

Calvary Church Sunday Worship
November 15, 2026

* Please rise as you are able.
Bold text is spoken by the congregation.
Nursery care is available; ask a greeter for directions.

Prelude: “Hymn to Joy” by Michael Burkhardt — Sue Paro, organ

Welcome and Poem — Rev. Good

Introit: “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship” by Brian Doerksen — Calvary Choir

*Gathering Words by Lisa Hancock — Rebecca Cadigan

Family of God, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to love our neighbors, tend creation, and care for the least of these.
Family of God, in a world that values productivity and profit, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to value equity, justice, and sabbath for all.
Family of God, in a world that privileges power over others instead of power shared with our neighbors, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to privilege the agency and flourishing of ourselves, our neighbors, and all creation.
Family of God, we gather here to grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation. Let us now enter the joy of serving God, who is Love.
We gather to worship God and work for God’s purposes until God’s kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Opening Prayer — Rebecca Cadigan
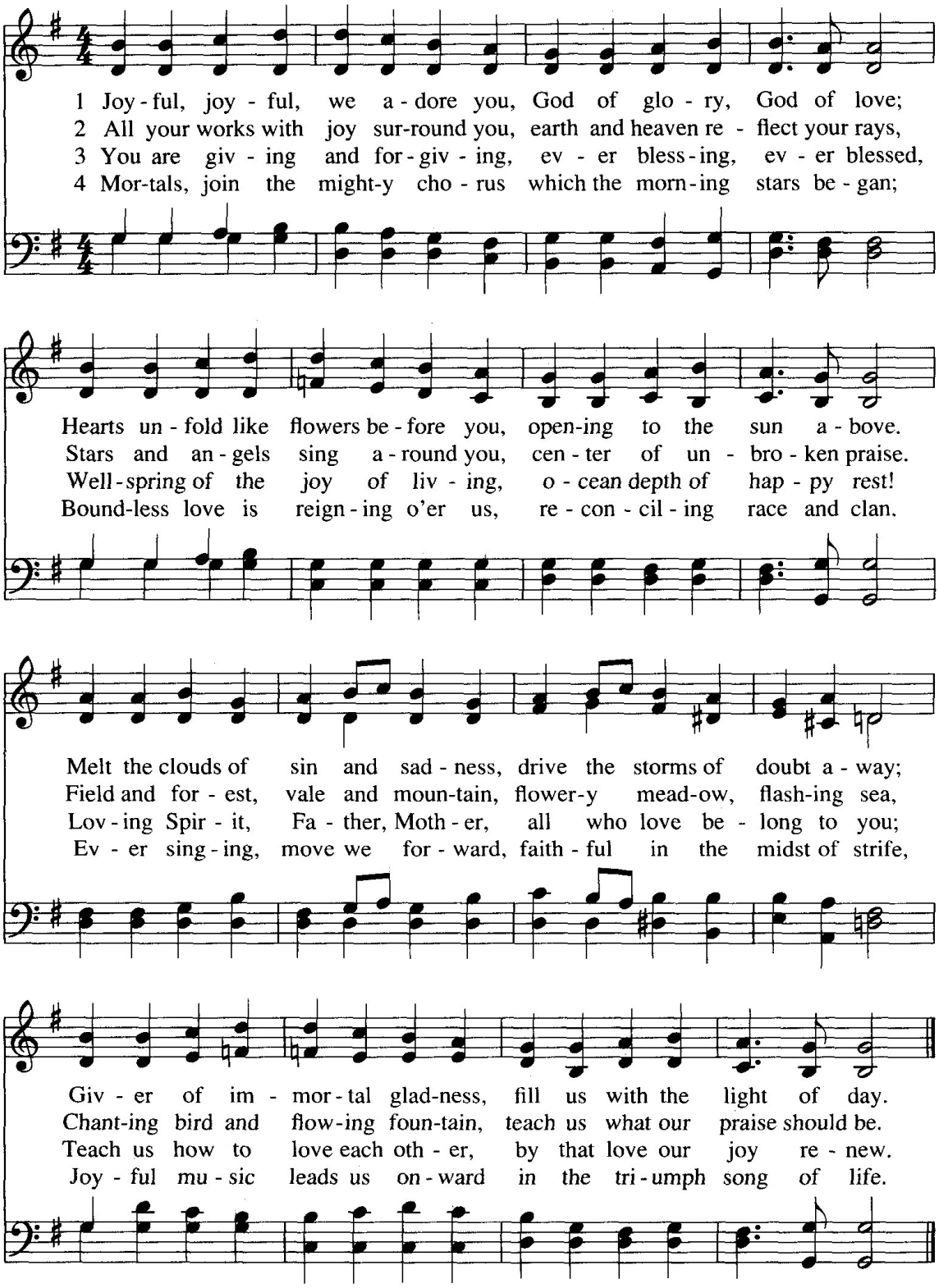
Holy God, be with us, wait with us, open our hearts and minds and lives to your Spirit. In our gathering, inspire us. In our listening, inform us. In our singing, delight us. In our leaving, encourage us. Remind us of your presence now and always. Amen.

*Passing the Peace — Rebecca Cadigan

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

*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful"

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13 — *Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.*



Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759–1805) that inspired Beethoven.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.
Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846

Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:1-11 Rebecca Cadigan

I don't think, friends, that I need to deal with the question of when all this is going to happen. You know as well as I that the day of the Master's coming can't be posted on our calendars. He won't call ahead and make an appointment any more than a burglar would. About the time everybody's walking around complacently, congratulating each other—"We've sure got it made! Now we can take it easy!"—suddenly everything will fall apart. It's going to come as suddenly and inescapably as birth pangs to a pregnant woman.

But friends, you're not in the dark, so how could you be taken off guard by any of this? You're children of Light, children of Day. We live under wide open skies and know where we stand. So let's not sleepwalk through life like those others. Let's keep our eyes open and be smart. People sleep at night and get drunk at night. But not us! Since we're creatures of Day, let's act like it. Walk out into the daylight sober, dressed up in faith, love, and the hope of salvation.

God didn't set us up for an angry rejection, but for salvation by our Master, Jesus Christ. He died for us, a death that triggered life. Whether we're awake with the living or asleep with the dead, we're alive with him! So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind. I know you're already doing this; just keep on doing it.

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

Children's Time Terry Rice

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

Song: "Walk with Me" refrain 2242 [small hymnal]

Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.

Scripture: Judges 4:1-7 Rebecca Cadigan

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

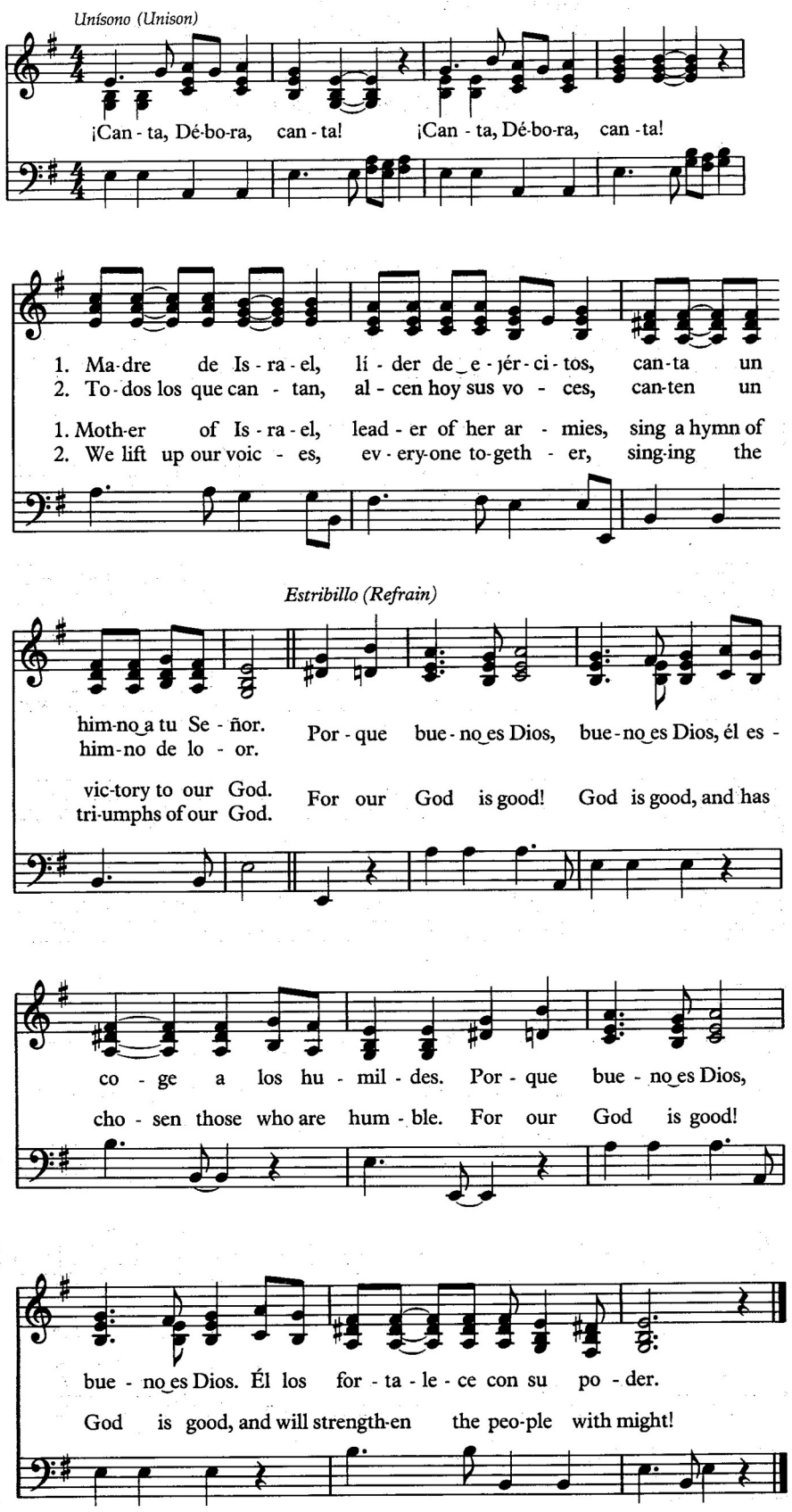
At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak, son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand'."

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

Music: "Be Still (and know that I am God)" by Karen Marrolli Calvary Choir

Thoughts Rev. Good

*Hymn: “Canta, Debora, Canta” 81 [large hymnal]



*Affirmation of Faith by Sophie Churchill — Rev. Good

We believe in one God,
who gave birth to the cosmos and to us,
creating, out of nothing but God's own will,
a world of rocks, plants and human longing;
whose eyes will not fail to cry for it all.

We believe in one God,
who redeems the waste of all things good,
weaving, from the griefs of our freedom,
new and unhoped-for things;
whose mercy will not fail to heal it all.

We believe in one God,
who lives among all people in all places,
calling us from our despair and sleep
to live out Easter in our generation;
whose love will not fail to hold us all.

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 — Paul Rubel

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.
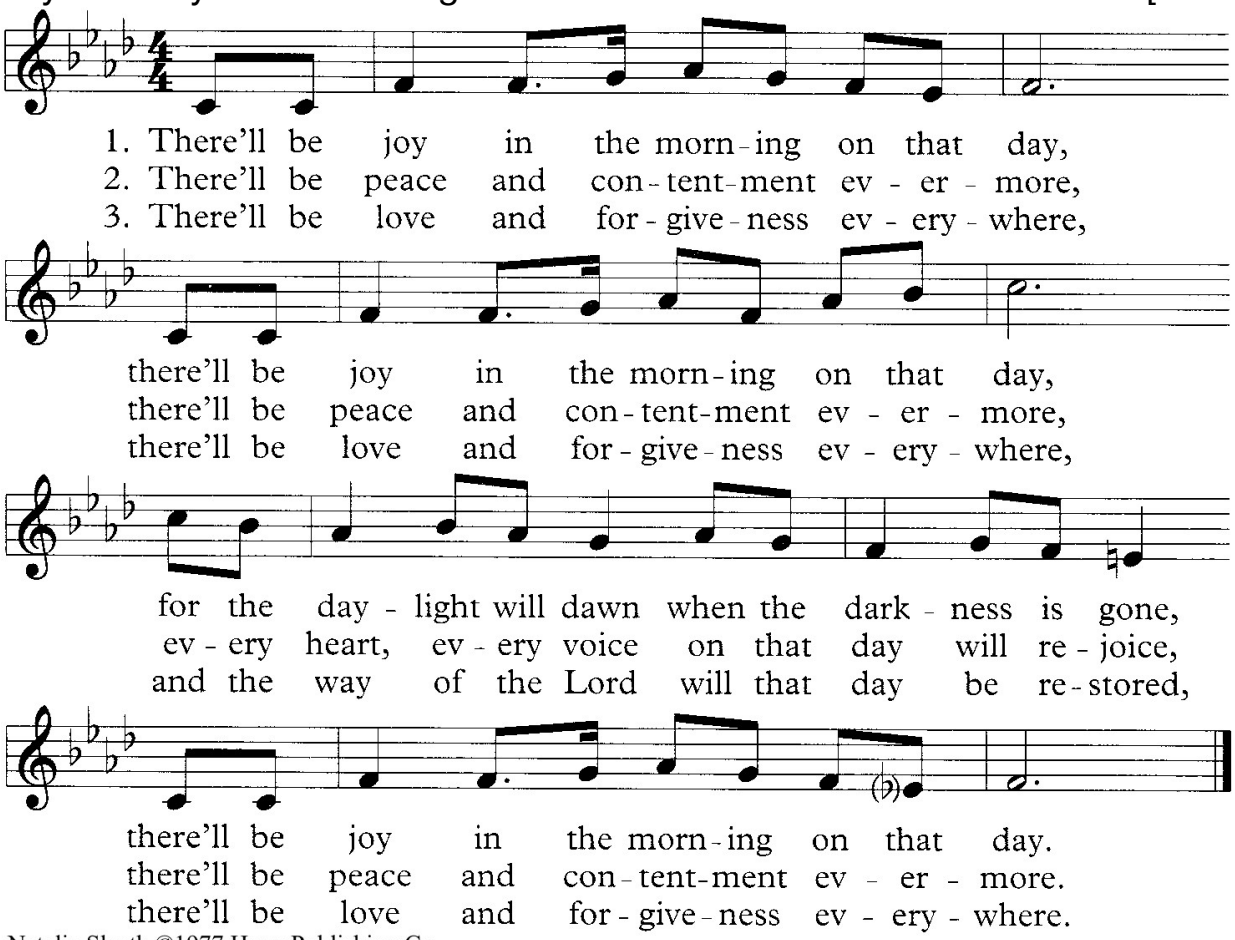
*Doxology — Old 100th (95, large hymnal)

Praise God whose story on the page
remains the same from age to age;
praise God whose story in the world
is waiting still to be unfurled. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving — Rev. Good

We give thanks for your presence, Holy One, when we expect it and when we are surprised. We are thankful for your steadfastness through all things. May we remain steadfast in our living and our giving, all our days. Amen.

*Hymn: “Joy in the Morning” 2284 [small hymnal]



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Announcements Rev. Good

Events this coming week at Calvary:
Today: Theology on Tap Noon at Town Tavern
Wed: Bible Study 10 AM; Choir 7:30
Thurs: Helping Hands 10 AM
Next Sunday: Worship 10:30 AM; Craft Sale 11:45 AM; Q&A and Sacred Snacking 11:45 AM

Benediction Rev. Good

Postlude: “Trumpet Voluntary” by William Goodwin Sue Paro, organ

Gratitude to those who, behind the scenes, helped make this morning’s service more warm and welcoming:
Greeters: The Willwerth Family
Jr. Church leader: Kaitlyn Threhane
Nursery helper: Sarah Rubel
Coffee hour: Matt & Susan Dorson