

Calvary Church Sunday Worship

October 11, 2026

* Please rise as you are able.

Bold text is spoken by the congregation.

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: "In You Alone, Lord Jesus Christ" by Johann Pachelbel Sue Paro, organ

Welcome and Poem Rev. Good

Introit: "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord," trad. Cameroonian song Calvary Choir

*Gathering Words from Psalm 106 Jeanne Le Suer

Give thanks to the Creator for all that is good.

God's kindness exists forever.

Who can tell all of God's wonders, or sing enough praise?

Blessed are the ones who uphold justice, who act rightly at all times.

Remember us, O God.

Watch over us with your protection, so that we can see the happiness of those who love you.

Rejoicing in the joy of your people,

praising along with those who have chosen you as their own.

*Opening Prayer Jeanne Le Suer

God of all time and place, we choose you again. We choose you above power and might. We choose you above money and prestige. We choose you because with you we know life and meaning and purpose. We choose you because with you we find hope and light. Remind us, when the world becomes too much, to center ourselves again in your grace. Guide us now and always in the ways that lead to true life, in Jesus' name. 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: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

140 [large hymnal]

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man-i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm Music: William M. Runyan ©1923, renewed 1951 Hope Publishing Co.

Scripture: Acts 8:14-25

Jeanne Le Suer

When word reached the apostles in Jerusalem that Samaria had accepted God's word, they commissioned Peter and John to go to Samaria. Peter and John went down to Samaria where they prayed that the new believers would receive the Holy Spirit. (This was because the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen on any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) So Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

When Simon perceived that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money. He said, "Give me this authority too so that anyone on whom I lay my hands will receive the Holy Spirit."

Peter responded, "May your money be condemned to hell along with you because you believed you could buy God's gift with money! You can have no part or share in God's word because your heart isn't right with God. Therefore, change your heart and life! Turn from your wickedness! Plead with the Lord in the hope that your wicked intent can be forgiven, for I see that your bitterness has poisoned you and evil has you in chains."

Simon replied, "All of you, please, plead to the Lord for me so that nothing of what you have said will happen to me!" After the apostles had testified and proclaimed the Lord's word, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the good news to many Samaritan villages along the way.

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

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: Exodus 32:1-14

Jeanne Le Suer

Moses was on the mountain with the Lord for such a long time that the people gave up on him. They turned to Aaron and said, "It's up to you now. Give us a god who we can follow on our journey from here on. Moses led us out of the land where we had been slaves, but now he is missing, presumed dead."

Aaron said to the people, "Collect up all the gold jewelry that you and your families possess, and bring it all to me."

So the people took up a collection of all the gold jewelry that they had been wearing, and brought it all to Aaron. He took all the gold, melted it down, and recast it in the shape of a calf. When the gold calf was put on display for the people, they began to shout, "Here is our god, the god who brought our nation out of the land of slavery!"

When Aaron saw how popular it was, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow we will hold a festival in honour of the Lord."

The festivities started early the next morning. The people sacrificed the traditional burnt offerings on the altar and offered the customary gifts to celebrate good times. Then they ate and drank and partied hard, really letting their hair down.

The Lord said to Moses: "Get back down there on the double! That mob of yours, who you brought out of the land of slavery, have gone completely off the rails. In the blink of an eye, they have turned their backs on the path I set them on. They have cast an idol in the shape of a calf, and they are worshipping it and giving offerings to it as expressions of their devotion. They are saying that it is the god who brought the nation out of the land of slavery. I have had a gutful of this people. They are always kicking against the traces. Now stand aside and let me give full vent to my blazing anger and blast them off the face of the earth. I'll start again with you and build a great nation from your offspring."

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, saying: "Lord, why are you letting your anger at your people burn out of control? You proved yourself to be the strongest and the greatest when you brought these people out of the land of slavery. Are you now going to turn around and give our enemies grounds to accuse you of planning genocide from the start? They will allege that you only took the people into the outback to slaughter them. Swallow your anger! Rethink this, and don't stamp out your people. Follow through on the promises you made to your trusty servants, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. You gave them your word, your personal guarantee. You said, 'I will multiply your descendants until they outnumber the stars in the sky, and they will inherit the land I promised to give to your family forever.'"

And so the Lord was persuaded to rethink the situation and to abandon the plan to wipe out the people with a disaster.

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

Music: Confitemini Domino ("Thanks be to the Lord, Praise the Lord")

by Victor C. Johnson

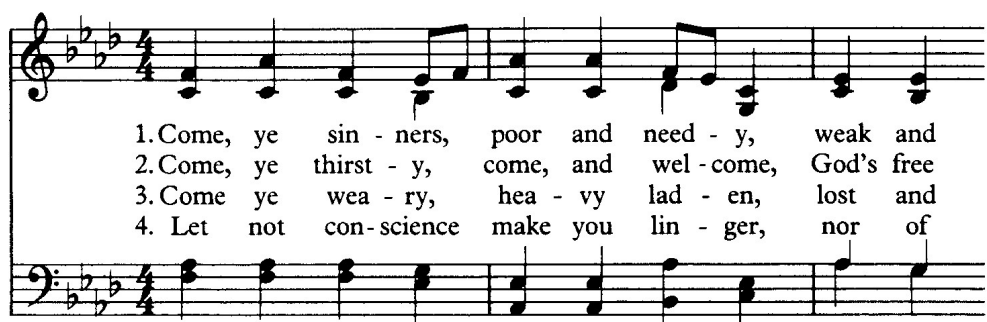
Calvary Choir

Thoughts

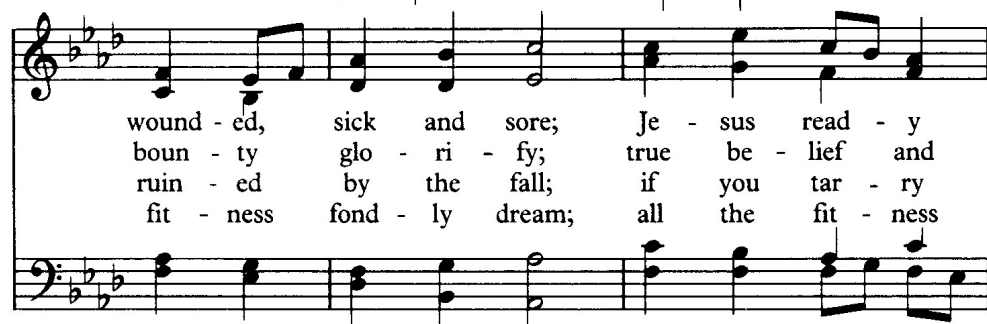
Rev. Good

*Hymn: "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

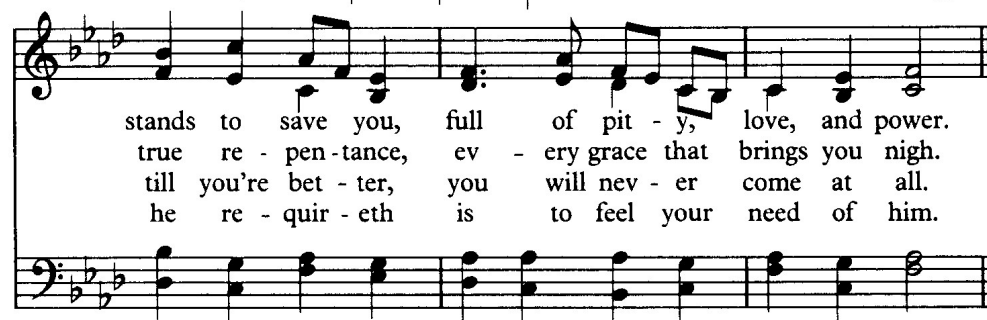
340 [large hymnal]



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and
 2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come, God's free
 3. Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, lost and
 4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of

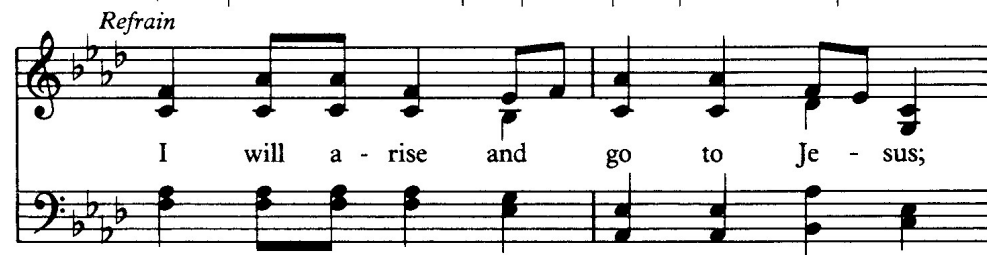


wound - ed, sick and sore; Je - sus read - y
 boun - ty glo - ri - fy; true be - lief and
 ruin - ed by the fall; if you tar - ry
 fit - ness fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness

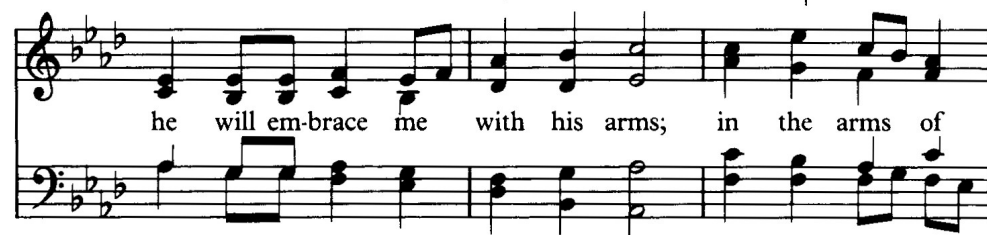


stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.
 true re - pen - tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.
 till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
 he re - quir - eth is to feel your need of him.

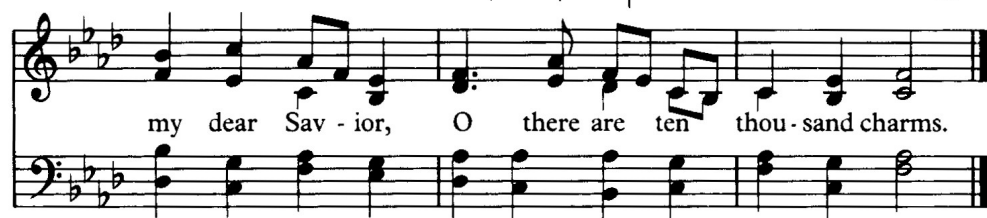
Refrain



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus;



he will em - brace me with his arms; in the arms of



my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

WORDS: Joseph Hart, 1759

MUSIC: *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

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*Affirmation of Faith from the Confirmation Class of 2019

Rev. Good

I believe in God, artist, creator, conscious force that started the entire universe, who loves and does not fear. I believe that God is mystery and the driving factor behind all faith.

I believe in Jesus, a human who demonstrated God's ability to relate with the world, a teacher, with unlimited patience who showed us how to live
with love,
with kindness,
with compassion,
with empathy,
with acceptance.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is our guide, a never-ending force that pushes and pulls us to God, making sure that we know where to go.

If we were lost in underground tunnels
God is the outside
Jesus is the exit
And the Holy Spirit makes sure we take every turn.

I believe that God brings people together in community to build a world where everyone is welcome and accepted. Amen

Stewardship Moment

Carmen Phillips

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

Holy One, we are grateful for this community of faith, for all the ways that we gather and disperse. We are grateful for gifts to share and talents to offer. May we always center our lives on your purpose and your grace, in the name and example of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us"

398 [large hymnal]

1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
2. As of old the a - pos - tles heard it by the
3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to

sweet voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more!"
cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these!"
thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

WORDS: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852 (Mt. 4:18-22)
MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1874

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Announcements

Rev. Good

Weekly Events:

Church office closed Monday

Bible Study Wednesday 10 AM; Taize 7 PM; Choir 7:30 PM

Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM

Special Events:

Plate & Project Saturday 6 PM

Theology on Tap Sunday Noon

Rehearsals for the Christmas Pageant begin next Sunday, October 18, during Jr. church, and will run until December 13, with a presentation during Worship on December 20.

Sunday, October 25th is our congregation's Consecration Sunday. During worship, we will make our financial pledges to Calvary for 2027. After worship, everyone is invited to share a catered luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP before Oct. 18th by emailing the office at office@calvaryarlington.org.

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: Andante Religioso (from Sonata No. 4) by Felix Mendelssohn

Sue Paro, organ

Gratitude to those who, behind the scenes, helped make this morning's service more warm and welcoming:

Jr. Church leader: Catherine Willwerth

Nursery helper: Jeannette Iles

Coffee hour: Tina Ahern-Flynn