

We Enter into Worship...

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

Introit

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God Will Redeem My Soul (Psalm 49:15)

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang-ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, since you delay with so much forbearance the punishments which we have deserved and daily draw on ourselves, grant that we may not indulge ourselves, but carefully consider how often and in how many different ways we have provoked your wrath against us. May we learn to present ourselves to you humbly for pardon, and with true repentance to implore your mercy. With all our hearts we desire to submit ourselves to you, whether you chastise us, or according to your infinite goodness, forgive us. Let our condition be ever blessed, not by flattering ourselves in our apathy, but by finding you to be our kind and bountiful Father, reconciled to us in your only-begotten Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by John Calvin.

Silent Confession of Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 3:21-22a

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.

¹⁰ You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. ¹² Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Featured Element of Worship: *Unison Scripture Reading*

It is our conviction at Calvary that the word of God, as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him. As such, our worship services should be filled with Scripture. We begin our service with a Biblical Call to Worship, we end it with a Biblical Benediction, and in between we look to the Scriptures repeatedly.

One of the points at which we look to God’s word is our Unison Scripture Reading. This reading is designed to support and inform the sermon text which will be read and preached upon later in the service. It is introduced by the Elder in Worship, and then as a congregation we stand out of respect for God’s word and read it together, thereby putting the word of God on our very lips. As we do so, may it not merely be on our lips, but may God also write its truth upon each of our hearts.

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head.

2. He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears,
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart.

3. He lives to grant me daily breath;
He lives and I shall conquer death.
He lives, and while I live I'll sing,
4. He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save.
What joy this blessed assurance gives;
I know that my Redeemer lives.

5. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
“I know that my Redeemer lives!”
- Words by Samuel Medley (1775)
Music by John Hatton (1793)
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May the Mind of Christ, My Savior 488



1. May the mind of Christ, my Sav-ior, live in me from day to day,
2. May the Word of God dwell rich-ly in my heart from hour to hour,
3. May the peace of God my Fa-ther rule my life in ev-'ry-thing,
4. May the love of Je-sus fill me as the wa-ters fill the sea;



by his love and pow'r con-trol-ling all I do and say.
so that all may see I tri-umph on-ly through his pow'r.
that I may be calm to com-fort sick and sor-row-ing.
him ex-alt-ing, self a-bas-ing: this is vic-to-ry.



5. May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.

6. May his beauty rest upon me
as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel,
seeing only him.

Sermon

Rev. Pete Scribner

• The Transcendence of God’s Word

Psalm 49

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

¹ Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
² both low and high, rich and poor together!
³ My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.
⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,
⁶ those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?
⁷ Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life,
⁸ for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice,
⁹ that he should live on forever and never see the pit.
¹⁰ For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others.
¹¹ Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they called lands by their own names.
¹² Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish.
¹³ This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts. *Selah*
¹⁴ Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell.
¹⁵ But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. *Selah*
¹⁶ Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases.
¹⁷ For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him.
¹⁸ For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed
—and though you get praise when you do well for yourself—
¹⁹ his soul will go to the generation of his fathers,
who will never again see light.
²⁰ Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

• The Transience of Worldly Wealth

• The Transport of Our Redemption

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.

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To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

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tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; alt.
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TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11.ref.
William H. Doane, 1875

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

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Bob and Marion Isaacson in memory of their son, Bruce, and Marion’s mother, Delilah McDonough.

"...and the Two became One..."

The Diaconate, as an expression of the church’s commitment to marriage, recognizes couples who are members of the church on certain wedding anniversaries (their first, all divisible by five, and all over 50).

Today we are pleased to introduce...

Leroy and Cora Cole, who celebrated their 68th anniversary yesterday on August 30th. The Coles have been blessed with four children, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Leroy is the retired owner and Cora the retired secretary-treasurer of Cole’s Machine Inc. Leroy also retired as pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Otisville. They both enjoy family, church, and automotive history. They sponsor many children through Open Hand Children’s Home in Kenya, and are passionate about supporting that ministry. He has been a member since 1951 and she has been since 1991.

Free Literature - Each week on the free literature table under the announcements screen in the Narthex, you will find past sermons on CD, Bibles, daily devotionals such as Daily Bread and Table Talk (September issue available today!) and other items for you to have or share with others. All these items are free of charge.

Notes of Appreciation to the congregation have been received from Jan Herriman as well as from Drake Boudreau’s family, and are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

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> | | |
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| Today | 9:40 | Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome) |
| | 10:00 | Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship |
| | 11:30 | Sunday School |
| Monday | | Labor Day Holiday |
| Tuesday | 2:00 | Tuesdays at Two |
| Friday | | Office Closed |
| Next Sunday | 9:40 | Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome) |
| | 10:00 | Worship Service with Communion followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship lunch |
| | 11:30 | Sunday School |

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated in worship next Lord’s Day. Prayerfully examine your heart this week to ensure that you are right with the Lord and with your brothers and sisters in Christ, so that we might partake in holy unity.

A Fellowship Lunch will be served after worship next Sunday. Bring your appetite, and after joining with your church family around the Lord’s Table, also do so around the dinner table!

Church Picnic: Make sure to mark September 21st on your calendar and plan to be a part of our annual church picnic. Bring a side dish to share and join us in the pavilion as we enjoy time with one another gathered around the picnic tables, sharing in food, fun & fellowship!

| <u>Church Staff</u> | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Pastor | Pete Scribner |
| Director of Music | Susan Lechota |
| Music Minister | Chris Holmberg |
| Custodian | Vicky Haughey |

Meditation for the Week

In 1 Corinthians 11:26, Paul writes, “For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.” The Lord’s Supper is a visible sermon in which Christ’s death is visibly proclaimed. This is only possible because of the union and communion with Christ that the Supper entails. We are crucified with Christ (Rom. 6:6), and we died with him (Rom. 6:8, 2 Tim. 2:11). Nowhere is this truth set forth more clearly than in the Lord’s Supper. We participate in his death so that we may participate in his life (cf. Rom. 6:5, 8, 11). This sacramental participation is to continue “till He comes.” The word “remembrance” points back to Christ’s death. The words “till He comes” point forward to the consummation. We do not look only backwards at the Lord’s Supper. There is also an element of forward-looking anticipation. When Christ does come again, the Lord’s supper will be consummated at the wedding feast of the Lamb.

Keith A. Mathison, *Given for You*

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 145 (which will be our sermon text).

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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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