

Liturgy for Corporate Worship

The Lord's Day **April 27, 2025**

Prelude Chris Holmberg

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Choir

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn 369

Worship Christ the Risen King

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.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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 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.

Unison Scripture Reading Galatians 5:16-26

Anthem Choir

Back to the Church in the Wildwood

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Hymn 446

Be Thou My Vision

Sermon Rev. Scribner

Ephesians 5:15-21

*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 243

How Firm a Foundation

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 in *Valley of Vision*.



Unless otherwise noted, hymns are taken from the *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*, which is found in our pews.




1. Rise, O church, and lift your voice, Christ has conquered death and hell.
 2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:
 3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power;
 4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
 5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;

Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
 "Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares."
 • all hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.
 but the truth proclaims a wonderful thought: faithful hearts receive with cheer.
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 • He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!
 He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!
 Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!



Unison Scripture Reading...Galatians 5:16-26

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Back to the Church in the Wildwood

Take me back to the church
in the wildwood,
Where the folks make me feel
so at home.
How I love going back
to my childhood,
Where we'd sing all the
old, old songs.

It was there where I
first met Jesus.
It was there where I
knew I belonged.
How I love going back to the
old, old church,
Where we'd sing all the
old, old songs.

What a fellowship,
what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness,
what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever flowing
By the throne of God.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

There's a church in the valley
by the wildwood,
No lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear
to my childhood
As the little brown church
in the vale.

Come to the church
in the wildwood,
O come to the church in the dale.
No place is so dear
to my childhood
As the little brown church
in the vale.

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
• dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
• thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
ev - er be - fall, still be my vis - ion, O Rul - er of all.

Sermon Text...Ephesians 5:15-21

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Sermon Notes

We should walk with:

- Godly Wisdom

- Godly Filling

- Godly Motivation

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

When we see that the whole sum of our salvation, and every single part of it, are comprehended in Christ, we must beware of deriving even the minutest portion of it from any other quarter. If we seek salvation, we are taught by the very name of Jesus that he possesses it; if we seek any other gifts of the Spirit, we shall find them in his unction; strength in his government; purity in his conception; indulgence in his nativity, in which he was made like us in all respects, in order that he might learn to sympathise with us: if we seek redemption, we shall find it in his passion; acquittal in his condemnation; remission of the curse in his cross; satisfaction in his sacrifice; purification in his blood; reconciliation in his descent to hell; mortification of the flesh in his sepulchre; newness of life in his resurrection; immortality also in his resurrection; the inheritance of a celestial kingdom in his entrance into heaven; protection, security, and the abundant supply of all blessings, in his kingdom; secure anticipation of judgment in the power of judging committed to him. In fine, since in him all kinds of blessings are treasured up, let us draw a full supply from him, and none from any other quarter."

John Calvin
Institutes of the Christian Religion 2.16.19

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

Featured Element of Worship: Eastertide

Have you ever had a celebration that you wished just wouldn’t end? For the Christian, shouldn’t Easter be such a celebration? After all, there is no greater reason to celebrate than the fact that Jesus has risen from the dead and ever lives to intercede for us as our King!

For this reason, Easter is not just a day in the church calendar, but a season. *Eastertide* is comprised of the seven weeks from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. The paraments on the pulpit, lectern and communion table remain white throughout this season symbolizing the purity that is ours in Christ Jesus and the joy that we share on account of the fact that he lives!

Of course, in its fullest sense, Easter isn’t just a season either—it’s a new way of life. With Christ as the firstfruits of resurrection, we now walk in the sure hope that all who are his will one day share in his resurrection glory. May this truth guide our thoughts throughout Eastertide and beyond!

The Flowers adorning our worship this morning have been provided by Jim & Chris Campbell to the glory of God.

Free Literature - Each week on the free literature table under the announcements screen in the Narthex, you will find past sermons on CD, Bibles, daily devotionals such as Daily Bread and Table Talk (May’s issue just came out!) and other items for you to have or share with others. All these items are free of charge.

Prayer Chain - Please contact Rev. Scribner (618-795-4319) if you have a prayer request or would like to serve the congregation at Calvary by being a part of our prayer chain.

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!

<u>This Week at Calvary</u>		
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
Friday	10:00	Session
	7:00	Flint Concert Band (followed by refreshments)
Saturday	9:00	Men’s Breakfast
	10:00	Work Day
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated in worship next Lord’s Day. The congregation is encouraged to take time during the week to prepare our hearts for this celebration of the union we share with Christ our Savior and the unity we are subsequently to share with one another.

Men’s Breakfast - All men and boys are invited to join us for breakfast Saturday, May 3rd at 9am. Sign up in the Narthex today after corporate worship so we have an estimate of how many will be there.

Work Day - Join the Board of Property Management Saturday, May 3rd at 10am as we work around the building and grounds to help beautify the church property. Everyone is invited! Any questions? See Al Dipzinski.

<u>Church Staff</u>	
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Director of Music	Susan Lechota
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Dear friends and partners,

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to send out a quick update to our partners on how things are going at 5point7 Community Church. I want to start by thanking you for all your prayers, financial support, and volunteering. There would be no 5point7 without your partnership. That is a big deal to me. As you know, my dream and passion has been to build a healthy, biblical, Reformed church within the black inner-city. In addition to that, a church which offers social services and ministries aimed at helping people coming from broken, fatherless homes to find social stability.

I believe that the vision is gradually coming to pass. We have experienced significant growth over the last couple of years. And the growth is coming mostly from people who live in the neighborhood around the church. This year, we baptized 11 people. We have two men I am training to be Ruling Elders, and one man for a Deacon. Our youth ministry is also growing. The after-school program is making a significant impact on the kids we have. God sent a lady and her husband; Karen and Mark Osorio, to be a part of our congregation. Karen is a licensed therapist and has had a background in doing social work. She has been a big help in helping us to deal with a lot of the social problems we encounter from terribly broken people in our environment. The Holy Spirit is at work. You can see it especially in our worship services. There is a great deal of joy and warm fellowship. I believe we have something special, and this is still just the beginning.

However, we do have challenges. With growth there has come more needs and more demands. Although we have doubled in size over the last couple of years, the financial giving from our members has not grown much. Most of our people are low-income people, and some are in outright poverty. As a result, our budget has grown quite a bit in the last two years. Most of the need is around the kids and youth ministry, both Sunday and the after-school program. There is also greater need for our mercy ministry. We know that as a small church there is only so much help we can provide for people, but being able to help people from our community with their social needs has created great opportunities for evangelism and discipleship.

As our church grows and our financial needs grow, I would hate to have to scale back and start cutting needful programs and other helps. So, I'm asking our partners to please pray for us. Please pray that God would continue to sustain us and the good work He has given us. If there are any extra financial gifts you could send us towards

Pray also that God would send us more volunteers to help with our youth. We have a tremendous opportunity to help some of these children and young people to escape the cycle of poverty and destruction that is rampant here in the ghetto. But this work is exhausting, and volunteers get burned out after a while. We need fresh energy to come in sometimes to refresh and encourage our folks who are dealing with this on a weekly basis. Also, please pray for God's protection for us. As we are making progress and reaching more people, we experience more spiritual attacks. The devil does not want 5point7 to succeed. But I am encouraged, I know that God is with us, and we feel the effectiveness of your prayers for us. Thank you so much for your partnership.

Blessings to you in Christ,
Brian Evans



Calvary Presbyterian Church Presents:

The Flint Concert Band

Spring Concert

• Friday, May 2nd •
7PM

*Refreshments following
the concert*



Free Concert - Invite your friends and family to Calvary on Friday, May 2nd at 7pm for an evening of music presented by our friends with the Flint Concert Band. Refreshments will be served following the hour-long concert. There is no charge, but donations to the Flint Concert Band are gratefully accepted. Please sign up today if you can bring cookies to share.



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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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