



# CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*“She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord,  
and wept bitterly.”*

1 Samuel 1:10

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*Calvary Presbyterian Church is a welcoming people of faith and hope in Christ Jesus, inspired by God's word and led by the Holy Spirit. We serve God, each other, our community, and the world, through worship, study, teaching, fellowship and outreach; demonstrating God's love, justice, compassion and grace.*

Now is a good time to turn off our cell phones and listen for God's call.

*Please sign the friendship pad at the end of the pew and pass it down for others to sign.*

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

### SONGS OF PRAISE

#### OPENING WORDS

Elder Don Hellwig

One: We come to this time of worship ready to be refreshed by the good news of God's love.  
We bring our frustrations and hopes, our failures and dreams.

**All: We need to hear the good news of God's love.**

One: We bring our broken relationships and our deepest friendships.

**All: We need to hear the good news of God's love.**

One: With all that we have and all that we are,

**All: We need to hear the good news of God's love.**

#### INTROIT

Pat Bofird

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Don Hellwig

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us give thanks to God!

**All: We gather together to praise the One who strengthens the weak,  
and hears the prayers of the forgotten.**

One: Come, let us give thanks to Christ!

**All: We gather together to sing of the One who calls us to serve those  
who are hungry and alone at this time of year.**

One: Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit!

**All: We gather together to exalt the One who moves us to love not only our family and friends, but the  
guest among us.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

One: Let us pray.

**All: You raise up the poor and give them the best rooms in your house.**

**You lift the broken from the dust of the world,  
brushing them off and clothing them with joy.**

**You exalt those we have pushed aside and let them say grace at the feast in heaven.**

**You are our God, and we worship you.**

**When no one else will listen to us, we can pour out our soul to you.**

**When no one notices us, you see our misery, and fill us with joy.**

**When everyone else forgets who we are, you remember us and call us by name.**

**You are our Spirit of Love,**

**and we welcome you into our hearts.**

*(Musical note: All the hymns today are from Sing the Faith.)*

**\*HYMN #2158**

**"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*\* Please stand if you are able*

One: Lord, we long for your healing touch. We cry out for forgiveness.

**All: You have sent us to encourage those around us; yet we have not been sensitive to their needs. Too often our actions and words discourage them.**

One: You offer us lives of peace and hope; yet we wander around filled with anxiety.

**All: Forgive us, Lord. Cleanse our hearts, and make us more loving.**

One: Give us your words, so we might share your healing and salvation with the broken, the lost, and those who cry for help.

**All: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

#### PRAYER HYMN (SUNG BY ALL)

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

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*Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.*

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: This is the good news: God gives us hope, peace, and joy. God invites us to share these gifts with everyone we meet.

All: Thanks be to God, who has forgiven us and moved us to love others and to serve all who are around us. Amen.

#### RESPONSE (sung by all)

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand:*

*I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.*

*Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;*

*Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

#### HEARING THE WORD

##### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (sung by all)

*Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.*

*Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.*

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

READING FROM THE HEBREW TEXTS

1 Samuel 1:4-20

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READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Matthew 26:36-44

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ANTHEM

“How Great is Our God”

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S CHAT

Jim Wilson

SERMON

*DIOS, MI HIJO ES TU HIJO; GRACIAS A DIOS  
Lord, My Child Is Your Child, Thanks be to God*

Rev. Bruce Calkins

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From the World Council of Churches)

One: We are not alone. We live in God's world.

**All: We believe in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, to reconcile and make new.**

One: We trust God who calls us to be the church, to love and save the whole humanity, to serve justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

**All: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with and in us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*HYMN # 2212**

"My Life Flows On"

**PRAISE REPORTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

**PRAYER IN SONG** (SUNG BY ALL) (2193)

*Lord, listen to your children praying.*

*Lord, send your Spirit in this place.*

*Lord, listen to your children praying.*

*Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

... 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;  
and 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.

**MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Elder Lucy Ann Bristol

**OUR GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERTORY SOLO**

Dafne Helms

**\*"GIVE THANKS" (#2036 IN SING THE FAITH)**

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,*

*give thanks to the Holy One.*

*Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.*

*And now, let the weak say, "I am strong."*

*Let the poor say, "I am rich"*

*because of what the Lord has done for us.*

*Give thanks.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\* HYMN #2166** "Christ Beside Me"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**

*Please be seated for our Annual Congregational Meeting  
We will be electing Elders, Deacons, and Members of the  
2010 Nominating Committee; and we will receive the 2010  
budget which has been approved by Session.  
(Visitors and friends are welcome to stay if you wish.)*