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Welcome and Announcements	
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Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3

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## Holy, Holy, Holy!



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Reginald Heber, 1783–1826  
NICA EA 11.12.12.10.  
John B. Dykes, 1861  
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## Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

Heavenly Father, though our lives are full of good intentions, too often they are also full of faulty steps. Though we profess to trust in you alone, too often we chase after other gods. We confess that our only hope is in Christ Jesus: in his life, death and resurrection. May righteousness and forgiveness both be ours only by your grace, in the name of the One who is the Word made flesh. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

## Romans 5:6-9

## The Gloria Patri

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**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 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

## Matthew 13:24-30

**<sup>24</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup> but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup> And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup> He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup> But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ’ ”**

On Eagles' Wings

Chorus

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

Verse 1

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!"

(Chorus)

Verse 2

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear:  
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.

(Chorus)

Verse 3

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Thousands about you, near it shall not come.

(Chorus)

Verse 4

For to His angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

(Chorus)

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Unison

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your  
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -  
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your

Ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and  
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the  
plans for us: truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will

fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be  
ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your

seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord,  
eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r  
prom - is - es; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord,

and ful - fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.  
that can nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

Sermon

Elder Sam Winegarden

Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

<sup>41</sup> “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and i prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Last Sermon

Four Questions

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Applications

## Benediction

## Hebrews 13:20-21

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.**

## Jesus Calls Us

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1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our  
2. As, of old, a - pos - tles heard it by the  
3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5. Je - sus calls us; by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
• vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

sound - eth, say - ing "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
• keep us, say - ing "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Cecil Frances Alexander,  
1852; alt.  
GALILEE (Jude) 8.7.8.7.  
William H. Jude, 1887  
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## Meditation for the Week

Many Christians believe that all their righteous deeds are nothing but filthy rags. After all, that's what Isaiah 64:6 seems to say: even your best deeds are dirty and worthless. But I don't think this is what Isaiah means. The "righteous deeds" Isaiah has in mind are most likely the perfunctory rituals offered by Israel without sincere faith and without wholehearted obedience. In Isaiah 65:1–7 the Lord rejects Israel's sinful sacrifices. They are an insult to the Lord, smoke in his nostrils, just like the ritual "obedience" of Isaiah 58 that did not impress the Lord because his people were oppressing the poor. Their "righteous deeds" were "filthy rags" (64:6, KJV) because they weren't righteous at all. They looked good but were a sham, a literal smoke screen to cover up their unbelief and disobedience.

But we should not think that every kind of 'righteous deed' is like a filthy rag before God. In fact the previous verse, Isaiah 64:5, says 'you [God] meet him who joyfully *works righteousness*, those who remember you in your ways.' It is not impossible for God's people to commit righteous acts that please God...

Why do we imagine God to be so unmoved by our heart-felt attempts at obedience? He is, after all, our heavenly *Father*. What sort of father looks at his daughter's homemade birthday card and complains that the color scheme is all wrong? What kind of mother says to her son, after he gladly cleaned the garage but put the paint cans on the wrong shelf, "This is worthless in my sight"? What sort of parent rolls his eyes when his child falls off the bike on the first try? There is no righteousness that makes us right with God except for the righteousness of Christ. But for those who have been made right with God by grace alone through faith alone and therefore have been adopted into God's family, many of our righteous deeds are not only *not* filthy in God's eyes, they are exceedingly sweet, precious, and pleasing to him.

Kevin DeYoung  
*The Hole in our Holiness:*

## *Filling the Gap between Gospel Passion and the Pursuit of Godliness*

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship this morning have been provided by Calvary’s Diaconate to the glory of God.

There is a Flower Chart posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Each week, the flowers on the Communion Table are sponsored by individuals who wish to celebrate an occasion or honor someone’s memory. There are two vases, and you may sponsor one or both for \$15 each. After the worship service, sponsors are free to either take their flowers with them, or leave them for the deacons to deliver to someone who is homebound or in the hospital. Make sure to reserve your special days soon!

**Featured Element of Worship: Prelude & Postlude**

Before each service begins, there is a Prelude. This is a musical piece (or group of pieces) intended to give worshipers time to quiet their hearts and minds before the Lord, and to focus their thoughts on God above. It, along with the Postlude, bookends our time of corporate worship. The Postlude is played as worshipers exit the sanctuary, and provides an opportunity to do the following:

Greet in Jesus’ name those with whom we have been worshipping. We are, after all, members of one body, joined together by one Spirit. It is only right that we should desire to interact with one another!

Enjoy how God displays His beauty in music. God is the source of all that is true, good, and beautiful. Every experience of these ought to lead us to worship him all the more!

Reflect upon how God may be calling you to respond to what He has just said. In light of God’s grace toward us, how might we live our life to his glory?

Adapted from Worship Notes by Rev. Zac Hicks

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><b>This Week at Calvary</b></u>		
<b>Today</b>	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School
<b>Monday–Wednesday Church Office Closed</b>		
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School

**The Martha Mary Circle**

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the church and the surrounding community? All women of the church are invited to the Martha Mary Circle meetings held the second Wednesday of each month during the school year. Start time is 10:00 in the office conference room. Lunch is enjoyed after the meeting concludes; please bring a sandwich. Coffee and dessert are furnished. Potlucks are held in December and June.

Many projects provide needed services and donations for the church and the greater community. They include: Congregational luncheons \* Holiday Baskets for those in need \* The Mitten Tree \* Monetary donations to the Eastside Mission, Eastern Michigan Food Bank & Carriage Town Mission \* Christmas toy collections for Voices for the Children \* Various other projects as needs arise

New members are always welcome! For more information, please call Wanda Knight (573-270-1798).

<u><b>Church Staff</b></u>	
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# EPHESIANS

united  
by  
grace

Next week we return to our sermon series on the book of Ephesians, looking specifically at Ephesians 6:1-9. 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 our next service of corporate worship.

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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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