

We Enter into Worship...

PreludeChris Holmberg

Welcome and Announcements

IntroitChoir

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Call to WorshipPsalm 150:1

150C Sing Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

PSALM 150

1. ¹Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD! Praise God with - in his
2. Praise God whose maj - es - ty a - bounds! ³O praise him with the
3. ⁵With sound - ing cym - bals praise the LORD! With clash - ing cym - bals

sa - cred courts! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise, praise him
trum - pet sound! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise God with
praise a - loud! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! ⁶Let all that

in his heav'n - ly height! ²Praise, praise him for his deeds of might!
lute and harp and strings, ⁴with dance and pipe and tam - bou - rine!
breathes now praise the LORD! O praise the LORD for - ev - er - more!

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O praise him! O praise him! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O Savior, forgive us. We are slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb; we are in the foothills when we should be on the heights; we are pained by our graceless hearts, our prayerless days, our poverty of love, our sloth in the heavenly race, our sullied consciences, our wasted hours, our unspent opportunities. We are blind while light shines around us. Take the scales from our eyes, and grind to dust our evil hearts of unbelief. Make it our chief joy to study you; to gaze and meditate upon you; to sit like Mary at your feet; to lean like John upon your breast; to appeal like Peter to your love. Let not faith cease from seeking you until it vanishes into sight. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Adapted from *Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers*

Silent Confession of Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:13-14

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 Chris Holmberg

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.

Musical Offering

Ladies Ensemble

For the Beauty of the Earth

Unison Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53

**¹Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.
³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.**

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Unison Scripture Reading (continued)

**⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.
⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?
⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.
¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.
¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.**

Anthem

Choir

A Future and a Hope

Pastoral Prayer

What a Friend We Have in Jesus 520

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y - la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

Meditation for the Week

But if God knows what things we have need of, before we ask him, where lies the advantage of prayer? If he is ready, of his own free will, to assist us, what purpose does it serve to employ our prayers, which interrupt the spontaneous course of his providence? The very design of prayer furnishes an easy answer. Believers do not pray, with the view of informing God about things unknown to him, or of exciting him to do his duty, or of urging him as though he were reluctant. On the contrary, they pray, in order that they may arouse themselves to seek him, that they may exercise their faith in meditating on his promises, that they may relieve themselves from their anxieties by pouring them into his bosom; in a word, that they may declare that from Him alone they hope and expect, both for themselves and for others, all good things. God himself, on the other hand, has purposed freely, and without being asked, to bestow blessings upon us; but he promises that he will grant them to our prayers. We must, therefore, maintain both of these truths, that He freely anticipates our wishes, and yet that we obtain by prayer what we ask. As to the reason why he sometimes delays long to answer us, and sometimes even does not grant our wishes, an opportunity of considering it will afterwards occur.

John Calvin
Commentary on the Bible, Matthew 6

Featured Element of Worship: Chancel Bible

At Calvary, we very intentionally have a large Bible placed table in the center of our chancel on the communion table, reminding us of the centrality of God’s word, generally in our lives but specifically in our worship. On either side of this Bible, there are lit candles, standing before us as a visible illustration of the words of Psalm 119:130, “The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.” May this open Bible reinforce in our minds the notion that the Scriptures are foundational to all that we our doing. Not only are the elements of our worship prescribed to us in Scripture, but the focus of our worship is Jesus Christ, who is himself the Living Word of God!

A pattern for our response when God seems to be doing it all wrong:

- Consider the proper context.

- If the problem persists, give it to God

- Wait on the LORD

¹²Are you not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One?
We shall not die. O LORD, you have ordained them as a
judgment, and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.

¹³You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at
wrong, why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the
wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?

¹⁴You make mankind like the fish of the sea, like crawling things
that have no ruler.

¹⁵He brings all of them up with a hook; he drags them out with his
net; he gathers them in his dragnet; so he rejoices and is glad.

¹⁶Therefore he sacrifices to his net and makes offerings to his
dragnet; for by them he lives in luxury, and his food is rich.

¹⁷Is he then to keep on emptying his net and mercilessly killing
nations forever?

2¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the
tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will
answer concerning my complaint.

²And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on
tablets, so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the
end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come;
it will not delay.

⁴"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the
righteous shall live by his faith.

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.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 459



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in



righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, my
whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

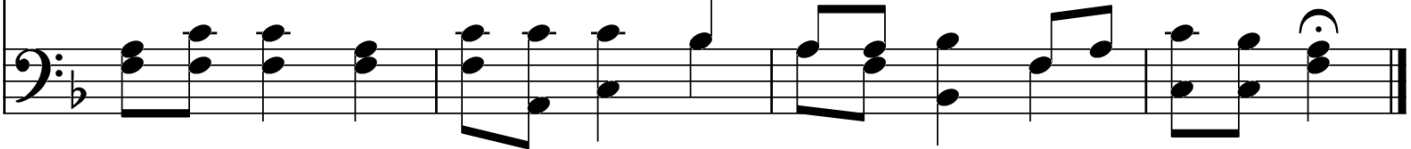


Refrain

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.



Edward Mote, 1834
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William B. Bradbury, 1863

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 Mark & Kim Freeman in celebration of their granddaughter Lilly’s birthday on the 22nd and Kim’s birthday on the 31st!

Holiday Food Baskets - 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.

New Member Class - 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.

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.

The Diaconate 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!

New Pictoral Directory - If you have not gotten your picture taken yet for the Church Directory, please plan on doing so next Sunday!

Office Schedule - Please note that the hours the office will be open next week will be a little out of the ordinary. If you need entrance to the church on either Monday morning or Thursday morning, please make arrangements beforehand.

<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 opens at noon
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
Thursday		Office opens at noon
	6:30	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		Office Closed
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School

Next week we will be taking a one-week break from Habakkuk. As you prepare your heart this week for our next corporate worship gathering, consider our Meditation for the Week (printed on the insert inside the bulletin), and be sure to familiarize yourself with Luke 16:19-31 (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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