

We Enter into Worship...

PreludeChris Holmberg

Welcome and Announcements

IntroitChoir

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

Call to WorshipPsalm 95:1-3

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment for our offense, so we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen**

(adapted from *The Book of Common Worship*)

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Peter 1:18-19

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 Bob Daily

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.**

AnthemChoir

I Feel the Spirit

Featured Element of Worship: Choir

After taking the summer off to recharge their batteries (and their voices!), this week we are blessed by the Choir’s return to our corporate worship gathering. Our worship is enhanced each week as the choir creates beautiful music for our Introit, Anthem and sometimes an additional Musical Offering. If we see them as performers singing for our enjoyment though, we have completely missed the point. They are not singing for the purpose of entertaining us. Rather, they utilize their gifts of song to offer up praises to God *on our behalf*. So as the choir sings, let’s not be merely an audience that passively listens to the music they create. Instead, may our hearts be joined with theirs and our spirits lifted into the very presence of the God we’ve come to worship!

PSALM 100

100BAll People That on Earth Do Dwell

1. <sup>1</sup>All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing  
2. <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God in - deed; he  
3. <sup>4</sup>O en - ter then his gates with joy, with -  
4. <sup>5</sup>Be - cause the LORD our God is good, his

to the LORD with cheer - ful voice. <sup>2</sup>Serve him with joy, his  
formed us all with - out our aid. We are the flock he  
in his courts his praise pro - claim! Let thank - ful songs your  
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure. His faith - ful - ness at

prais - es tell, come now be - fore him and re - joice!  
sure - ly feeds, the sheep who by his hand were made.  
tongues em - ploy. O bless and mag - ni - fy his name!  
all times stood and shall from age to age en - dure.

William Kethe, 1561; alt.  
CCLI# 594962

GENEVAN 134 (OLD HUNDREDTH) L.M.  
Louis Bourgeois, 1551

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. <sup>2</sup> Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. <sup>3</sup> No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain.” <sup>4</sup> So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. <sup>5</sup> The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. <sup>6</sup> The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.” <sup>8</sup> And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. <sup>9</sup> And he said, “If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.”

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;  
2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak-ness! Let me hide my - self in him;  
3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o’er me roll,  
4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,  
5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;

friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.  
tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t’ry wins.  
• e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.  
storms a - bout me, night o’er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.  
he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

Refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

# Sermon

Rev. Pete Scribner

## Psalm 145

## 1. What We Do

- Praise God

A Song of Praise. Of David.

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup> Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

<sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup> One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

<sup>5</sup>On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

<sup>6</sup>They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

<sup>7</sup>They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

<sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

<sup>12</sup>to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. [The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.]

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

<sup>16</sup>You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

<sup>19</sup> He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

<sup>20</sup> The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

<sup>21</sup>My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

- Trust God

- Tell of God

## 2. Why We Do It

- The Lord Is Great

- The Lord Is Good

**Meditation for the Week**

Accordingly, two cities have been formed by two loves: the earthly by the love of self, even to the contempt of God; the heavenly by the love of God, even to the contempt of self. The former, in a word, glories in itself, the latter in the Lord. For the one seeks glory from men; but the greatest glory of the other is God, the witness of conscience. The one lifts up its head in its own glory; the other says to its God, “Thou art my glory, and the lifter up of mine head” (Psalm 3:3). In the one, the princes and the nations it subdues are ruled by the love of ruling; in the other, the princes and the subjects serve one another in love, the latter obeying, while the former take thought for all. The one delights in its own strength, represented in the persons of its rulers; the other says to its God, “I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength” (Psalm 18:1)

And therefore the wise men of the one city, living according to man, have sought for profit to their own bodies or souls, or both, and those who have known God “glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened; professing themselves to be wise,”—that is, glorying in their own wisdom, and being possessed by pride,—“they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.” For they were either leaders or followers of the people in adoring images, “and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever” (Romans 1:21-25). But in the other city there is no human wisdom, but only godliness, which offers due worship to the true God, and looks for its reward in the society of the saints, of holy angels as well as holy men, “that God may be all in all” (1 Corinthians 15:28).

Augustine of Hippo (354-430)  
*The City of God*

Book 14, Chapter 28: Of the Nature of the

*We Respond to the Word of God Preached...*

Statement of Faith The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

431 And Can It Be That I Should Gain

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest  
2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -  
3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so  
4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in  
5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his  
plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph  
• in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his  
sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning  
all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!  
tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!  
• love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,  
ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,  
Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

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How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst  
Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in -  
• im - mense and free; for, O my God, it  
my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and  
th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

Refrain

die for me?  
quire no more.  
• found out me. A - maz - ing love! How can it  
fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How  
Christ, my own.

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
can it be that thou, my God,

Charles Wesley, 1738; alt. 1990  
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Thomas Campbell, 1825

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 corporate worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, donuts, and a fellowship meal, and 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 Joe and Esma Walker in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary which was yesterday!

“...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 anniversaries of their wedding days (first, all divisible by five, and all over 50).

Today we are pleased to introduce **Joe & Esma Walker**, who celebrated 56 years of marriage September 6th. The Walkers, have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Joe is retired from the State of Michigan where he worked as a probation officer for for over 30 years. He enjoys fishing, hunting, watching sports on TV (especially U of M), and studying Scripture. Esma is retired from McLaren Hospital in Flint where she worked as an R.N. for over 45 years, the last 25 of which were spent in obstetrics and special care nursery. She enjoys listening to and singing sacred, country, and classical music and reading and studying scripture. They have been members since 1974.

School Supplies Drive: The Martha-Mary Circle thanks the congregation for your generous participation in providing school supplies for students at both Kearsley Schools and Waterbrook Christian Academy!

Nursery: While we welcome (and actually love!) the presence of young children during corporate worship, we also recognize that not all parents are comfortable having their littlest ones with them in the sanctuary. For this reason, we do provide a nursery for children age 3 and under. You can take them there right before the sermon and they will be well taken care of for the remainder of the service! If there are any who would like to volunteer to help out in the Nursery, please see Chris Campbell.

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!

## Communion at Calvary

If you are our guest in worship today, we welcome you both to Calvary and to the Lord's Table. Our celebration of the Lord's Supper is open to all who have trusted in Christ as their Savior and follow Him as their Lord, that in partaking they might experience spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Mindful not only of Scripture’s promises, but also of its cautions regarding the Lord’s Supper, we generally discourage children from partaking of the sacrament. Regardless of age, it should be shared only by those people who understand and give ascent to the historical and personal significance of the cross of Jesus Christ.

When the bread is passed to us by the Elders, each person wishing to participate is asked to remove a piece from the tray and hold it while others are being served. Then, as a symbol of our common union with Christ as one body, we shall all partake together.

When the cups are distributed, each person wishing to participate is asked to remove a cup from the tray and, as a symbol of our individual trust in Christ, to drink on our own.

We encourage worshippers to use the time during which others are being served for the thoughtful reading of Scriptures or quiet meditation and prayer.

May God nourish our spirits as we worship Him through partaking of these elements in faith, as a sign and a seal of the covenant of grace.

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.

A Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. You can sign up to provide flowers for either one or both vases at a cost of \$15/vase. The church office will reach out to you to arrange for your payment and to find out if you have a specific message that you would like included in the bulletin. You are then free to take those flowers home after worship, or leave them for the Deacons to take to brighten someone’s day!



### This Week at Calvary

<b>Today</b>	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service with Communion followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
<b>Tuesday</b>	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
	6:00	Diaconate
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00	Martha-Mary Circle
	6:29	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>		<b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School

As you prepare your heart for next Sunday, be sure to familiarize yourself with Psalm 115 (which will be our sermon text) and spend time with our Meditation for the Week (printed on the bulletin insert).

### Church Staff

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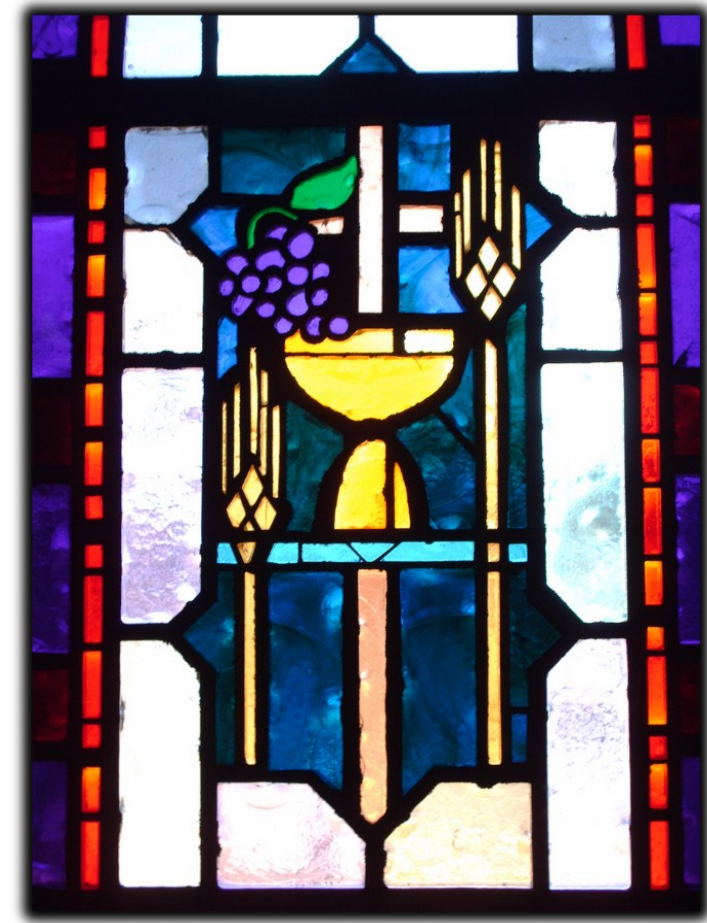
Pete Scribner  
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Church Picnic: Make sure to mark September 21st on your calendar and plan to be a part of our annual church picnic. Bring a side dish to share and join us in the pavilion as we enjoy time with one another gathered around the picnic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



# Calvary Presbyterian Church

September 7, 2025



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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