

Liturgy for Corporate Worship	
The Lord’s Day	March 16, 2025
Prelude	Chris Holmberg
Welcome and Announcements	
Introit	Choir
Oh the Glory of Your Presence	
Call to Worship	Isaiah 6:1-3
Opening Hymn	230
Holy, Holy, Holy	
Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession	
<b>Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, and have violated your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore the penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, for his sake, that we may hereafter live godly, righteous, and sober lives, to the glory of his holy name. Amen.</b>	
Assurance of Forgiveness	1 John 1:8-9
The Gloria Patri	572
<b>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.</b>	
Prayer of Dedication	Elder Bob Daily
The Lord’s Prayer	
<b>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.</b>	
Unison Scripture Reading	Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Anthem	Choir
Walking in Sunlight	
Pastoral Prayer	

Sermon Hymn	Blest Be the Tie That Binds	409
Sermon	Ephesians 4:1-16	Rev. Pete Scribner
Closing Hymn	May the Mind of Christ, My Savior	488
Benediction		
Parting Hymn		
<b>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.</b>		
Postlude		
<b>Featured Element of Worship: Liturgical Pattern</b>		
Have you ever wondered why Calvary’s worship service follows the liturgical pattern it does? It is not random, and it’s not just a matter of “That’s the way we’ve always done it.” The very intentional pattern is as follows:		
· First we have Announcements. Having taken care of this “business of the church,” we begin with an Introit that settles us and prepares our hearts to worship with one another, followed by a Scriptural Call to Worship, which ushers us into the very presence of God Almighty.		
· Our Opening Hymn then is generally one that proclaims the glory and goodness and holiness of God.		
· In light of his holiness in particular, at least one thing should be evidently apparent to us: We are not holy as God is holy, as he has called us to be. This should drive us to repentance, and that is why our next element is our Confession of Sin, both corporately and individually.		
· Having confessed our sin, what we desperately need is a reminder that though we are sinful, our sin need not define us. In Christ Jesus, forgiveness is ours, so the pastor offers this Assurance of Forgiveness from Scripture.		
· In light of this forgiveness, we respond with either the Doxology or the Gloria Patri, songs of praise and thanksgiving that have been part of the worship of the people of God for many centuries.		
· The remaining elements lead up to the Sermon, where we open God’s Word, and listen to God’s voice, so that we might be shaped by the gospel.		
· We respond to the sermon with another hymn, worshiping the God from whom we’ve just heard, followed by a Benediction (a Scriptural blessing from God). As we leave, we do so with a Parting Hymn that reminds us that though we are leaving, we do so as members of one Body, with a Spirit that joins us together until we return for corporate worship once more.		

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Unison Scripture Reading...Deteronomy 6:4-9

<sup>4</sup>“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

*Anthem*

**Walking in Sunlight**

Walking in sunlight all of my journey;  
Over the mountains, thro’ the deep vale;  
Jesus has said, “I’ll never forsake thee.”  
Promise divine that never can fail.

Chorus: Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight,  
Flooding my soul with glory divine:  
Hallelujah, I am rejoicing,  
Singing His praises, Jesus is mine.

In the bright sunlight, ever rejoicing,  
Pressing my way to mansions above;  
Singing His praises gladly I’m walking,  
Walking in sunlight, sunlight of love.

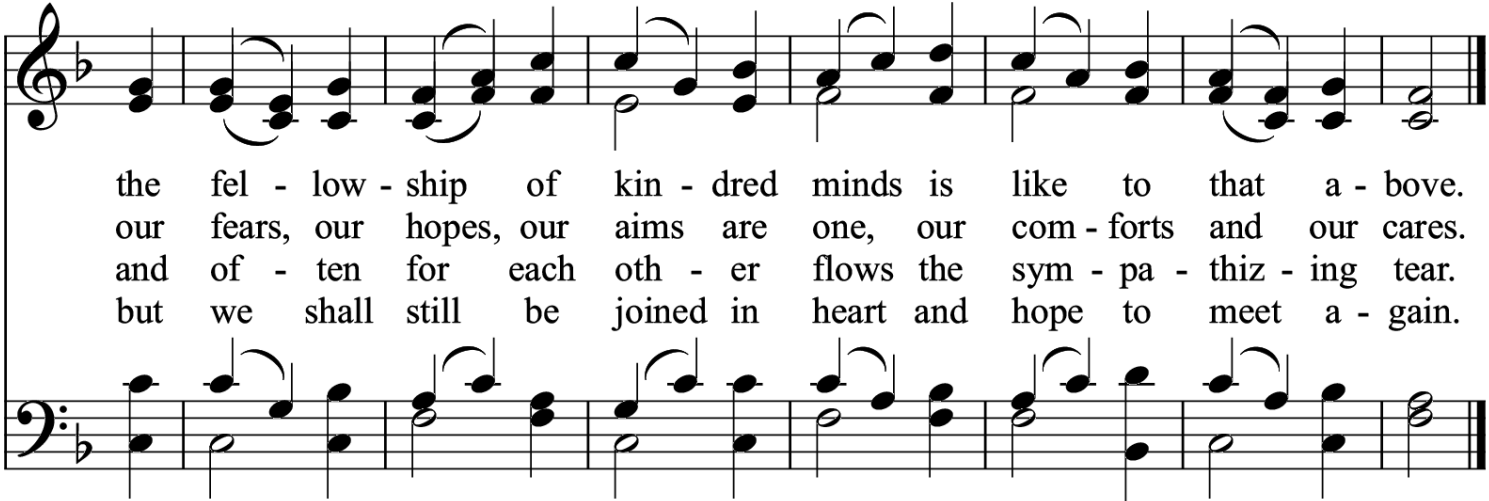
(repeat chorus 2x)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3. We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4. When we are called to part, it gives us in - ward pain;



the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
but we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet a - gain.

5. This glorious hope revives  
our courage by the way,  
while each in expectation lives  
and waits to see that day.

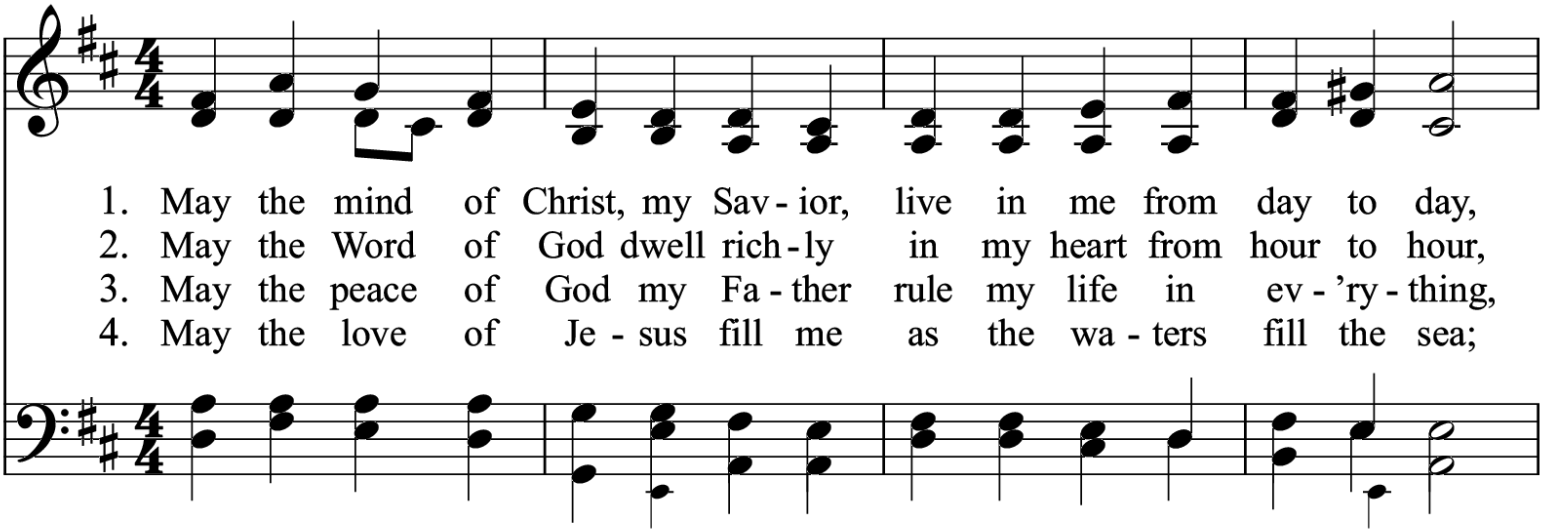
6. From sorrow, toil, and pain  
and sin, we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.

John Fawcett, 1782  
CCLI# 594962

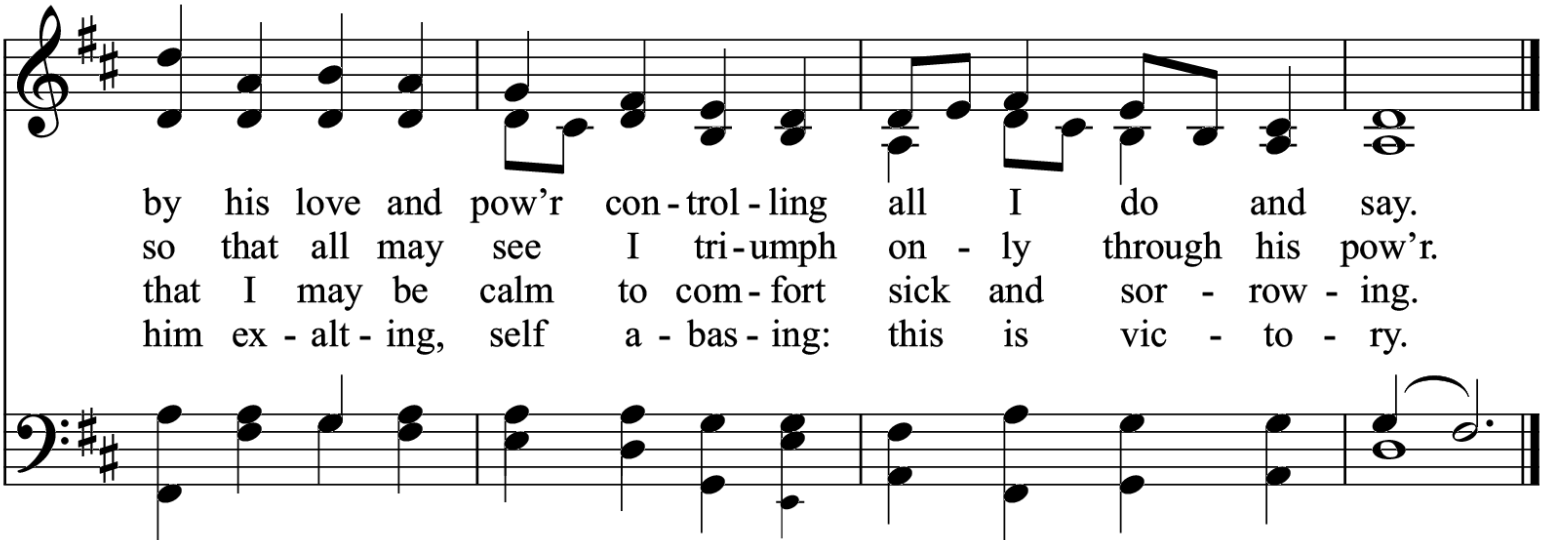
DENNIS S.M.  
Hans G. Nägeli, 1773–1836  
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

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1. May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior, live in me from day to day,  
2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,  
3. May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in ev - 'ry - thing,  
4. May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;



by his love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.  
so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his pow'r.  
that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.  
him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing: this is vic - to - ry.

5. May I run the race before me,  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus  
as I onward go.

6. May his beauty rest upon me  
as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel,  
seeing only him.

Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925  
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A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925; alt. 1990

## Sermon Text...Ephesians 4:1-16

## Sermon Notes

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”

<sup>9</sup> (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

**Meditation for the Week**

Meanwhile, the cross comes before the crown and tomorrow is a Monday morning. A cleft has opened in the pitiless walls of the world, and we are invited to follow our great Captain inside. The following Him is, of course, the essential point. That being so, it may be asked what practical use there is in the speculations which I have been indulging. I can think of at least one such use. It may be possible for each to think too much of his own potential glory hereafter; it is hardly possible for him to think too often or too deeply about that of his neighbor. The load, or weight, or burden of my neighbor’s glory should be laid daily on my back, a load so heavy that only humility can carry it, and the backs of the proud will be broken. It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or other of these destinations. It is in the light of these overwhelming possibilities, it is with the awe and circumspection proper to them, that we should conduct all our dealings with one another, all friendships, all loves, all play, all politics. There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilization—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play. But our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously—no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption. And our charity must be real and costly love, with deep feeling for the sins in spite of which we love the sinner—no mere tolerance or indulgence which parodies love as flippancy parodies merriment. Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses.

C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*  
(reprint, HarperOne, 2001), pp. 45-46

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship this morning have been provided by Jim & Chris Campbell to the glory of God, and by Mark & Kim Freeman in celebration of their grandson Tristan’s first birthday, which was March 11th.

**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
	11:30	Sunday School
<b>Tuesday</b>	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00	Diaconate
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	10:00	Session
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**Church Staff**

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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!

Easter Boxes: The Martha-Mary Circle is once again leading a food drive for Easter. Please drop off food items in the vestibule at the church's front entrance. There are lists there of the items that are most needed. Money donated will be used to purchase meat, fresh fruit, potatoes, and other items on sale the week boxes are made.

If you know someone in need this Easter, sign-up for them to receive a box of food. You will find sign-up forms on the desk in the church office. Be sure to have them filled out and returned no later than April 4th. Contact Wanda Knight with any questions.



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