbed his servants. They beat some of them, and some of them they killed. Some of them they stoned to death.

“Again he sent other servants, more than the first group. They treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

“But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come on, let’s kill him and we’ll have his inheritance.’ They grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

“When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?”

They said, “He will totally destroy those wicked farmers and rent the vineyard to other tenant farmers who will give him the fruit when it’s ready.”

Jesus said to them, “Haven’t you ever read in the scriptures, The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this, and it’s amazing in our eyes? Therefore, I tell you that God’s kingdom will be taken away from you and will be given to a people who produce its fruit. Whoever falls on this stone will be crushed. And the stone will crush the person it falls on.”

Now when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard the parable, they knew Jesus was talking about them. They were trying to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, who thought he was a prophet.

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

Children’s Time

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

Song: “Jesus Loves Me,” verse 1 in Spanish

tune 191 [large hymnal]

Cristo me ama, bien lo sé,
Su Palabra me hace ver,
Que los niños son de aquel,
Quien es nuestro amigo fiel.

Cristo me ama,
Cristo me ama,
Cristo me ama,
La Biblia dice así.

Scripture: Philippians 3:9-14

Doug Storms

In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith. The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his sufferings. It includes being conformed to his death so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead.

It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus.

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

Music: "Doxology for a New Day," words by Isaac Watts, Thoms Ken, Lindy Thompson, music by Mark A. Miller and John Hatton
Calvary Choir

Thoughts

Rev. Good

*Hymn: "You Feed Us, Gentle Savior"



1. You feed us, gen-tle Sav - ior, the bread that makes us whole,
2. You bind us, gen-tle Sav - ior, and weave us in - to one,
3. You call us, gen-tle Sav - ior, and send us in your name.



the wine of your com - pas - sion poured out in - to our soul.
one flesh and blood made ho - ly, the Bod - y of your Son.
You teach and heal and show us how we can do the same.



The food of your own pres-ence, your Spir - it, strong, with - in,
We gath - er here in hun - ger, one hun - ger, all the same;
So, strength-ened by your Spir - it and nour-ished by your grace,



the grace that heals us deep - ly and o - ver-comes our sin.
and with one grace you bless us to - geth - er in his name.
we go to be your pres - ence in love, in ev - ery place.

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MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson

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*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

Rev. Good

I present Hanna for confirmation.

As a member 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?

Confirmand: I will.

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

Confirmand: 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 Hanna to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her 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.

Stewardship Moment

Kent Werst

Offering

Rev. Good

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

Rev. Good

CALL TO COMMUNION

From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to the table.

We come from many peoples, many places, many traditions.

We come with the songs of our ancestors and the prayers of those who came before us.

We come carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy.

From the villages of Africa and the islands of the Pacific, from the mountains of Asia and the cities of the Americas, from the churches of Europe and the Middle East.

We come as one people, gathered in Christ.

Some come to this table with abundance. Some come longing for daily bread. Some come singing. Some come grieving. Some come with questions. Some come with gratitude.

Christ welcomes us all.

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Today, the walls that divide us do not have the final word. Language does not divide us. Geography does not divide us. Culture does not divide us.

At Christ's table, there is room for all.

Come, people of God. Come with open hands and open hearts.

We come to receive. We come to remember. We come to share. We come to be made one.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his friends. He took the cup and shared it as a sign of a new covenant—a promise of love stronger than violence, hope stronger than despair, and life stronger than death.

Holy Spirit, breathe upon this bread and this cup and upon all who receive them.

As Christians around the world gather today, make us mindful of one another: of those who worship in crowded churches and those who gather in small communities; of those who celebrate with joyful music and dancing and those whose worship is quiet and contemplative; of those who have enough to eat and those who cry out for bread; of those who worship in freedom and those who gather amid conflict, displacement, or persecution. Make us one in the love of Christ.

As this bread is broken and this cup is shared, teach us that communion is more than what happens here. Make us people who share what we have, who welcome the stranger, who seek reconciliation, who stand with those who suffer, and who work for the peace and flourishing of all creation.

SHARING THE MEAL

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Good

One: God of every nation and generation, gather us into the great company of your people—those who have gone before us, those who worship beside us, and those we may never meet in this life.

Until the day when every people and every nation are gathered into your eternal feast, keep us faithful to one another and to you.

Send us from this table as people of Christ's peace. One body. One Spirit. One Lord. One faith. One hope. One table. Amen.

*Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

77 [large hymnal]



1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won - der
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der,
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played.
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee;

how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

Extra verse

When burdens press, and seem beyond endurance,
 Bowed down with grief, to Him I lift my face;
 And then in love He brings me sweet assurance:
 'My child! for thee sufficient is my grace

Announcements

Rev. Good

Weekly Events:

Monday Muddle 10 AM

Bible Study Wednesday 10 AM; Choir 7:30 PM

Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM; Teen group after church

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: Omo I'a o fi Gbe ("Glory Be to the Lord"), Nigerian hymn, arr. by Godwin Sadoh
Sue Paro, organ

Today's Confirmand

Hanna

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 how to find the nearest places to get free groceries.