


Liturgy for Corporate Worship		
Epiphany Sunday	April 6, 2025	
Prelude	Chris Holmberg	
Welcome & Announcements		
Introit	Choir	
Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place		
Call to Worship	Philippians 2:9-11	
Hymn	196	
At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing		
Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession		
Holy Lord, against you we have sinned times without number. We have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our transgressions and short-comings present us with a list of accusations. They are just, but we bless you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Subdue our corruptions, and grant us grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor the lustings of the mind bring our spirits into subjection, but rule over us in liberty and power, for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.		
Assurance of Forgiveness	Acts 10:43	
The Gloria Patri	572	
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.		
Prayer of Dedication	Elder Chris Holmberg	
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	
Our Hope Is in Jesus		
Unison Scripture Reading	1 Peter 1:13-21	
Hymn	252	
This Is My Father’s World		

Sermon	Ephesians 5:15-21	Rev. Pete Scribner
Statement of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 1 & 2		
Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?		
A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.		
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.		
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.		
Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?		
A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.		
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper		
Hymn	My Jesus, I Love Thee	496
Benediction	Hebrews 13:20-21	
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		

Featured Element of Worship: Call to Worship

Worship is not just something that we do for one hour on Sunday mornings, but rather something that we are to offer up to God every day of our lives in everything that we do. The question that might follow from this then is, “If we are already to be worshiping as we enter the sanctuary, why do we have a ‘Call to Worship’ at the start of our service?” What is implied in the phrase is the fact that the worship that into which we are entering is a specially designated time of corporate worship. In the Call to Worship then, we hear the God’s words beckoning us to join our hearts and minds and voices together that we might not only worship him, but do so together as one body, his body. May our time together this morning bring glory to God as we worship him in spirit and truth!



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, pow'rs of hell be - neath thee lie;

who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 death is con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:

praise we him whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;
 hymns of glo - ry and of praise, ris - en Lord, to thee we raise;

gives his bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 ho - ly Fa - ther, praise to thee, with the Spir - it, ev - er be.

Our Hope Is in Jesus

In the world, there will be trials,
 There will be sorrows, times of grief.
 There is hope for our tomorrows,
 Through Jesus, we find relief.

Though the darkness seems unending,
 And the pain more than we can bear,
 Hold on, there's hope in Jesus,
 He's with us everywhere.

Take heart, I have overcome the world,
 Take courage, be of good cheer,
 Be strong, hold on to the living hope
 In Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Trust in God, the great provider,
 When trials of life will overcome,
 There's a vic'try for his children,
 God has sent his only Son.

Love transcends our grief and sorrow,
 He gives everlasting peace,
 Hold on, there's hope In Jesus,
 His love will never cease.

Take heart, I have overcome the world,
 Take courage, be of good cheer.
 Be strong, hold on to the Living Hope,
 In Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 In Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 Our hope is in Jesus

Unison Scripture Reading....1 Peter 1:13-21

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The musical score is written for a unison voice part in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a corresponding lyric line. The lyrics are: 1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears, 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise, 3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for-get all na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres. the morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their Mak-er's praise. that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul-er yet. This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; This is my Fa-ther's world: the bat-tle is not done; of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought. in the rus-tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev'-ry-where. Je-sus who died shall be sat-is-fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Sermon Text...Ephesians 5:1-14

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Sermon Notes (Ephesians 5:1-14)

Two Ways to Walk:

- As Sons of Disobedience

- As Children of Light

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,
3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

for thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign.
and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree.
and praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;
I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;

My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou;
I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow;
and say, when the death - dew lies cold on my brow:
I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow:

if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
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So do you want to know *why* you're an outsider in this world? It's *not* because the world is changing or because of a political agenda or because of a leader. It's because you worship an outsider king who has invited you to glorify and enjoy him by becoming an outsider yourself. You are not an outsider by accident any more than Jesus was! You're an outsider because your Creator called you to be one. As the author of Hebrews wrote, "So Jesus suffered *outside* the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him *outside* the camp and bear the reproach he endured." This is calling you to embrace your role as an outsider. To bear reproach. To wear the tension. To walk in the way. So perhaps it's no surprise that the apostle Peter viewed our outsidersness as a fundamental part of our identity. He identified people who spent their entire lives in the Roman Empire as "elect exiles." I'm sure that identity was jarring for those who never expected that following Jesus would make them foreigners in their homeland. But Peter doesn't shy from the truth. The sovereign creator of the universe made you an outsider. That's *the divine why* behind the tension you feel between yourself and your culture. It's the divine calling you're being invited to accept.

Patrick Miller & Keith Simon
Joyful Outsiders:

Six Ways to Live Like Jesus in a Disorienting Culture
Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2015. Page 9.

The Flowers adorning our worship this week were provided by Barb Milloy in memory of her late husband John, whose birthday would have been yesterday, and by Chuck Stevens in love for the church and to the glory of God.

"...and the Two Became One"

The Diaconate, as an expression of the church's commitment to Christian marriage, recognizes couples who are members of the church on certain anniversaries of their wedding days (first, all divisible by five, and all over 50). Today we recognize and celebrate with the following couples:

Al & Karen Dipzinski, who celebrate 57 years of marriage today!

Lil & Laurie Goff, who celebrate 59 years of marriage on April 9th!

Wednesday Evening Gathering: Join us on Wednesday, April 9 for dinner and fellowship followed by prayer and worship. Jerry Dosh will be cooking chili, with dinner beginning at 6pm. Our service will follow directly after at 7pm. Hope you can make it!

Free Resources - At our free resources table (under the television in the narthex) we make various items available that might be a benefit to your Christian growth. Most importantly, if you need a Bible, please take one home with you! Tabletalk and Our Daily Bread (two devotional guides) can also be found there, as can CDs of our worship services, made available shortly following each service. Please take one or request one from a past week, either for yourself or to share it with someone.

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.

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!

Communion at Calvary

If you are our guest in worship today, we welcome you both to Calvary and to the Lord's Table. Our celebration of the Lord's Supper is open to all who have trusted in Christ as Savior and follow Him as Lord, that in partaking they might experience spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Mindful not only of Scripture's promises, but also of its cautions regarding the Lord's Supper, we generally discourage children from partaking of the sacrament. Regardless of age, it should be shared only by those people who understand and give ascent to the historical and personal significance of the cross of Jesus Christ.

When the bread is passed to us by the Elders, each person wishing to participate is asked to remove a piece from the tray and hold it while others are being served. Then, as a symbol of our common union with Christ as one body, we shall all partake together.

When the cups are distributed, each person wishing to participate is asked to remove a cup from the tray and, as a symbol of our individual trust in Christ, to drink on our own.

We encourage worshippers to use the time during which others are being served for the thoughtful reading of Scriptures or quiet meditation and prayer.

May God nourish our spirits as we worship Him through partaking of these elements in faith, as a sign and a seal of the covenant of grace.

This Week at Calvary

Today 9:40 Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
 10:00 Worship Service with Communion
 followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
 11:30 Sunday School

Tuesday **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Wednesday 6:00 Fellowship Dinner
 7:00 Prayer Service

Thursday 10:00 Martha Mary
 6:30 Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday 9:40 Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
 10:00 Worship Service
 followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
 11:30 Sunday School

Next week’s sermon text is Ephesians 5:15-21. In addition to our Meditation for the Week (printed on the insert), spend time with this text throughout the week as you prepare your heart for corporate worship next Sunday.

Holy Week Events:

April 18th - Good Friday Tennebrae Service (7:00 pm)
April 20th - Easter Breakfast (8:30 am) & Worship (10:00 am)

Church Staff

Pastor	Pete Scribner
Director of Music	Susan Lechota
Music Minister	Chris Holmberg
Custodian	Vicky Haughey

Calvary Presbyterian Church

April 6, 2025



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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