

## Liturgy for Corporate Worship

The Lord's Day

February 9, 2025

Prelude

Chris Holmberg

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Choir

Glory to God

Call to Worship

Titus 3:3-7

Opening Hymn

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Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

**Our Father, If your mercy had bounds, where would be our refuge from just wrath? But your love in Christ is without measure. Thus, we present ourselves to you with sins of commission and omission; against you, our Father, against you, merciful Redeemer, against you and your strivings, O Holy Spirit, against the dictates of our consciences, against the precepts of your Word, against our neighbors and ourselves. Enter not into judgment with us, for we plead no righteousness of our own, and have no self-made cloak for our iniquities. Pardon our days dark with evil, and help us renew our penitence. Every morning we vow to love you more fervently, to serve you more sincerely, to be more devoted in our lives, to be wholly yours; yet we soon stumble, backslide, and have to confess our weakness, misery, and sin. But we bless you that the finished work of Jesus needs no addition from our doings, and that his sacrifice is sufficient satisfaction for our sins. If future days be ours, help us to amend our lives, to hate and abhor evil, and to flee the sins we confess. We ask this in the name and for the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:13-14

The Doxology

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**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 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.**

Anthem

Choir

Purify My Heart/Refiner's Fire

Unison Scripture Reading

Psalms 2

Sermon Hymn

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Amazing Grace

Sermon

Elder Chris Holmberg

Acts 9:1-9

*The Bounty Hunter, the Bright Light, and the Blindness*

Closing Hymn

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And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Benediction

1 Peter 2:9-10

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

\* - *The Celebration Hymnal*

### Featured Element of Worship: Elder in Worship

In the Presbyterian Church, pastors are ordained to the office of Teaching Elder, while other members of Session (the Board of Elders) are ordained as Ruling Elders. The fact that a Ruling Elder assists in worship each week is not merely a matter of making the pastor's job on Sunday morning a little bit easier. They assist in leading worship because the primary function of the office of both Teaching and Ruling Elders is to shepherd the flock of God (1 Peter 5:2). In assisting with leadership on Sunday morning, we make a statement that their role is not so much one of "managing the church's business," as it is shepherding the church's souls. And sometimes (like today!) our Ruling Elders even preach. Please keep Calvary's Session in your prayers as they undertake their weighty responsibilities!

# 486 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Come and take the free gift of the water of life. Revelation 22:17

1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, Weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;  
2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;  
3. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;  
4. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;  
Refrain: I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em - brace me in His arms;

D.C. for Refrain 7

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pit - y, love and pow'r.  
True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.  
All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth Is to feel your need of Him.  
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er come at all.  
In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O, there are ten thou - sand charms.

TEXT: Joseph Hart; Refrain, source unknown

MUSIC: Traditional American melody; Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
CCLI# 594962

ARISE

8.7.8.7. with Refrain

## Unison Scripture Reading...Psalm 2

- 1 Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,  
3 "Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us."  
4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.  
5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,  
6 "As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill."  
7 I will tell of the decree:  
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.  
8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.  
9 You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."  
10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.  
11 Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.  
12 Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Anthem

### Purify My Heart/Refiner's (Refiner's Fire)

Purify my heart,  
let me be as gold and precious silver  
Purify my heart,  
let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire; my heart's one desire  
is to be holy,  
set apart for you  
I choose to be holy,  
set apart for you, my Master,  
ready to do your will.

Take my life, Lord, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee, to thee.  
Purify my heart,  
cleans me from within and make me holy  
Purify my heart,  
cleans me from my sin deep within.

Refiner's fire; my heart's one desire  
is to be holy,  
set apart for you, Lord.  
I choose to be holy,  
set apart for you, my Master,  
ready to do your will.



1. A - maz - ing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;  
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;  
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;



I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.



5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
 and mortal life shall cease,  
 I shall possess within the veil  
 a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
 bright shining as the sun,  
 we've no less days to sing God's praise  
 than when we've first begun.

St. 1-5, John Newton, 1779  
 St. 6, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

AMAZING GRACE C.M.  
 Traditional American melody  
 Adapted and harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

**Sermon Text...Acts 9:1-9**

**9** But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. <sup>4</sup>And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup>And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

♦ The Bounty Hunter (vv. 1-2)

♦ The Bright Light (vv. 3-6)

♦ The Blindness (vv. 7-9)

## 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,

WELCOME to this morning's service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship this morning have been provided by Dick and Pat Abel in celebration of their granddaughter Claire's 16th birthday.

Prayer Chain: If you have prayer requests or would like to be involved with praying for your church family, please do not hesitate to reach out to Rev. Scribner at 618-795-4319.

Wednesday Night: Join us Wednesday for a Fellowship Dinner at 6pm, followed by a time of prayer and worship. There is a signup sheet in front of the office so that we can be sure to have enough food. But we'll be sure to have a little extra, so even if you don't sign up, we'd love to see you there!

### The Martha Mary Circle

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the church and the surrounding community? All women of the church are invited to the Martha Mary Circle meetings held the second Wednesday of each month during the school year. Start time is 10:00 in the office conference room. Lunch is enjoyed after the meeting concludes; please bring a sandwich. Coffee and dessert are furnished. Potlucks are held in December and June.

Many projects provide needed services and donations for the church and the greater community. They include:

Congregational luncheons \* Holiday Baskets for those in need \* The Mitten Tree \* Monetary donations to the Eastside Mission, Eastern Michigan Food Bank & Carriage Town Mission \* Christmas toy collections for Voices for the Children \* Various other projects as needs arise

New members are always welcome!

For more information, please call Wanda Knight (573-270-1798).

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

Idolatry is not just a failure to obey God, it is a setting of the whole heart on something besides God. This cannot be remedied only by repenting that you have an idol, or using willpower to try to live differently. Turning from idols is not less than those two things, but it is also far more. "Setting the mind and heart on things above" where "your life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:1-3) means appreciating, rejoicing, and resting in what Jesus has done for you. It entails joyful worship, a sense of God's reality in prayer. Jesus must become more beautiful to your imagination, more attractive to your heart, than your idol. That is what will replace your counterfeit Gods. If you uproot the idol and fail to "plant" the love of Christ in its place, the idol will grow back.

Rejoicing and repentance must go together. Repentance without rejoicing will lead to despair. Rejoicing without repentance is shallow and will only provide passing inspiration instead of deep change. Indeed, it is when we rejoice over Jesus's sacrificial love for us most fully that, paradoxically, we are most truly convicted of our sin. When we repent out of fear of consequences, we are not really sorry for the sin, but for ourselves. Fear-based repentance ("I'd better change or God will get me") is really self-pity. In fear-based repentance, we don't learn to hate the sin for itself, and it doesn't lose its attractive power. We learn only to refrain from it for our own sake. But when we rejoice over God's sacrificial, suffering love for us -- seeing what it cost Him to save us from sin -- we learn to hate the sin for what it is. We see what the sin cost God. What most assures us of God's unconditional love (Jesus's costly death) is what most convicts us of the evil of sin. Fear-based repentance makes us hate ourselves. Joy-based repentance makes us hate the sin.

Tim Keller (1950-2023)

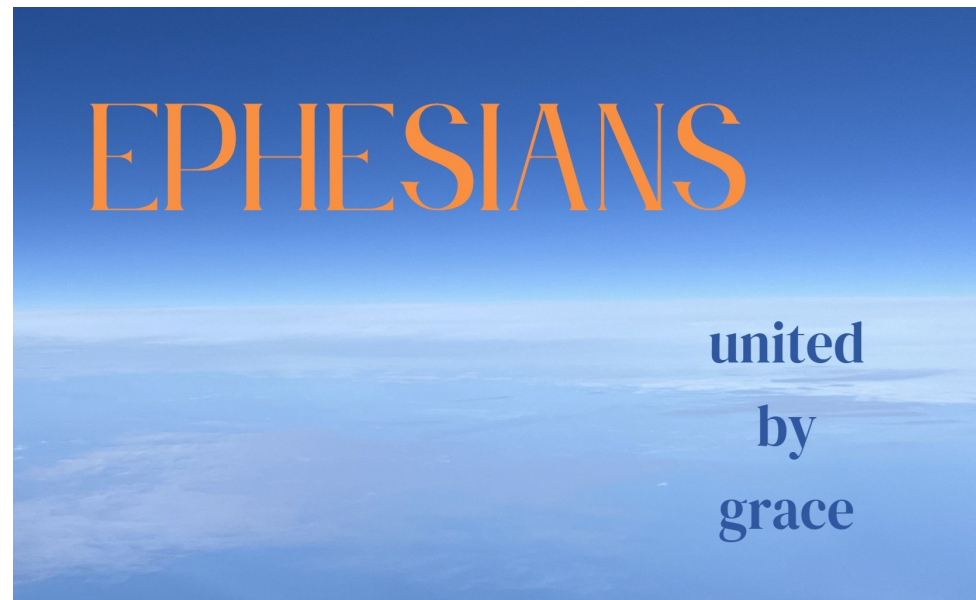
*Counterfeit Gods: The Empty Promises of Money, Sex, and Power, and the Only Hope That Matters*  
New York: Dutton, 2009; pp. 171-172



## This Week at Calvary

<b>Today</b>	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts and fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School
<b>Tuesday</b>	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00	Fellowship Dinner
	7:00	Prayer Service
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00	Martha-Mary Circle
	6:30	Choir Rehearsal
<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

Next week we will return to our sermon series through Ephesians, looking at the first ten verses of chapter two. In addition to our Meditation for the Week (which you can find on the previous page), spend some time in this text throughout the week as you prepare your heart for corporate worship.



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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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