

Liturgy for Corporate Worship		
The Lord’s Day	September 22, 2024	
Prelude	Chris Holmberg	
Welcome and Announcements	Rev. Pete Scribner	
Introit	Choir	
	Festive Praise	
Call to Worship	Psalm 103:22	
Opening Hymn	248	
	All Creatures of Our God and King	
Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession		
<b>Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, our atoning sacrifice and the light of the world. Amen.</b>		
Assurance of Forgiveness	Isaiah 44:22	
The Doxology	567	
<b>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.</b>		
Prayer of Dedication	Elder Sam Winegarden	
The Lord’s Prayer		
<b>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.</b>		
Unison Scripture Reading	Luke 6:17-26	
Anthem	Choir	
	Speak, O Lord	
Pastoral Prayer		

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Sermon	Rev. Pete Scribner	
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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 prayer of confession was adapted from *The Book of Common Worship*.

**Featured Element of Worship: O, Love that Will Not Let Me Go**

Scottish minister George Matheson was engaged to be married when the doctors had told him that he would soon be blind. His fiancée informed him that she could not marry a blind man, and instead left him. His sister stood by him though, and with her ever-present assistance, he was able to pastor a church of 1,500 people the next 20 years. But then the day came that she informed him that she was getting married and must move on.

The night before her wedding, Matheson sat down and wrote a hymn. He would later say, "I am quite sure that the whole work was completed in five minutes, and equally sure that it never received at my hands any retouching or correction. I have no natural gift of rhythm. All the other verses I have ever written are manufactured articles; this came like a dayspring from on high."

Faced with the forboding reality that his sister was leaving, and no doubt reminded of the pain of his own love lost, Matheson rested his weary soul in God and penned the following words:

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

He knew that however forsaken he might feel in a given moment, that TRUE LOVE would never let him go. May we know that same truth as we trust not in other comforts, but rest wholly in Christ Jesus our Lord.



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and  
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in  
 3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy  
 4. And all ye men of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers,  
 5. Let all things their Cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in

with us sing al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou burn-ing  
 heav'n a-long, O praise him, al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing  
 • Lord to hear, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou fire so  
 take your part, O sing ye, al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long  
 hum-ble-ness, O praise him, al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold-en beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam,  
 morn, in praise re-joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice,  
 • mas-ter-ful and bright, that giv-est man both warmth and light,  
 pain and sor-row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,  
 Fa-ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir-it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

## Unison Scripture Reading...Luke 6:17-26

<sup>17</sup> And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup> And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

# Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word;  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the Light of Christ may be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence,  
True humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise,  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail,  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truth unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your Church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the truth of Your Holy Word.

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## O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

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1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my  
2. O Light that fol - low'st all my way, I yield my  
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not  
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe,  
flick - 'ring torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray,  
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow thro' the rain,  
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead,

that in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.  
that in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.  
and feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.  
and from the ground there blos - soms red, life that shall end - less be.

George Matheson, 1882  
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Albert L. Peace, 1885

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest  
2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -  
3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so  
4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in  
5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his  
plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph  
• in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his  
sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning  
all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!  
tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!  
• love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,  
ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,  
Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst  
Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in -  
• im - mense and free; for, O my God, it  
my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and  
th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

Refrain  
die for me?  
quire no more.  
• found out me. A - maz - ing love! How can it  
fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How  
Christ, my own.

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
can it be that thou, my God,

The Flowers adorning our worship this morning have been provided by Rozie Aube in memory of her beloved husband and best friend, Steve Aube.

Church Picnic: After worship today, we will gather in the Pavilion for our annual church picnic! Join your church family for a great time of food and fellowship. And the Lions don't play until 4:25, so you won't even need to hurry off to catch the game!



Sunday School: Due to the Church Picnic, there will no Sunday School this week. It will resume next week at the regular time of 11:30.

New Members Class: We will be offering a new members class this fall. If you may be interested in becoming a member (or are already a member and would like to go through the class!) please be sure to designate that when registering your attendance in the friendship folder, or contact the office to let us know.

Tuesdays at Two: Even if you've never been before, you are invited to join us at the church each Tuesday afternoon for a time of discipleship, prayer and fellowship.

Food Baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas are being prepared again this year by the Martha Mary Circle. Any donated non-perishable food items will be gratefully accepted, (purchased in 2024). Ideas for food may donations include: Canned meats, canned dinners, boxed meals, peanut butter & jelly, condiments, boxed Velveeta Cheese, Chunky Soups & canned vegetables, breakfast foods, turkey dinner fixings. Laundry soap and toilet tissue are also needed. Any money donated specifically to this effort will be used to purchase turkeys, hams, and other items for each family's basket. If you know of a family in need of a basket (two requests per person), there are sign-up forms on the desk in the Church Office. Thank you!

Prayers: As you pray for your church family, please remember the following who people recovering from recent hospitalizations:

- Bruce Dunn (at home)
- Roberta Eisinger (at Wellbridge)

**This Week at Calvary**

<b>Today</b>	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by Church Picnic in Pavilion
<b>Tuesday</b>	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday-Friday</b>		Office Closed
<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

Next Sunday's Sermon Text will be **Psalm 1**. In addition to **Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 57-62** (printed on the bulletin insert), consider spending some time this week meditating upon this passage as you reflect on this week's service and look forward to our next gathering.

**Church Staff**

Pastor	Pete Scribner
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Music Minister	Chris Holmberg
Custodian	Vicky Haughey

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!

# Sermon Text...Psalm 146

## Sermon Notes

**146** Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

<sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;

<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Big idea: The LORD is to be praised with all that we are:

- For the hope that only he offers.

- For the power that only he has.

- For the justice that only he provides.



## **Meditation for the Week: Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 57-62**

Q. 57. Which is the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15.

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to himself.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Exodus 31:13, 16-17.

Q. 59. Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath;<sup>3</sup> and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Genesis 2:2-3; Exodus 20:11.

<sup>4</sup> Mark 2:27-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Revelation 1:10.

Q. 60. How is the sabbath to be sanctified?

A. The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days;<sup>5</sup> and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship,<sup>6</sup> except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Exodus 20:10; Nehemiah 13:15-22; Isaiah 58:13-14.

<sup>6</sup> Exodus 20:8; Leviticus 23:3; Luke 4:16; Acts 20:7.

<sup>7</sup> Matthew 12:1-13.

Q. 61. What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Nehemiah 13:15-22; Isaiah 58:13-14; Amos 8:4-6.

Q. 62. What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments,<sup>9</sup> his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the sabbath day.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Exodus 20:9; Exodus 31:15; Leviticus 23:3.

<sup>10</sup> Genesis 2:2-3; Exodus 20:11; Exodus 31:17.

# 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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