



Calvary Church Sunday Worship

October 25, 2026

Consecration Sunday

* Please rise as you are able.

Bold text is spoken by the congregation.

Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: "As the Deer," music by Martin Nystrom, arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

Sue Paro, piano

Welcome and Poem

Rev. Good

Introit: "What Shall I Render to My God" by Ebenezer Child

Calvary Choir

*Gathering Words

Susan Stewart

God of beauty, your love has touched us like rain nourishing a blossoming garden.

Your grace has brought us here, like plants reaching for the sun.

Your blessing fills us to overflowing.

And so we worship you with gratitude.

We give ourselves to you freely, that your love may overflow in all we do.

Here, now, God, we are yours.

Receive us with grace and use us according to your delight.

*Opening Prayer

Susan Stewart

God of life, you are our breath.

We breathe you in.

You are our earth. You hold us.

You are the miracle that gives life its joy.

We are vessels of your peace.

We open our hearts to your grace.

Come to us, renew us, make us yours. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Susan Stewart

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

*Hymn: "As the Deer"

2025 [small hymnal]

As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af - ter
you. You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I
long to wor - ship you. You a - lone are my
strength, my shield; to you a - lone may my spir - it
yield. You a - lone are my heart's de -
sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

WORDS: Martin J. Nystrom (Ps. 42:1)

MUSIC: Martin J. Nystrom

AS THE DEER
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Scripture: I Thessalonians 2:1-8

Susan Stewart

You yourselves know, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Children's Time

Lois Howry

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: Matthew 22: 34-40

Rev. Garnaas-Holmes

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

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

Music: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," arr. by Paul Jorg

Calvary Choir

Thoughts

Rev. Garnaas-Holmes

*Hymn: "The Gift of Love"

408 [large hymnal]

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so long my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

WORDS: Hal Hopson, 1972 (1 Cor. 13:1-3)
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MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Hal Hopson, 1972

***Affirmation of Faith**

Rev. Good

We love and trust God, who is love, whose love is manifest in all Creation, in our lives, and in all people. We love and follow Christ, who embodied God's love. In his life and ministry, his death and resurrection, and his granting to us of his Spirit, he filled us with that love as well.

We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us. In that love we participate in the Church, Body of Christ, in loving God by loving our neighbors. Love is our faith, and it is a gift from God. In love we give of ourselves and our gifts, to be peacemakers, to heal the wounded, to do justice, for the sake of the mending of the world.

We thank God, and ask God's blessings, that we may love in the name of Christ and the power of the Spirit, to God's glory. Amen.

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

For breath and life, for food and friends, we give you thanks, O God. For faith and family, grace and peace, we give you thanks, O God. May we live our gratitude in all that we share, with you, with each other, and with your world. Amen.

*Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

399 [large hymnal]

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
 2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
 3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be
 long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;

let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and
 filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver
 it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my

let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
 and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
 Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
 Take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1873 (Rom. 12:1)
 MUSIC: Louis J. F. Hérôld, 1839; arr. by George Kingsley, 1839

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Announcements

Rev. Good

Weekly Events:

Monday Muddle 10 AM in the Parlor

Book Club Tuesday 7 PM in the Parlor

Bible Study Wednesday 10 AM in the Parlor; Calvary Choir 7:30 in choir room

Helping Hands Thursday 10 AM in classroom 1

Benediction

Rev. Good

Postlude: "A Mighty Fortress," by Martin Luther, arr. by Michael Burkhardt

Sue Paro, organ

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

Greeters: Barbara Bacchi & Jeannette Iles

Jr. Church leader: Kaitlyn Threhane

Nursery helper: Sarah Rubel