

We Enter into Worship...

Prelude Chris Holmberg

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Summer Choir
Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

Call to Worship Psalm 95:1-3

O Worship the King 219

1. O wor-ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
4. Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our Shield and De - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

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5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Based on Psalm 104
Robert Grant, 1833
Mod.

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LYONS 10.10.11.11.
Michael Haydn, 1737–1806
Arr. in William Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

We Meet with God through Prayer, Scripture & Song...

Corporate Prayer of Confession
Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive us for our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. We ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sins
Assurance of Forgiveness Colossians 2:13-14

The Doxology
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 Randy Heidtman

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.

¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.

¹⁵ And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Musical Offering

How Great Thou Art

Pastoral Prayer

Summer Choir



1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me
jour - ney through; strong De - liv' - rer, strong De - liv' - rer, be thou
Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will

'til I want no more, (*want no more*) feed me 'til I want no more.
still my strength and shield, (*strength and shield*) be thou still my strength and shield.
ev - er give to thee, (*give to thee*) I will ev - er give to thee.

Sermon

Rev. Pete Scribner

- Calling on the Lord (1-7)

Psalm 94

¹ O Lord, God of vengeance, O God of vengeance, shine forth!

² Rise up, O judge of the earth; repay to the proud what they deserve!

³ O Lord, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked exult?

⁴ They pour out their arrogant words; all the evildoers boast.

⁵ They crush your people, O Lord, and afflict your heritage.

⁶ They kill the widow and the sojourner, and murder the fatherless;

⁷ and they say, “The Lord does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive.”

⁸ Understand, O dullest of the people! Fools, when will you be wise?

- Confidence in the Lord (8-15)

⁹ He who planted the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see?

¹⁰ He who disciplines the nations, does he not rebuke? He who teaches man knowledge—

¹¹ the Lord—knows the thoughts of man, that they are but a breath.

¹² Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O Lord, and whom you teach out of your law,

¹³ to give him rest from days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked.

¹⁴ For the Lord will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage;

¹⁵ for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.

¹⁶ Who rises up for me against the wicked? Who stands up for me against evildoers?

¹⁷ If the Lord had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.

- Consolation from the Lord (16-23)

¹⁸ When I thought, “My foot slips,” your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.

¹⁹ When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.

²⁰ Can wicked rulers be allied with you, those who frame injustice by statute?

²¹ They band together against the life of the righteous and condemn the innocent to death.

²² But the Lord has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge.

²³ He will bring back on them their iniquity and wipe them out for their wickedness; the Lord our God will wipe them out.

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.

526 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O words with
2. Some - times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some - times where
3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er
4. And when at last my race is run, the Sav - ior's

heav'n - ly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher -
E - den's bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters still, o'er
mur - mur nor re - pine, con - tent, what - ev - er
work in me is done, e'en death's cold wave I

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e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
trou - bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me; by his own hand he lead - eth me.

His faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862
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HE LEADETH ME L.M.D.
William B. Bradbury, 1864

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

Following our service of corporate worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, donuts & fellowship, then for Sunday School in our education wing.

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Jerry Bye in memory of his beloved wife, Myrna.

Condolences are offered on behalf of the congregation to Jan Herriman and her entire family at the death of her mother, Joan Layman. Joan was a member of Calvary since 1956, and her funeral will be held at the church this Wednesday at 11am. There will be visitation for one hour before the service, as well as from 4-7pm at Allen Funeral Home on Tuesday. Please be sure to keep Joan’s family in your prayers, even as we mourn with them.

School Supplies Drive: There is still time to donate to the Martha-Mary Circle’s 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.

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.

Tuesdays at Two will be **taking a week off this week**. Please consider joining us when we reconvene on August 28th to continue our study on the person and work of Christ Jesus.

Work Day - Next Saturday at 10am, the Board of Property Management will hold a work day to make further repairs to the playground, tree removal, and possibly some painting. Please consider coming and lending a hand in caring for and beautifying the church property. See Al Dipzinski with questions.

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!

This Week at Calvary		
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		No Tuesdays at Two This Week
Friday	9:00	Session
Saturday	10:00	Property Management Work Day
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School

Church Staff	
Pastor	Pete Scribner
Director of Music	Susan Lechota
Music Minister	Chris Holmberg
Custodian	Vicky Haughey

Featured Element of Worship: The Lord’s Prayer

Why do we pray the Lord’s Prayer each week? If we are not careful, it certainly can lead to mindless repetition in what seems to be nothing more than a traditional ritual. But we do not pray it each week simply because it is a tradition. The Lord’s Prayer gives us the perfect pattern of how to pray, and, when prayed from the heart, it guides us into the type of communication with God that he desires. While it does include petition (“Give us this day our daily bread.”), this is not the Prayer’s primary focus, as so often can become the case with our prayers. Rather, the glorification of God and the proclamation of his glory take center stage, with the goal being that our hearts’ affections would be shaped and redirected into a God-centered and God-exalting posture. Beyond this, note that all the first person pronouns are plural (“our” and “us” and “we”), not singular (“my” and “me” and “I”). This reminds us that we stand before God not simply as individuals, but as members of a community and fellow-citizens of his kingdom, joined together by our common union with Christ. Each time we pray the Lord’s Prayer, may we remember where we stand in relationship to God and to one another!

Meditation for the Week

(At Lazarus's tomb), Jesus wept. He did not use the concept of Romans 8:28 as a club, telling Mary and Martha, "All things work together for good so you should really look for the silver lining here. It's actually a good thing your brother is dead." He didn't treat their loss as anything other than what it was—a loss that triggered the tears of God.

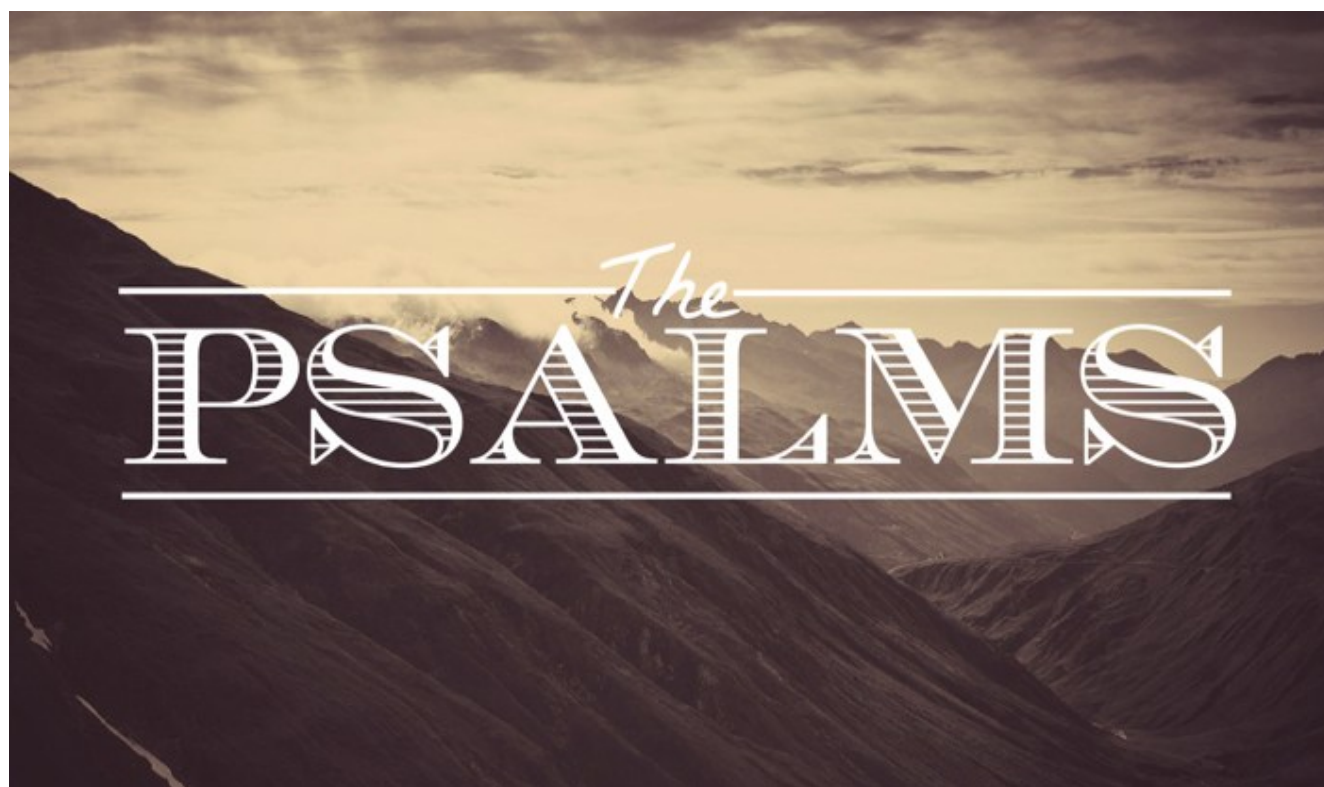
But Jesus did not weep as those who have no hope. He told Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26).

You may shiver as you walk through the shadows of death, but the shadow itself is cast by the bright light of the resurrection. "Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5). One morning you will rise, and every tear will be wiped away from your eyes (Revelation 21:4). So go ahead and weep, but only as one who knows how your story ends. It doesn't.

Mike Wittmer

The Last Enemy: Preparing to Win the Fight of Your Life

As you prepare your heart for our next corporate worship gathering this week, consider our Meditation for the Week (printed above), and be sure to familiarize yourself with Psalm 93 (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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