We Enter into Worship...

**Chris Holmberg** Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choir Introit

Glory Be to God

Isaiah 6:1-3 Call to Worship

230 Holy, Holy, Holy!



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

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, you are good beyond all thought, but we are vile, wretched, miserable, blind; our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts slow to feel and our ways reluctant to amend. We bring our souls to you: break them, wound them, mold them. Unmask to us sin's deformity, that we may hate it, abhor it, flee from it. Give us grace to bewail our folly. Grant us to know that the way of transgressors is hard, that evil paths are wretched paths, that to depart from you is to lose all good. Work in us a godly grief for our sin and grant that through the tears of repentance we may see more clearly the brightness and beauty of the glorious cross. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, the completely righteous Son of God. Amen.

(Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*)

Silent Confession of Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:11-13

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Randy Heidtman

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. <sup>4</sup> In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup> And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

<sup>6</sup> For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

<sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup> Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup> For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Choir Anthem

**Pastoral Prayer** 

# **Featured Element of Worship: Pastoral Prayer**

The Pastoral Prayer is an opportunity for a pastor to intercede on behalf of his congregation and bring their concerns before the Lord—to pray for his people with his people. This means it is often a comparatively lengthy prayer, which is why it is sometimes known as the "long prayer." It may include each of the standard elements of a well-rounded prayer-Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication—but it may also leave some out if they have already been included in the service in other ways. It will usually bring to God the particular cares of specific members of the church, the general concerns of the whole congregation, and the wider concerns of God's Kingdom.

Tim Challies

# **How Long Will You Forget Me, Lord?**

PSALM 13

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- 1. How long will you for get me, LORD? For ev er will
- 2. <sup>2</sup>How long must I be sad each day in deep per-plex it y?
- 3. <sup>3</sup>O LORD my God, con sid er me and give me your re
- 4. <sup>4</sup>Then would my en e my de clare, "At last I brought him low!" 5. <sup>5</sup>But still I trust your stead - fast love; your sav - ing pow'r I





How long, LORD, will you hide your face and turn your gaze from me? How long will my op - po - nent stand in tri - umph o - ver

I will sleep the • Light up my eyes or sleep of those who And so my foes would sing for joy to see my o - ver - throw. <sup>6</sup>The LORD has rich - ly dealt with me; my songs to him I



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Sermon

Rev. Pete Scribner

Habakkuk 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup> The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

<sup>2</sup> O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

<sup>5</sup> "Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded.

For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told.

<sup>6</sup> For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation,

who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize dwellings not their own.

<sup>7</sup> They are dreaded and fearsome;

their justice and dignity go forth from themselves.

<sup>8</sup> Their horses are swifter than leopards, more fierce than the evening wolves; their horsemen press proudly on.

Their horsemen come from afar:

they fly like an eagle swift to devour.

<sup>9</sup> They all come for violence, all their faces forward.

They gather captives like sand.

<sup>10</sup> At kings they scoff,

and at rulers they laugh.

They laugh at every fortress,

for they pile up earth and take it.

<sup>11</sup> Then they sweep by like the wind and go on, guilty men, whose own might is their god!" God's Response

Habakkuk's Prayer

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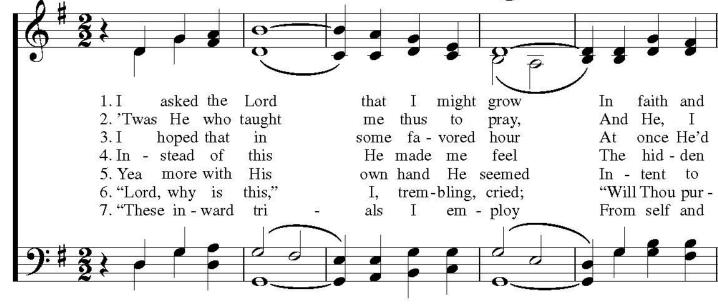
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

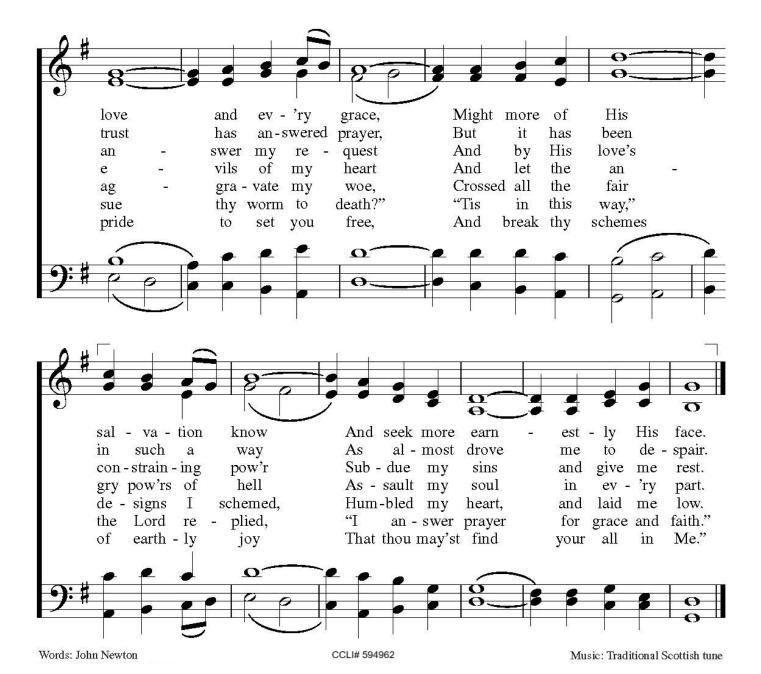
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

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.





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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, 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.

<u>WELCOME</u> to this morning's service of corporate worship!

<u>The Flowers</u> adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Bob and Marion Isaacson in celebration of their 69th wedding anniversary this past Monday, October 6th!

<u>Holiday Food Baskets</u> - The Martha-Mary Circle is once again collecting non-perishable food items to provide for families in need this Thanksgiving and Christmas. Lists of needed items are available in the front vestibule, as are sign-up forms if you know of a family in need (two requests per person). Sign-ups must be received by October 25th.

<u>New Member Class</u> - We are in the process of scheduling a four-week session for prospective new members. If you are interested in joining the church (or just would like to go through the class!) please indicate so as you sign the friendship folder and we'll be in touch.

<u>Prayer Chain</u> - 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.

<u>The Diaconate</u> oversees mercy ministries on behalf of the church, providing such services as funeral dinners and at times with benevolence gifts to those in need. Their treasury has always been separate from the church's general fund, and is currently running low. If in addition to your regular giving you would like to donate to their ministries, you can do so by indicating so on your offering envelope.

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!

#### **Meditation for the Week**

"We are not told—or not in any way that satisfies our puzzled questioning—how and why there is radical evil within God's wonderful, beautiful, and essentially good creation. One day I think we shall find out, but I believe we are incapable of understanding it at the moment, in the same way that a baby in the womb would lack the categories to think about the outside world. What we are promised, however, is that God will make a world in which all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well, a world in which forgiveness is one of the foundation stones and reconciliation is the cement which holds everything together. And we are given this promise not as a matter of whistling in the dark, not as something to believe even though there is no evidence, but in and through Jesus Christ and his death and resurrection, and in and through the Spirit through whom the achievement of Jesus becomes a reality in our world and in our lives. When we understand forgiveness, flowing from the work of Jesus and the Spirit, as the strange and powerful thing it really is, we begin to realize that God's forgiveness of us, and our forgiveness of others, is the knife that cuts the rope by which sin, anger, fear, recrimination and death are still attached to us. Evil will have nothing to say at the last, because the victory of the cross will be fully implemented."

N.T. Wright *Evil and the Justice of God* 

<u>New Pictoral Directory</u> - We are making progress on creating our new pictoral directory, and will need new pictures to include in it. We will be taking pictures after worship today and October 26th. Sign up in the Narthex after worship. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the church office.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast - Our next breakfast will be this Saturday, October 18th at 9am. All boys and men are welcome, and feel free to bring a friend or family member too! If you are planning on attending, please let us know (either by calling the office or signing the sheet on the office desk) so we can be sure to have enough food.

### **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	y 2:00	Tuesdays at Two
Thursda	<b>ay</b> 6:30	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	10:00	Session
Saturda	9:00	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
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As you prepare your heart this week for our next corporate worship gathering, consider our Meditation for the Week (printed inside the bulletin), and be sure to familiarize yourself with Habakkuk 1:12-2:5 (which will be our sermon text).

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# Calvary Presbyterian Church

October 12, 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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