

We Enter into Worship...

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Sue Lechota
Spirit Song

Call to Worship
Colossians 3:1-4

277 Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,
spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,

who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

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grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can
free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on
blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O great and everlasting God, who dwells in unapproachable light, who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart; we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, nor with all our soul, nor with all our mind, nor with all our strength; nor our neighbors as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with your provisions for us. We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about your church, and about our trials. We have sought our security in those things which perish, rather than in you, the Everlasting God. Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, who is able to save all who approach you through him, since he always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

(Based upon Deuteronomy 6 & Hebrews 7)

Silent Confession of Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness Isaiah 53:6

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayer of Dedication Elder Sam Winegarden

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father 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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Unison Scripture Reading John 1:1-14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Christ Be in My Waking

Christ be in my waking, as the sun is rising,
In my day of working, with me ev'ry hour.
Christ be in my resting as the day is ending,
Calming and refreshing, watching through the night.

Christ be in my thinking and my understanding,
Guarding me from evil, walking in the light.
Christ be in my speaking, ev'ry word a blessing,
Pure and not deceiving, grace to all who hear.

Jesus, this is my devotion,
All my life to know You,
Ev'ry day to walk with You.

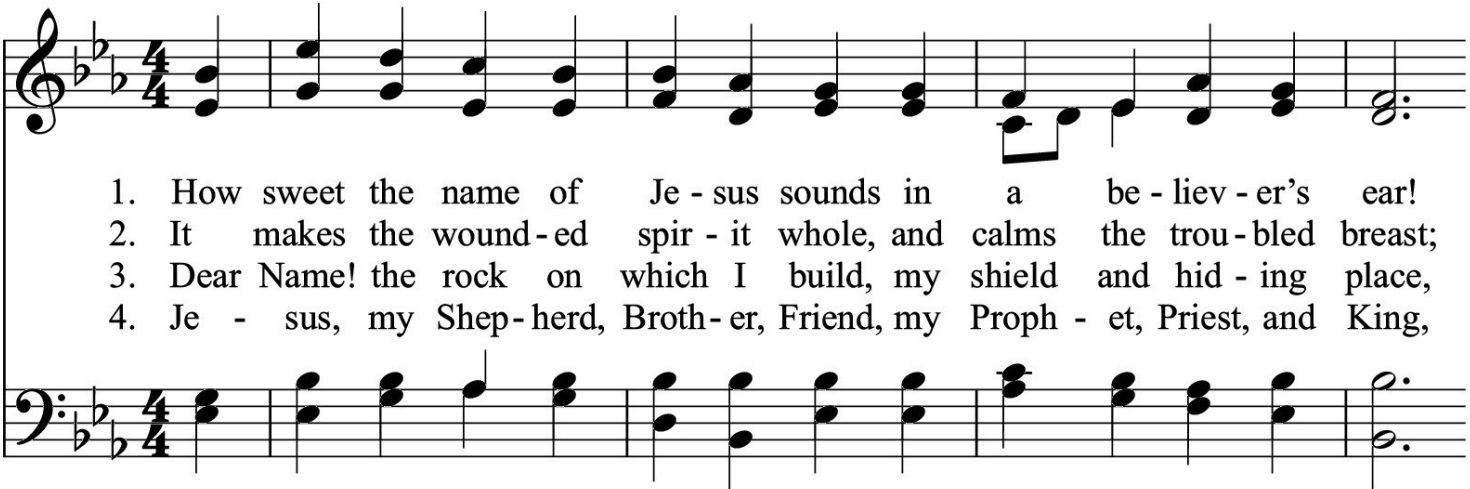
Savior, You're my deepest longing;
You're the one I live for;
Teach me, Lord, to walk with You.

Christ be in my gladness, for the joy of living,
Thankful for the goodness of the Father's hand.
Christ be in my sorrow, in my day of darkness,
Knowing that I follow in the steps He trod.

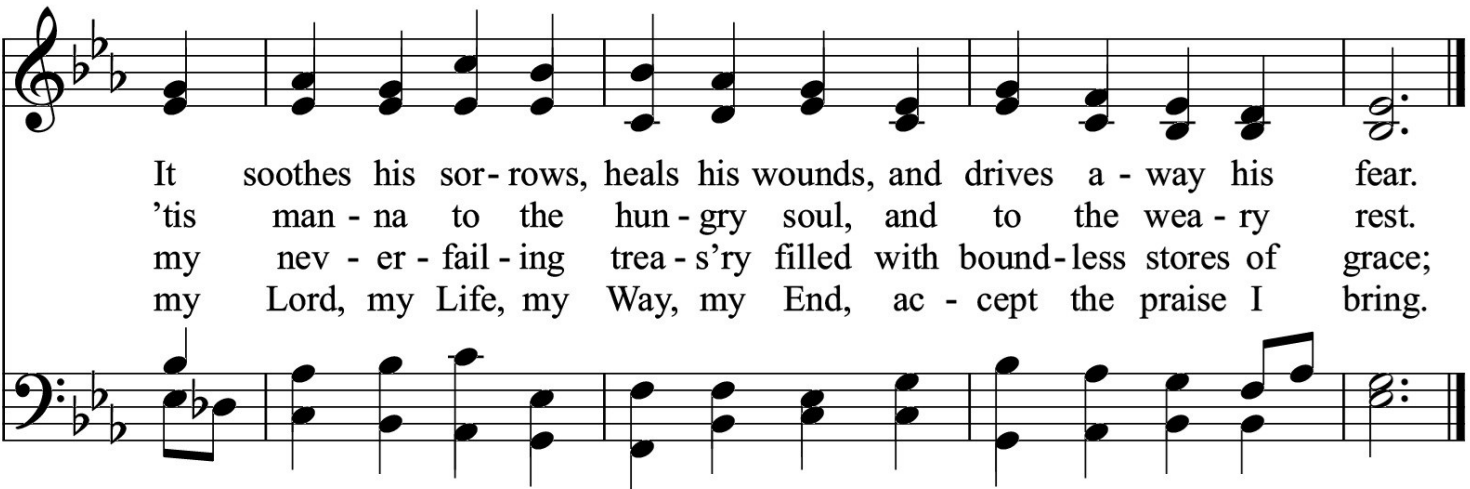
Christ when hope has faded, nothing left to cling to,
Ev'ry pleasure jaded, ev'ry well is dry.
Christ the loving Shepherd draws me with His kindness,
Leads me from the desert to the streams of life.

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492 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!
2. It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;
3. Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing place,
4. Je - sus, my Shep - herd, Broth - er, Friend, my Proph - et, Priest, and King,



It soothes his sor - rows, heals his wounds, and drives a - way his fear.
'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry rest.
my nev - er - fail - ing trea - s'ry filled with bound - less stores of grace;
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.

5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.
6. 'Til then I would thy love proclaim
with ev'ry fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton, 1779; alt.

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Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836
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Psalm 15

A Psalm of David.

¹ O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?

Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

² He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;

³ who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

⁴ in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the Lord;
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

⁵ who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be moved.

• A Question

• An Answer

We Respond to the Word of God Preached...

Statement of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 1&2

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

• A Promise

460 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

1. Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak glad - ness to this heart;
2. Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, up - on the shame - ful tree,
3. Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the aw - ful load
4. Thy righ - teous - ness, O Christ, a - lone can cov - er me:

they tell me all is done; they bid my fear de - part.
have paid the law's full price and pur - chased peace for me.
of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God.
no righ - teous - ness a - vails save that which is of thee.

Refrain

To whom, save thee, who canst a - lone for sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Horatius Bonar, 1857
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DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.
John Darwall, 1770

We Depart into the World...

Benediction

Parting Hymn

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Meditation for the Week

In God you come up against something which is in every respect immeasurably superior to yourself. Unless you know God as that—and, therefore, know yourself as nothing in comparison—you do not know God at all. As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.

That raises a terrible question. How is it that people who are quite obviously eaten up with Pride can say they believe in God and appear to themselves very religious? I am afraid it means they are worshiping an imaginary God. They theoretically admit themselves to be nothing in the presence of this phantom God, but are really all the time imagining how He approves of them and thinks them far better than ordinary people: that is, they pay a pennyworth of imaginary humility to Him and get out of it a pound's worth of Pride towards their fellow-men. I suppose it was of those people Christ was thinking when He said that some would preach about Him and cast out devils in His name, only to be told at the end of the world that He had never known them. And any of us may at any moment be in this death-trap. Luckily, we have a test. Whenever we find that our religious life is making us feel that we are good—above all, that we are better than someone else—I think we may be sure that we are being acted on, not by God, but by the devil. The real test of being in the presence of God is, that you either forget about yourself altogether or see yourself as a small, dirty object. It is better to forget about yourself altogether.

It is a terrible thing that the worst of all the vices can smuggle itself into the very center of our religious life. But you can see why. The other, and less bad, vices come from the devil working on us through our animal nature. But this does not come through our animal nature at all It comes direct from Hell. It is purely spiritual: consequently it is far more subtle and deadly. For the same reason, Pride can often be used to beat down the simpler vices. Teachers, in fact, often appeal to a boy's Pride, or, as they call it, his self-respect, to make him behave decently: many a man has overcome cowardice, or lust, or ill-temper by learning to think that they are beneath his dignity--that is, by Pride. The devil laughs. He is perfectly content to see you becoming chaste and brave and self-controlled provided, all the time, he is setting up in you the Dictatorship of Pride--just as he would be quite content to see your chilblains cured if he was allowed, in return, to give you cancer. For Pride is spiritual cancer: it eats up the very possibility of love, or contentment, or even common sense.

C.S. Lewis

Mere Christianity

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Kim Freeman in celebration of Mark’s birthday on July 10th, and they are also provided by Lil & Laurie Goff in celebration of their three sons, and of the love of God, who gave those sons to them.

Condolences are offered on behalf of the congregation to Lois Tebo and the the entire Tebo family at the death of Lois’s mom this past week in California. Please be sure to keep the Tebos in your prayers, even as we mourn with them.

Prayer Chain - Please contact Rev. Scribner (618-795-4319) if you have a prayer request or would like to serve the congregation at Calvary by being a part of our prayer chain.

School Supplies Drive: The Martha-Mary Circle is leading a drive to support Waterbrook Christian Academy and Dowdall Elementary School in the Kearsley School District. Please consider helping out as an expression of faithfulness to Christ’s command to love our neighbor as ourself. You will find a receptacle and a list of needed supplies at the entrance to the church building, and they will be collecting supplies through September 1st.

New Pictoral Directory - We are in the very opening stages of creating a new pictoral directory. If you would like to volunteer to help out with this project, please let us know in the office.

Church Cookbook - We are working on a new church cookbook. If you have an old church cookbook or simply have recipes that you think would be good to add in this new edition, please reach out to Linn Aikins or drop off your recipes in the recipe box in the Narthex after worship.

Offerings are received each week in the wooden donation box in the Narthex. We have placed it there as a convenience for our members and friends. If you are visiting us this Sunday, please feel no pressure to make any donation. We are glad to have you simply be our guest today, and invite you to join us for a donut and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after worship!

<u>This Week at Calvary</u>		
Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School
Monday	Office Closed	
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
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<u>Church Staff</u>	
Pastor	Pete Scribner
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Featured Element of Worship: Confession & Assurance

There are many reasons we choose to make explicit the Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness. One of the principle reasons is to “rehearse” the Gospel. The Gospel—the good news of Jesus Christ—is not merely something that we receive to enter into faith. It is a perpetual, life-changing reality that we must seek to embrace at deeper and deeper levels. Put another way, we might say that growing more mature in our faith and becoming more like Jesus involves one principle reality: believing the Gospel at deeper and richer levels. The regular practice of Confession and Assurance molds our soul into a “Gospel shape” such that the pattern of the liturgy, over time, “becomes” us, as we begin to relate to God through the Gospel in our day to day lives.

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Next week we will partake of the Lord's Supper as part of our corporate worship. Be sure to prepare your heart for this occasion. Consider our Meditation for the Week (printed on the insert in the bulletin), and be sure to familiarize yourself with Psalm 132 (which will be our sermon text).

Calvary Presbyterian Church

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Our Mission - We exist to know, worship, serve, and enjoy the one true God.

Our Vision - We seek to love God completely, love others selflessly, and everywhere proclaim Christ: crucified, risen, and reigning forever.

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