

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Introit

Chris Holmberg

Choir

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:6

214 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2. What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy he is
 3. We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4. Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God the praise and

a - tion, the God of pow'r, the God of love, the God of our
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his eye is nev -
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with peace
 glo - ry. Let all who know his pow'r pro - claim a - loud the won -

sal - va - tion. My soul with com - fort rich he fills, and
 er sleep - ing. And where he rules in king - ly might, there
 to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who
 drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne; the

ev - 'ry grief he gen - tly stills: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 is by one and all a - dored: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 Lord is God and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry!

Johann J. Schütz, 1675
Tr. Frances E. Cox, 1864; alt.
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Bohemian Brethren *Kirchengesänge*, 1566
Harm. Heinrich Reimann, 1895

Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

Most holy and righteous God, we confess that our decisions are smoke and vapor. We do not glorify you or behave according to your will. Forgive us. Save us from ourselves: from the treachery of our perverse nature, from denying your charge against our offenses, from a life of continual rebellion against you, from wrong principles, views, and ends; for we know that all our thoughts, affections, desires and pursuits are alienated from you. We have acted as if we hated you, though you are love itself. Our thoughts, words and deeds are evil in your sight. Drive us not from your presence, but wound our hearts that they may be healed; break them that you might make them whole, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

(adapted from *Valley of Vision*)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:11-13

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 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.

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Unison Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastoral Prayer

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By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35

Unison

1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2. We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3. We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

Sermon

Rev. Mike Baynai

Matthew 5:13

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

Sermon Notes

“You Are the Salt of the Earth”

- Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)
- A home in Capernaum (Mark 9:33)
- On the road to Jerusalem (Luke 14:25)

Matthew 5:13

- o Salt seasons = blesses
- o Salt enhances flavor = make things (relationships) better
- o Salt creates thirst
 - ♦ Salt can be polluted and of no use

Mark 9:50

- o Extreme measures are called for to combat spiritual decay
- o Salt preserves food (especially in the ancient world)
- o Preserving the Gospel truth and the Christian life are essential
 - ♦ Without pure salt contamination follows

Luke 14:34

- o “Hate” a metaphor to teach about priority
 - ♦ Jesus is most valued above all
- o Salt was valuable = wages/payments (salarium = salt money)
- o “Salt is good” - disinfectant, cleaners, fertilizer
 - ♦ Corrupted salt has no value

Application:

- o Seek our Lord first [Matthew 6:33]
- o Ask the Lord Jesus to provide for you and to use you [Matthew 7:7]
- o Look for divine opportunity [John 4:35]
- o Thank God for everything, all the time [Ephesians 5:20]

Statement of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them
of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with
I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry

flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Take My Life, and Let It Be

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1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse
3. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

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Frances R. Havergal, 1874
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Henri A. César-Malan, 1827

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

Meditation for the Week

These words are addressed to the same audience as the beatitudes (“You are the salt of the earth”) — to those who are summoned to follow the crucified in the life of grace. Up to now we must have had the impression that the blessed ones were too good for this world, and only fit to live in heaven. But now, Jesus calls them the salt of the earth — salt, the most indispensable necessity of life. The disciples, that is to say, are the highest good, the supreme value which the earth possesses, for without them it cannot live. They are the salt that upholds the earth, for their sake the world exists, yes, for the sake of these, the poor, ignoble and weak, whom the world rejects.

The “divine salt,” as Homer called it, maintains itself by fulfilling its proper function. It penetrates the whole earth, and by it the earth subsists. The disciples, then, must not only think of heaven; they have an earthly task as well. Now that they are bound exclusively to Jesus, they are told to look at the earth whose salt they are.

But only as long as it remains salt and retains its cleansing and purifying properties can the salt preserve the earth. For its own sake, as well as for the sake of the earth, the salt must remain salt, the disciple community must be faithful to the mission which the call of Christ has given it.

The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Chapter 7; The Visible Community: Pgs. 129-130

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Sharon Atchison in celebration of the following who have April birthdays: half-sister, Cathy; great-grandson, Gerry III; twin nieces, Riley & Ryin; granddaughter, Amber; daughter-in-law, Jane; tenant & friend, Tony; first responder friend, John P.; mentor & friend, Pat M; and in memory of great Greek friend & sister, Suzie B.

The Martha Mary Circle expresses their thanks to everyone who was a part of our fellowship lunch last Sunday. It was wonderful to spend the time together gathered around the lunch tables after worship!

Free Concert - Invite your friends and family to join us Friday (May 1st) at 7pm for the Flint Concert Band’s annual Spring Concert. It’s a wonderful night of music followed by refreshments and fellowship. There is no charge for the event, but donations to the Flint Concert Band are accepted.

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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!

Preaching for us this morning is Rev. Mike Baynai. Mike is a second career pastor, having spent twenty years in the trucking industry before attending and graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary. Mike has served three churches; Sumter, South Carolina, Wilmington, North Carolina and Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he retired almost two years ago. Mike was ordained in the PCUSA and later ECO (The Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians).

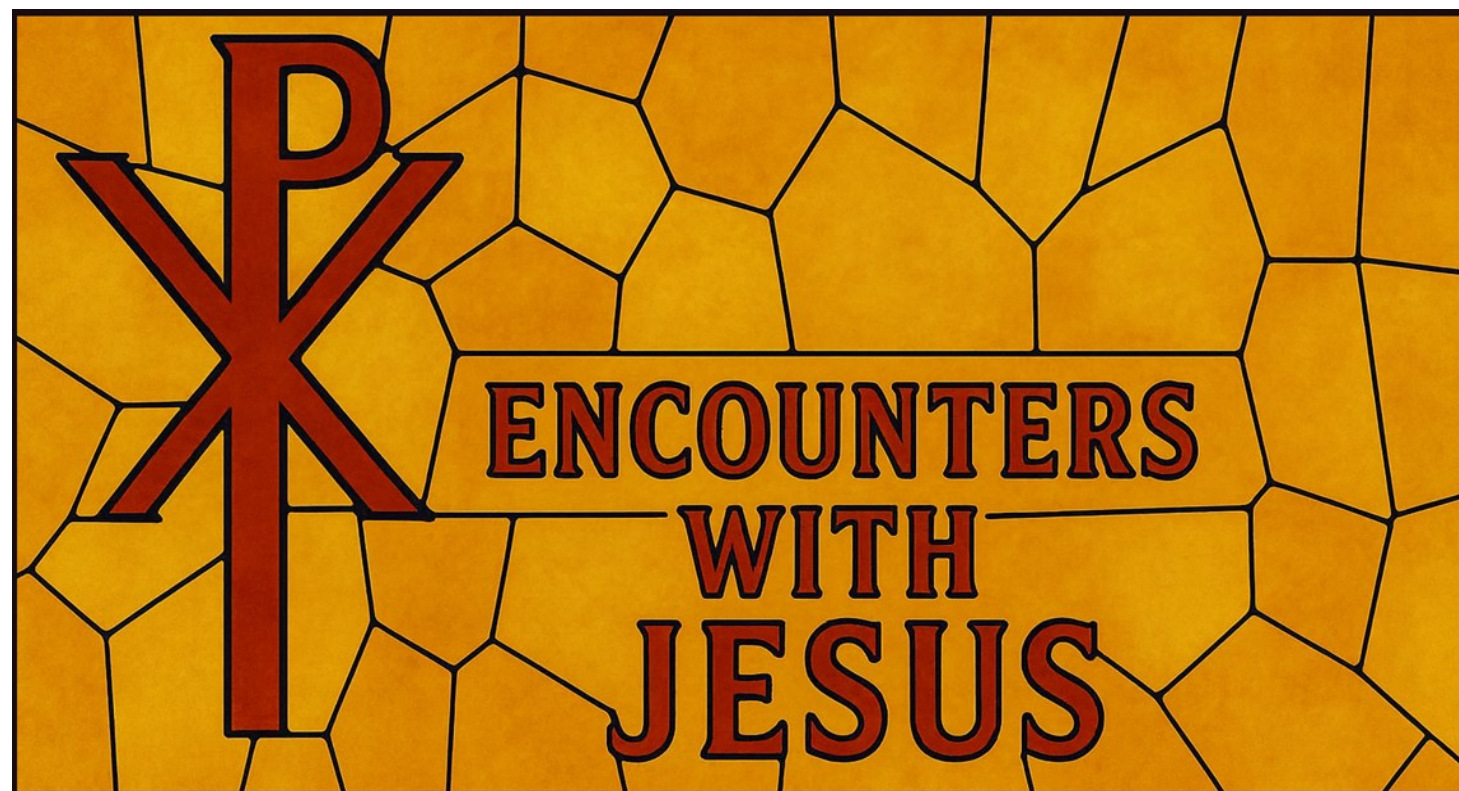
Mike and his wife Donna have two children and four grandchildren. They have a love for service as Donna, an RN for more than forty years, along with Mike volunteer regularly with Samaritan’s Purse, among other ministries. Mike has a strong affection for his Scottish roots and can play the bagpipes.

Mike and Donna joined Calvary over a year ago, and we have been blessed to have them serving and fellowshiping with us as part of our church family as we all grow together in our love and devotion to the Lord Jesus.

This Week at Calvary

Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts and fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
Thursday	6:30	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	7:00	Flint Concert Band Followed by refreshments and fellowship
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts and fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School

Throughout the week, as you ready your hearts for next Sunday's service of corporate worship, consider our Meditation for the Week (printed inside the bulletin), and familiarize yourself with John 21:1-14, which will be next Sunday's sermon text.



Calvary Presbyterian Church

April 26, 2026



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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