

Calvary Church Sunday Worship

Laity Sunday

October 18, 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 B Flat Major by W. A. Mozart

Anne Lewin, clarinet and Sue Paro, piano

Welcome and Poem

Terry Rice

Introit: "What Does the Lord Require" by Jim Strathdee

Calvary Choir

*Gathering Words from Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Greg Paul

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

*Opening Prayer

Greg Paul

O God, you call us to serve with joy and compassion.

May our hands do your work,

may our words bring comfort,

and may our lives reflect your love in every place we go.

*Passing the Peace

Greg Paul

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 99

Peter Caradonna

You, Lord, rule over everything!

Enthroned in glory, surrounded by awesome creatures, your presence sends shivers down our spines and makes even the earth tremble and quake!

Lord, your greatness is celebrated in Zion, and in every nation you are number one.

At the mere mention of your name, people everywhere burst into praise, for your greatness and holiness are awesome!

Ruling in strength; loving justice with a passion; you have seen to it that everyone gets a fair go. You have laid down the law so that your people will do what is right.

We fall at your feet and sing your praises, O Lord our God, for your greatness and holiness are awesome!

Moses and Aaron served you as priests, Samuel was another who reached out to you. They cried out to you on the world's behalf, and from the awesome cloud you answered them. They stuck to what you had told them, Lord, and did whatever you asked of them. When they did wrong you set them straight, in no uncertain terms; but you forgave them, Lord, and never failed to answer them.

We sing your praises, O Lord our God.

We climb your holy mountain to worship you, for your greatness and holiness are awesome!

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

Children's Time

Susan Stewart

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]

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 2/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "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." The score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part is simple, using chords and single notes to support the melody.

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

Scripture: Matthew 22: 15-22

Kelly Mountain

At that, the Pharisees left. They determined to trap this Jesus with His own words—hang Him by His own rope, you might say. They sent a batch of students to Him, along with a group that was loyal to Herod.

“Teacher, we know You are a man of integrity and You tell the truth about the way of God. We know You don’t cotton to public opinion. And that is why we trust You and want You to settle something for us: should we, God’s chosen people, pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

Jesus knew these men were out to trap Him. “You hypocrites! Why do you show up here with such a transparent trick? Bring Me a coin you would use to pay tax.”

Someone handed Him a denarius. Jesus fingered the coin. “Of whom is this a portrait, and who owns this inscription?” The students answered, “Caesar.”

“Well then, render to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.”

And those who had come hoping to trick Jesus were confounded and amazed. And they left Him and went away.

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

Music: “Spread Joy” by Natalie Sleeth

Calvary Choir

Message

Parke Wilde

*Hymn: “Here Am I, Lord”

2178 [small hymnal]



1. Here am I, where un - der-neath the brid - ges
2. Here am I, with peo - ple in the line - up,
3. Here am I, where two or three are gath - ered,



in our win-ter cit - ies home-less peo - ple sleep. Here am I, where
anx - ious for a hand-out, ach - ing for a job. Here am I, when
read - y to be al - tered, shar - ing wine and bread. Here am I, where



in de - cay-ing hous - es lit - tle chil-dren shiv - er,
pen - sion - ers and strik - ers sing and march to - geth - er,
those who hear the preach - ing change their way of liv - ing,



cry - ing at the cold. Where are you?
want - ing some-thing new. Where are you?
find the way to life. Where are you?

WORDS: Brian Wren (Matt. 25:31-46)

MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon

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*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Good

I believe in love. I believe in a God that is an indescribable beauty. I believe that God is life, a force that we are interacting with every second of every day. A “what” rather than a “who” that courses through us constantly. I believe that God is a symbol for forgiveness. I believe in God who finds us when we are lost, who gives us hope when we despair and who rejoices when we dance.

I believe in Jesus, human like all of us, living with unimaginable grit and passion. I believe that Jesus was a real person who did great things in the name of God. I believe he experienced our living, was unjustly condemned to death, and rose from the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit: a call to action to work and love and give and forgive as Jesus did, who perceives light beyond our seeing, who speaks all languages and reunites us to make us one people.

I believe in the church, a safe place for all, a place to go for help, for support, for answers. I believe in community, support, and freedom. I believe in music and art, and the way they let people express themselves and bring us together to form a harmonious rainbow.

I believe in the Bible, which teaches us to become better people.

I believe that our humanity is more than biological components making us act as we do. I believe that we have a responsibility to treat ourselves with compassion while still giving all that we can to this world.

I believe nature is beautiful, life is beautiful, love is beautiful.

I believe in spreading compassion and justice and love.

I believe that discovering one’s faith is a lifelong journey that I have just begun, a journey without a destination.

Stewardship Moment

Johan de Besche

Special Music

Katherine Schmidt

Sharing of Prayers and Prayer of the People

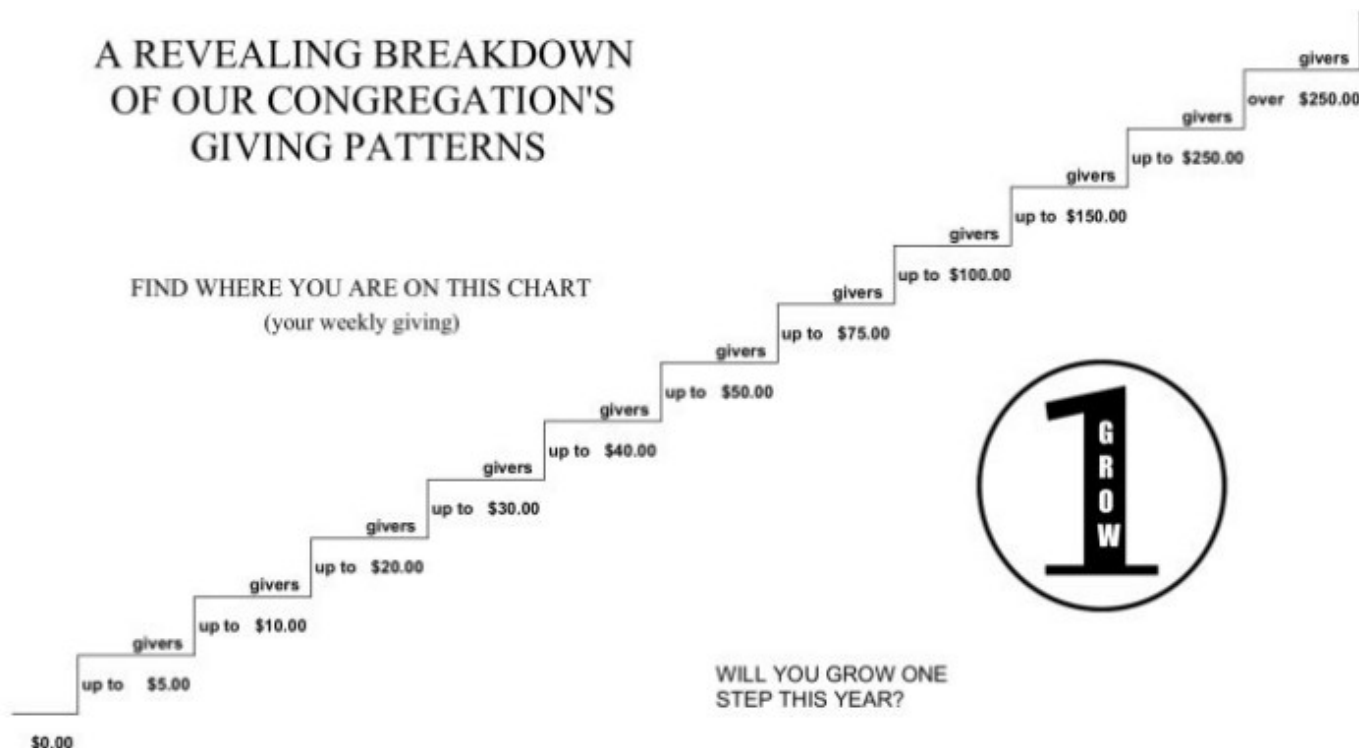
Rev. Good

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.

A REVEALING BREAKDOWN OF OUR CONGREGATION'S GIVING PATTERNS

FIND WHERE YOU ARE ON THIS CHART
(your weekly giving)



Calvary Church Estimate of Giving

Name _____

Address _____

Email or phone _____

In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith in and commitment to Christ and His church, I/we plan to give to Calvary:

\$ _____ Weekly \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____ Quarterly \$ _____ Annually

_____ This represents an increase over last year.

Giving Method

Online	Check or cash
☐ Send me a form for online donations	☐ I would like envelopes
☐ Continue my online donations	☐ I do not need envelopes

Estimate of Giving Reminder

\$ _____ Weekly

\$ _____ Monthly

\$ _____ Quarterly

\$ _____ Annually

Please detach this part
along the dotted line and
keep for your records.

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

Gracious God, we thank you for all the gifts you give this community and all the ways we share them. Open our hearts and hands to new ways to spread your love and peace in the world. Amen.

*Hymn: "We are the Church"

558 [large hymnal]

Unison

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -
geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,
all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er!

Fine

1. The church is not a build-ing, the church is not a stee-ple,
2. We're man-y kinds of peo-ple, with man-y kinds of fac-es,
3. Some-times the church is march-ing, some-times it's brave-ly burn-ing,
4. And when the peo-ple gath-er, there's sing-ing and there's pray-ing,
5. At Pen-te-cost some peo-ple re-ceived the Ho-ly Spir-it

D.C.

the church is not a rest-ing place, the church is a peo-ple.
all col - ors and all a - ges, too, from all times and plac-es.
some-times it's rid-ing, some-times hid-ing, al - ways it's learn-ing.
there's laugh-ing and there's cry-ing some-times, all of it say-ing:
and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

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Announcements

Rev. Good

Weekly Events:

Monday Muddle 10 AM

Bible Study Wednesday 10 AM; Choir 7:30 PM

Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM

Special Events:

Consecration Sunday 10:30 AM; Q&A and Sacred Snacking after worship

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: “You Shall Go Out with Joy!” by Douglas E. Wagner

Sue Paro, organ

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

Greeter: Sonya Coleman

Jr. Church leader: Megan Caradonna

Nursery helper: Alison Babeu

Coffee hour: The See Family