

Liturgy for Corporate Worship	
The Lord’s Day	March 30, 2025
Prelude	Chris Holmberg
Welcome and Announcements	
Introit	Choir
We Have Gathered	
Call to Worship	Psalm 29:2
Opening Hymn	415
We Gather Together	
Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession	
Most mighty God, from the beginning you have declared yourself a consuming fire against the violators of your most holy precepts, and yet to the penitent you have shown yourself a favorable Father and a God full of mercy. We, the workmanship of your hands, confess ourselves most unworthy to open our eyes unto the heavens: our consciences accuse us, and our many iniquities bear witness against us. Our grievous offenses have deserved not only temporal punishment, but also rejection from your presence and perpetual condemnation. For the sake of your Son, who bore our sins on Calvary’s cross, and gives us his righteousness, we humbly seek that you would grant us forgiveness. Help us to live holy lives that the glory might be only yours. This we ask in the name of our risen Lord. Amen.	
Assurance of Forgiveness	Romans 5:20-21
The Doxology	567
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	
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	Romans 12:1-8
Anthem	Choir
Search Me, O God	
Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon Hymn	525
Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us	
Sermon	Rev. Pete Scribner
Ephesians 4:17-31	
Apostles’ Creed	851
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.	
Closing Hymn	523
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	
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	
Our Corporate Prayer of Confession was adapted from a prayer by John Knox.	
<u>The Lord’s Supper</u> will be celebrated in worship next Lord’s Day. We encourage you to take time during the week to prepare your heart to partake of this sacrament, which recognizes the union we share with Christ our Savior and the unity we subsequently share with one another.	

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion en - dure through tri - bu - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Netherlands folk hymn
Tr. Theodore Baker, 1917
Alt. 1990

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Adrianus Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626
Harm. Edward Kremser, 1877

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Unison Scripture Reading...Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Anthem

Search Me, O God

Search Me, O God and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any evil in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

Where shall I go from your spirit? And where shall I go from your presence?
If I ascend up to heav'n, you are there. If I make the grave my bed, you are there.
If I rise on wings of the morning, and dwell in lands across the sea, across the sea,
Even there will your hand uphold me; and there will your right hand sustain me.
Even there will your right hand sustain me.

Search Me, O God and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any evil in me, and lead me in the way everlasting, everlasting.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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1. Sa - vior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten-der care;
 2. We are thine; do thou be - friend us, be the guar-dian of our way;
 3. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful tho' we be;
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare.
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos - oms fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, let us ear - ly turn to thee;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me
 jour - ney through; strong De - liv' - rer, strong De - liv' - rer, be thou
 Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will

'til I want no more, (*want no more*) feed me 'til I want no more.
 still my strength and shield, (*strength and shield*) be thou still my strength and shield.
 ev - er give to thee, (*give to thee*) I will ev - er give to thee.

Sermon Text...Ephesians 4:17-31

Sermon Notes

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!—²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Featured Element of Worship: The Apostles’ Creed

The Apostles’ Creed dates back to the early centuries of the church, when it often served as a statement of faith for those being baptized. In the words of Zacharius Ursinus, it “signifies a brief and summary form of the Christian faith, which distinguishes the church and her members from the various sects.” In other words, if you are to set out those things that differentiate Christianity from all other religions, including monotheistic ones (for example, Judaism and Islam), the Apostles’ Creed would provide an excellent summary of those doctrines unique to Christianity. The creed sets forth the doctrine of the Trinity. It sets forth the basic economy of redemption—the Father is the creator of all things, Jesus is the only Savior, and the Holy Spirit is the one who gives us faith and then unites us to Christ. The creed also affirms the basic historical facts of the gospel—our Lord’s virgin birth, His suffering, death, and bodily resurrection. Furthermore, the creed affirms Jesus’ descent into hell (which Reformed believers traditionally understand to refer to Jesus’ suffering the wrath of God upon the cross), His bodily resurrection, and His ascent into heaven where Jesus now rules over all until He returns at the end of the age to judge the world and raise the dead.

Next, the creed affirms the person and work of the Holy Spirit, the existence of a “holy” (those whose only hope of heaven is in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ) and “catholic” church, a reference to the universal church (the body of Christ) that will exist from the time it was founded until Jesus returns. The creed affirms the communion of saints (the fellowship of justified sinners with the risen Christ), the forgiveness of sins (Christ’s work in fulfilling all righteousness and dying for the sins of His people), the resurrection of the body at the end of the age (as Jesus was raised bodily on the third day, so will we when He returns) and life everlasting (new heavens and earth).

(Based on a post by Rev. Kim Riddlebarger)

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!

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship this morning have been provided by Barb Milloy in celebration of the birthdays of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and by Joe & Esma Walker in celebration of birthdays for their son Jason (March 25th), their daughter-in-law Heather and granddaughter Natalie (both March 21st), and Esma (April 1st)!

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
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
Thursday	6:30	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	9:00	Men’s Breakfast
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service with Communion followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School

Upcoming Events:

- April 9th - Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner/Worship
- April 18th - Good Friday Tennebrae Service
- April 20th - Easter Breakfast & Woship

Church Staff

Pastor	Pete Scribner
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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 who is in need this Easter, sign up for them to receive a box of food. You will find 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.



Calvary Presbyterian Church

March 30, 2025



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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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Easter Lilies - Sign up today in the Narthex to purchase your Easter Lilies. They will adorn the sanctuary on Easter and can be taken home afterwards.