

Liturgy for Corporate Worship

The Lord's Day

May 11, 2025

Prelude

Chris Holmberg

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Pete Scribner

Introit

Choir

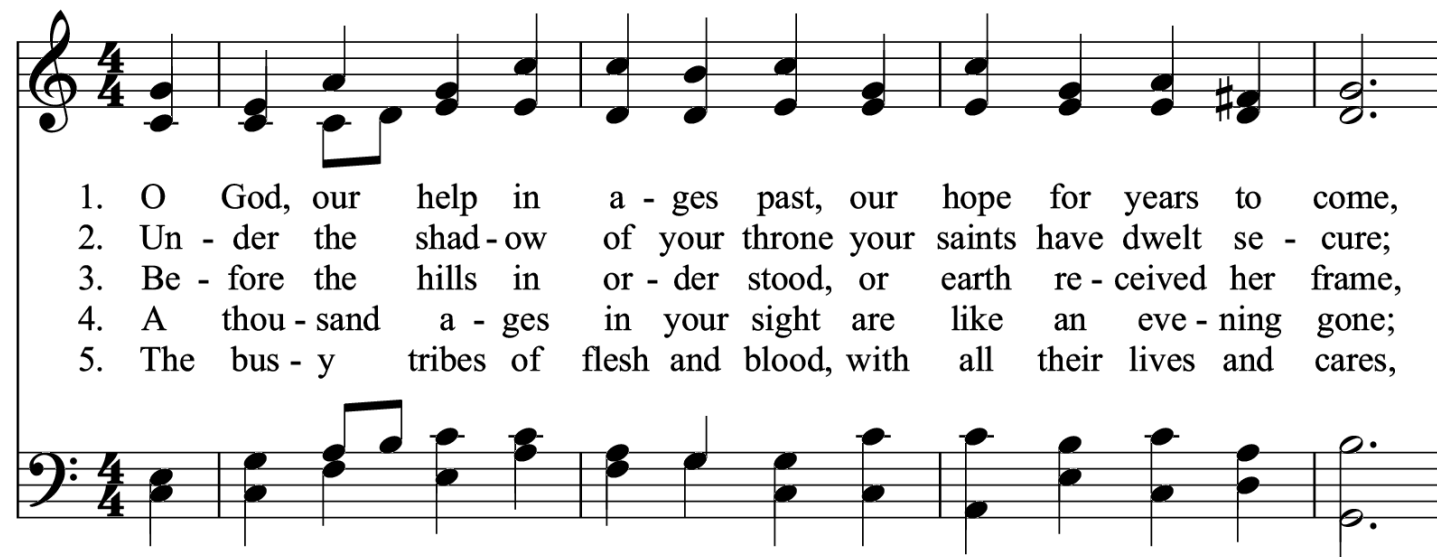
Worship God with Music

Call to Worship

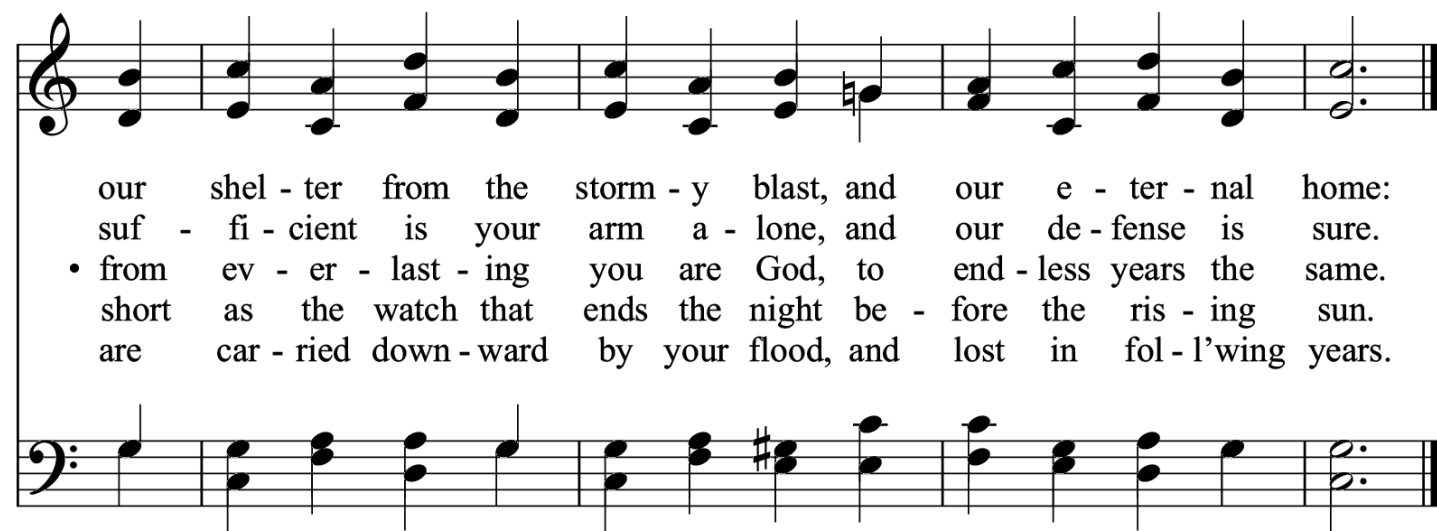
Revelation 1:5

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O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5. The bus - y tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
• from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
are car - ried down - ward by your flood, and lost in fol - l'wing years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

7. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

Our Heavenly Father, we bow before you today, awed by your holiness and grieved by our sin. You are both source and object of all true joy; your kingdom a matter of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, yet as we constantly turn elsewhere, our laughter is turned to mourning and our joy is turned to gloom. In your great mercies you did not make an end of us or forsake us, for you are a gracious and merciful God. Forgive us, instruct us and strengthen us that we might walk in your ways and rejoice with joy that is nexpressible, filled with the glory of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 44:22

The Doxology

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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 Bob Daily

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

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I Have Felt the Touch of God

I have felt the touch of God through your hands.
I've seen His look of love through your face.
I have stood before His throne in your prayers.
Because you cared, I've found God's grace.

When I saw no hope in daily living,
You reached a hand of tenderness and care.
Darkness turned to light, a new day dawning.
The joy of finding peace is why I share.

I have felt the touch of God through your hands.
I've seen His look of love through your face.
I have stood before His throne in your prayers.
Because you cared, I've found God's grace.

I have learned to trust the Lord through your faith.
Your faithful walk with Him I clearly see.
I have heard Him speak to me through your voice.
Your love for Christ has helped to set me free, set me free.

I have felt the touch of God through your hands.
I've seen His look of love through your face.
I have stood before His throne in your prayers.
Because you cared, I've found God's grace.

I have felt the touch of God.

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Pastoral Prayer

*Apostles' Creed

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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.

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - ry be -
3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; alt.
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TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.ref.
William H. Doane, 1875

Isaiah 26

¹ In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: “We have a strong city; he sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks.

² Open the gates, that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in.

³ You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

⁴ Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

⁵ For he has humbled the inhabitants of the height, the lofty city. He lays it low, lays it low to the ground, casts it to the dust.

⁶ The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy.”

⁷ The path of the righteous is level; you make level the way of the righteous.

⁸ In the path of your judgments, O LORD, we wait for you; your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul.

⁹ My soul yearns for you in the night; my spirit within me earnestly seeks you. For when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

¹⁰ If favor is shown to the wicked, he does not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness he deals corruptly and does not see the majesty of the LORD.

¹¹ O LORD, your hand is lifted up, but they do not see it. Let them see your zeal for your people, and be ashamed. Let the fire for your adversaries consume them.

¹² O LORD, you will ordain peace for us, for you have indeed done for us all our works.

¹³ O LORD our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us, but your name alone we bring to remembrance.

¹⁴ They are dead, they will not live; they are shades, they will not arise; to that end you have visited them with destruction and wiped out all remembrance of them.

¹⁵ But you have increased the nation, O LORD, you have increased the nation; you are glorified; you have enlarged all the borders of the land.

¹⁶ O LORD, in distress they sought you; they poured out a whispered prayer when your discipline was upon them.

¹⁷ Like a pregnant woman who writhes and cries out in her pangs when she is near to giving birth, so were we because of you, O LORD;

¹⁸ we were pregnant, we writhed, but we have given birth to wind. We have accomplished no deliverance in the earth, and the inhabitants of the world have not fallen.

¹⁹ Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead.

²⁰ Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until the fury has passed by.

²¹ For behold, the LORD is coming out from his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity, and the earth will disclose the blood shed on it, and will no more cover its slain.

Sermon Notes



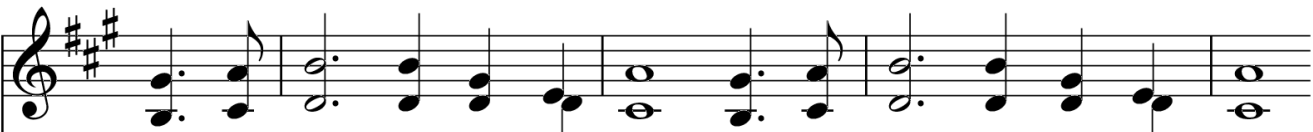
1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;

2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;

3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;

4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



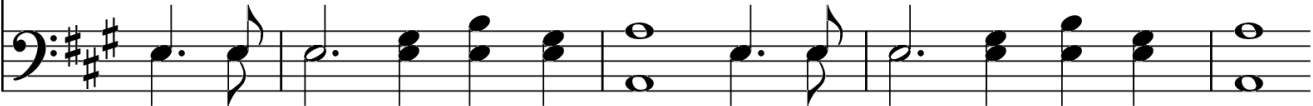


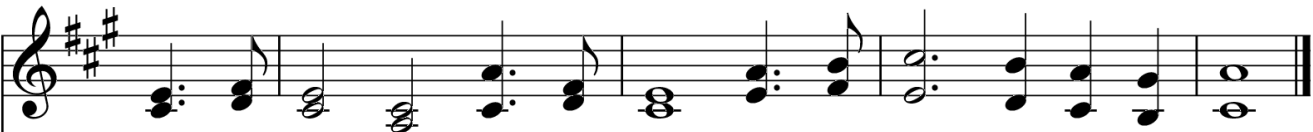
let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,

could my zeal no re - spite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,

na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;

when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,





be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.

foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.

Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



Augustus M. Toplady, 1776
Alt. Thomas Cotterill, 1815

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TOPLADY 7.7.7.7.7.7.
Thomas Hastings, 1830

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

Featured Element of Worship: Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages is one of the greatest hymns of the Christian church. Devout Anglican writer and preacher, Augustus Toplady evidently wrote this hymn on the back of a six of diamonds(!) in 1775 when hiding in the cleft of a rock during a violent storm. Interestingly, Toplady and his contemporary, John Wesley, often engaged in fierce theological debates about the age-old question of God’s sovereignty in relation to our salvation. But beyond the debates, both Toplady and the Wesley brothers (John’s brother Charles was one of the greatest hymn-writers of all time) recognized that theological reflection rightly ends in awe-inspiring worship of theology’s great Object— God Himself. Rock of Ages is too deep to understand in one setting. Let’s take the hymn home, meditate on it, and allow its truths to pierce our all too hardened hearts.

Rev. Zac Hicks

Meditation for the Week

...Behold, there is He wherever truth is known. He is within the very heart, but yet has the heart wandered from Him. Return to your heart, O you transgressors, (Isaiah 56:8) and cleave fast unto Him that made you. Stand with Him, and you shall stand fast. Rest in Him, and you shall be at rest. Where do you go in rugged paths? Where do you go? The good that you love is from Him; and as it has respect unto Him it is both good and pleasant, and justly shall it be embittered, because whatsoever comes from Him is unjustly loved if He be forsaken for it. Why, then, will you wander farther and farther in these difficult and toilsome ways? There is no rest where you seek it. Seek what you seek; but it is not there where you seek. You seek a blessed life in the land of death; it is not there. For could a blessed life be where life itself is not? But our very Life descended hither, and bore our death, and slew it, out of the abundance of His own life; and thundering He called loudly to us to return hence to Him into that secret place whence He came forth to us — first into the Virgin's womb, where the human creature was married to Him — our mortal flesh, that it might not be for ever mortal — and thence as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, rejoicing as a strong man to run a race. For He tarried not, but ran crying out by words, deeds, death, life, descent, ascension, crying aloud to us to return to Him. And He departed from our sight, that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here...

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship this morning have been provided by Mark and Kim Freeman in celebration of their 42nd anniversary on May 14th!

"...and the Two became One..."

The Diaconate, as an expression of the church’s commitment to 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 joyfully acknowledge...

Wes & Liz Smith, who celebrated 66 years of marriage on May 9th!

Our Preacher this morning is Joe Swords. In 2011, Joe graduated with an M.Div. from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Following his graduation from seminary, he planted and pastored a church in Clio, which helped plant three more churches throughout the state. He has also worked with churches to assess over fifty church planters across the Midwest and coached numerous church leaders in gospel-centered, expositional teaching. Joe now serves as the Director of Communications at WordPartners, an international missions organization that trains pastors to study and preach the Bible (see back page of bulletin). He is passionate about WordPartners’ mission to elevate God’s life-giving Word in the hearts, lives, and ministries of pastors and their people. Through his work, he strives to highlight ways God is spreading his Word powerfully through every church to every nation.

Joe and his wife, Ashley, were married in 2005. They currently live in Clio with their five sons and we have been blessed to have them as part of our church family for about a year. They enjoy cidering in the Fall, sugaring in the Spring, and brewing home-roasted coffee year round. When time allows, they delight in traveling to epic landscapes and engaging in epic stories.

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
Thursday & Friday Office Closed		
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 Matthew 25:31-46. In addition to our Meditation for the Week (printed in the bulletin), spend time with this text throughout the week as you prepare your heart for corporate worship next Sunday.

<u>Church Staff</u>	
Pastor	Pete Scribner
Director of Music	Susan Lechota
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Custodian	Vicky Haughey



Elevating God's life-giving Word in the hearts, lives, and ministries of pastors and their people in the majority world.



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FORMAL TRAINING

Training Pastors

We offer a four-year, non-residential training program for pastors and church leaders called a Core Training. We focus on training ministry leaders in under-resourced, restricted-access, and persecuted contexts. The training process consists of eight workshops conducted about every six months. Each workshop walks through a different book of the Bible, representing different genres of Scripture each time. Through the workshops, pastors and ministry leaders are introduced to eight accessible and easily transferable Dig & Discover Principles for Christ-centered, expositional teaching. Participants practice using the principles through highly interactive sessions and receive feedback from peers and trainers.

Equipping Trainers

We measure success by two key outcomes: 1) indigenous pastors are trained to preach God's Word with God's heart, and 2) they are equipped to lead their own workshops. As pastors grow in their expositional skills through the Core Training, we invite them to lead workshop sessions, guiding them step by step until they can train others independently. Those who express a desire to train more pastors after completing the Core Training are then considered for our Advanced Training.

¹ Center for the Study of Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (<https://www.gordonconwell.edu/center-for-global-christianity/research/quick-facts/>)



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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