

We Enter into Worship...

PreludeChris Holmberg

Welcome and Announcements

IntroitChoir

We Have Gathered

Call to WorshipPsalm 19:1

For the Beauty of the Earth249



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5. For thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our race so free - ly giv'n,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,  
• for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n.

Refrain  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, our atoning sacrifice and the light of the world. Amen.

Adapted from *The Book of Common Worship*

Silent Confession of Sins

Assurance of ForgivenessEphesians 1:7-9

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 DedicationElder 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.

Unison Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 11:21b-30

<sup>21b</sup> But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. <sup>22</sup> Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. <sup>23</sup> Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. <sup>24</sup> Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; <sup>26</sup> on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; <sup>27</sup> in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. <sup>28</sup> And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. <sup>29</sup> Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? <sup>30</sup> If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

Anthem

Christ Be in My Waking

Choir

Pastoral Prayer

9B

PSALM 9:1–2, 9–14

Wholehearted Thanksgiving

1. Whole - heart - ed thanks - giv - ing to thee will I bring,  
2. Thou, Lord, art a ref - uge for all the op - pressed;  
3. Give praise to Je - ho - vah, the might - y deeds tell  
4. Be - hold my af - flic - tion, thy mer - cy ac - cord,

in praise of thy mar - vel - ous deeds I will sing;  
all trust thee who know thee, and trust - ing are blest;  
of him who has chos - en in Zi - on to dwell,  
and back from death's por - tals re - store me, O Lord,

in thee I will joy and ex - ult - ing - ly cry,  
for nev - er, O Lord, did thy mer - cy for - sake  
of him to whom jus - tice and ven - geance be - long,  
that I in the gates of thy Zi - on may raise

thy name I will praise, O Je - ho - vah Most High.  
the soul that has sought of thy grace to par - take.  
who vis - its the low - ly and o - ver - throws wrong.  
my song of sal - va - tion and show forth thy praise.

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 Je - ho - vah, de - clare ye his fame,

and give him all hon - or, for just is his name.

*We Hear the Word of God Preached...*

Sermon

Rev. Pete Scribner

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1.Rejoice always

2.Pray without ceasing

3.Give thanks in all circumstances

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

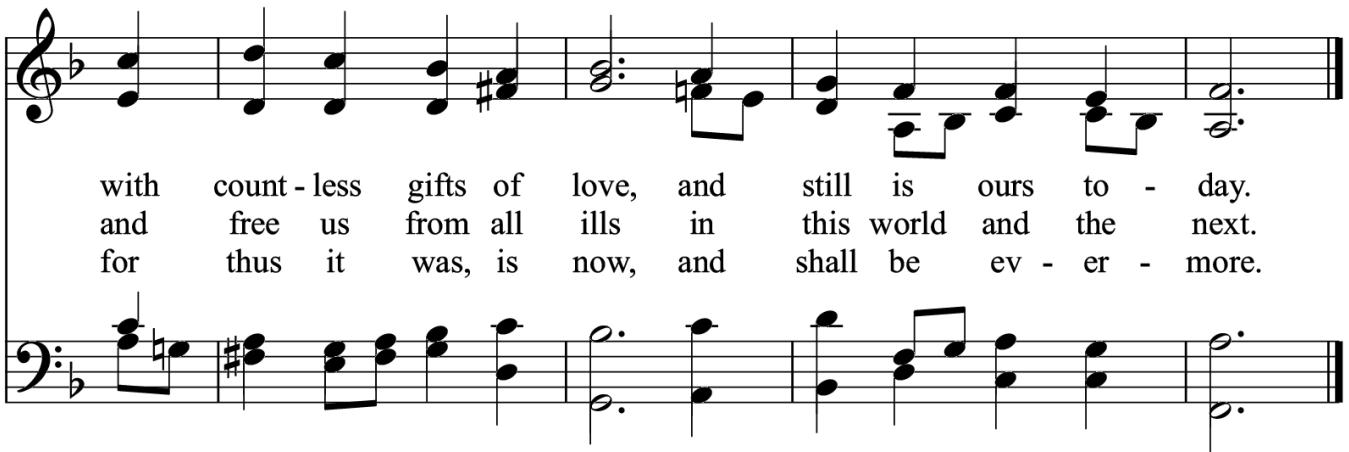
Statement of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Martin Rinkart, 1636  
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; mod.

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Johann Crüger, 1647

**Featured Element of Worship: *Now Thank We All Our God***

This hymn arose out of war-torn Germany just after the Reformation. With the exception of “A Mighty Fortress is Our God,” this is the most widely sung hymn in that country. Like many other great hymns, it was forged in the crucible of the Thirty Years’ War. Martin Rinkart was the only pastor in the walled city of Eilenberg. Many refugees fled there, hoping the walls would protect them, only to see the city overrun by Swedes, then by Austrians, and then by Swedes again. In the crowded conditions, hunger and plagues were chronic problems. In 1637 Rinkart conducted funerals for five thousand residents—including his wife. Yet thanksgiving erupts in this stately song. The tune, by Johann Crüger, was introduced with the text in 1644 while the war still raged. It has a majesty and a resolve that few other works can match. We can know God is with us “in this world and the next.”

(William & Ardythe Petersen, *The Complete Book of Hymns*, 659)

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

**Now Thank We All Our God** 181



1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,  
2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en—

who from our moth - ers’ arms has blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav’n a - dore;

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WELCOME to this morning's service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Joe & Esma Walker in honor of their daughter Jennifer's birthday and her anniversary with her husband, Jim, as well as the anniversary of their son John and his wife Heather.

Holiday Food Baskets - The Martha Mary Circle is once again collecting non-perishable food items to provide for families in need this 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).

Whaley's Children's Home - The Martha Mary Circle is also collecting \$5 gift cards from Walmart to donate to the Whaley Children's Home. You can either donate cards or give money to Martha Mary Circle and they will get the cards. See Wanda Knight with questions.

Women's Christmas Luncheon - Get your ticket today to attend the annual Women's Christmas Luncheon in Frankenmuth. Tickets will be available after worship each Sunday throughout the month of November.

Christmas Decorations - After worship today, the Diaconate will lead us in decorating the Sanctuary and Narthex so that they we're all ready for the start of Advent next Sunday. Please plan to lend a helping hand as many hands make for light work!

Martha Mary Circle is having their annual holiday potluck Thursday December 11th and all women are invited. The meeting begins at 10am with lunch at 11:00.

Poinsettias will once again be sold by the Diaconate for \$12 apiece this year. Sign up today after worship, and take yours home after our Christmas Eve service.

The Flint Concert Band will have their annual free Christmas concert at Calvary December 5th at 7pm. Invite a friend and stay after for free refreshments and fellowship! Please sign up in front of the office if you are able to help provide cookies.

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**

On October 3, 1789, President George Washington issued America's first official presidential proclamation, proclaiming a National Day of Thanksgiving. In it he wrote:

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enable to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

This Thanksgiving, may we honor the original intent of the holiday, honoring the God who is the source of all good gifts (James 1:17) by uniting in thanksgiving for his graciousness toward us. Beyond this, may we seek his further graciousness through the confession of our sin, both personal and national, and a commitment to do justly, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8).



### This Week at Calvary

<b>Today</b>	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts, fellowship, and Christmas decorations.
	11:30	Sunday School
<b>Tuesday</b>	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30	Rachel Sewing Circle (note: day change due to Thanksgiving)
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Friday</b>		<b>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

Before this Thursday's Thanksgiving holiday, consider our Meditation for the Week (printed inside the bulletin). And in preparation for next Sunday's service of corporate worship, read Matthew 1:1-17 and Genesis 38.

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# 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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