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Curiosity for Divine Things
August 30 at 10 am

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AUGUST 30 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

“Sonata #6 in E-flat minor, Op. 119”
(1880) - I. Praeludium
John Walko, Organ of St Václav, Prague (2001)

Josef Rheinberger
(1839-1901)

Welcome

Victor H. Floyd

Call to Worship

This place for us is Holy Ground.

The place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord and repeat the stories of faith that inspire us to respond to Christ’s love.

God called us here, in whispering winds and in burning flames,

And with God’s presence disarms us of the barriers we have placed around us.

Instead God meets us in our vulnerability, our humanity, the fullness of who we are.

Let us worship the Lord.

Hymn

“The God of Abraham Praise”
Verses 1 - 2

LEONI

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,
2 Your spir-it still flows free, high surg-ing where it will.
3 Your good-ly land we seek, with peace and plen-ty blest,
4 You have e-ter-nal life im-plant-ed in the soul;

the An-cient of E-ter-nal Days, the God of love!
In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
a land of sa-cred lib-er-ty and Sab-bath rest.
your love shall be our strength and stay, while a-ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Prayer of Confession

Redeeming God, out of the flames of your creation, your voice calls, marking us as your own. Yet there are times when we choose to ignore your voice. Forgive us for those times; when we have ignored the needs of others; when we have failed to place our feet upon your path; when we allow the earthly voice to distract us from your call. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The congregation is invited to leave a Facebook comment or emoji of peace.

Children’s Meditation

“Blessing of the Devices”

Joann H. Lee

Music

“When Israel Was In Egypt’s Land”
 traditional spiritual

arr. Melva Costen &
 Michael Conley

Phoebe Rosquist, Nancy Hall, Vrushabh Dosbi, Jefferson Packer

When Israel was in Egypt’s land, Let my people go!
 Oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let my people go!
 Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt’s land,
 Tell old Pharaoh, Let my people go!

“Thus saith the Lord,” bold Moses said: Let my people go!
 “Let them come out with Egypt’s spoil,” Let my people go!
 Go down, Moses...

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Curiosity for Divine Things"

Marci Glass

Music

"God Be In My Head"

by Michael Conley

Phoebe Rosquist, Nancy Hall, Vrushabh Doshi, Jefferson Packer, & Michael Conley

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
 God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
 God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
 God be in my heart, and in my thinking. Amen.
-13th century English prayer from the Sarum Primer

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Prayers of the People & 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, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

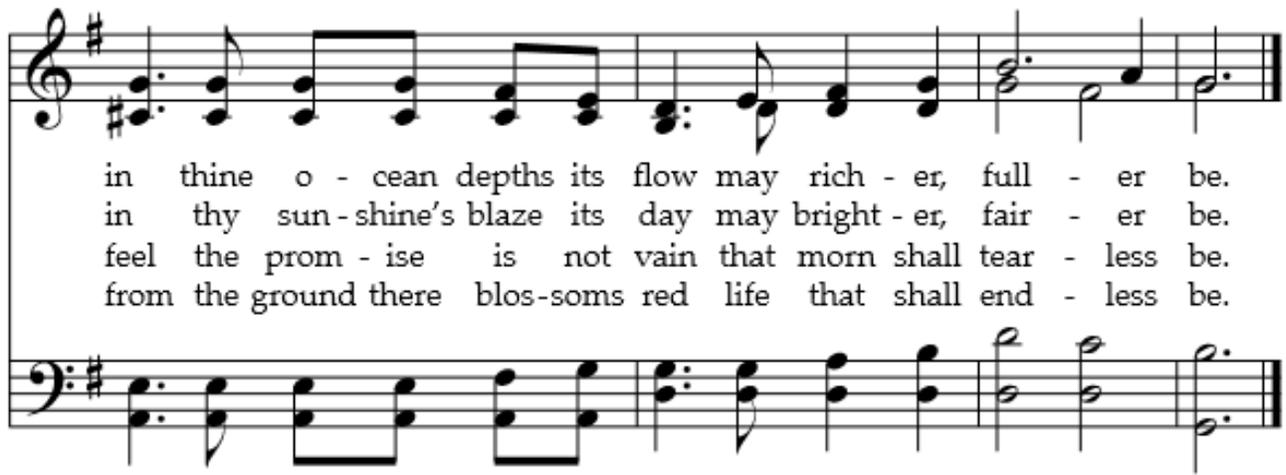
Hymn

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"
Verses 1, 2 & 3

ST. MARGARET

1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
2 O Light that fol-lowest 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, that
flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, and
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo-ry dead, and



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

Benediction

Postlude

“Sonate Nr. 3 in A-moll, Op. 23” (ca. 1855) (conclusion)

August Gottfried Ritter

John Walke,

(1811–1885)

Organ of First Presbyterian Church of Oakland (2002)

Credits

Call to Worship & Confession written by Rev. MaryAnn R. Rennie

“Blessing of the Devices” adapted from a resource by MaryAnn McKibben Dana.

In Memoriam

Allen “Al” Winslow
 1945-2020

Prayer Requests

You may submit prayer requests through the **Prayer Line:** (415) 346-3832, ext. 600.
 The Deacons and Pastors honor confidentiality and pray for each request.

What's New

NEXT SUNDAY at 10 am!

"Let them sing for joy on their couches"

is a command of Psalm 149, the penultimate Psalm for the ultimate Sunday morning experience, **The Socially Distanced Hymn Sing**, a hunkered-down adaptation of Calvary's annual hymn service with songs led by Michael Conley, John Walko and Rev. Victor. Since September 6 is a Communion Sunday, please make handy some Bread and Cup—near the couch.

Men of Calvary Mondays at 8 am

Join the Men of Calvary Bible Study. A wonderful opportunity for the men of Calvary to deepen their faith and fellowship with one another. Join us virtually on Mondays from 8 – 9 am. Men of all ages are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

For more information, please contact David Barnes at davidbarnes@calpres.org.

Volunteer Opportunity: New Door Ventures Mock Interview Friday, September 4 at 11:45 am

Educate and inspire New Door Ventures youth!

Volunteer to help interns prepare for upcoming interviews with prospective employers by conducting mock interviews and providing feedback.

It's easy to participate. The conference host – a New Door Ventures staff person – manages all the interactions, un/muting, and creating one-on-one breakouts for the actual interview portion. Sample questions are provided. You need a computer or smart phone on which you can access Zoom (video and audio) – New Door will send a link to participate.

Click here for more information about Calvary's partnership with New Door Ventures. If you are available for this workshop, please email Jane Bryson as soon as possible at Janebry@msn.com.

Volunteer Opportunity: Food Pantry Saturday, September 12 at 7:30 am

Volunteers Needed Who Are:

- Able to self-supervise and maintain safe food handling procedures
- Under 60 years old and those who do not have any underlying medical conditions, symptoms, or compromised immune system.
- Able to maintain safe social distancing: if you or someone you live with is in the high risk group due to age or medical condition, we ask you please to stay at home. This may be difficult for many of you anxious to help out, but it's best for the entire community.

The Interfaith Food Pantry has been operating by rotating responsibility for each pantry among the member churches, with each church staffing their distribution from volunteers in their communities. During the COVID19 emergency, many regular Food Pantry volunteers need to practice social isolation for their safety and the safety of the community. Calvary and other local faith-based organizations are banding together to staff each Saturday with healthy, safe volunteers. We will be modifying how we organize the distribution to maximize safety for volunteers and participants. Please do not volunteer if you have cold or flu symptoms, are in a high-risk group, or need to practice social isolation. Circumstances are changing quickly, please check your email for any changes. Questions? Please contact Betsy Dodd at Betsydodd@mac.com or Paula Jesson at dpbj@sbcbglobal.net.

Virtual Coffee Hour Sunday, September 13 at 11 am

Hospitality at Calvary is friendly, generous, and back online! BYOC (bring your own coffee) and reconnect online with Calvary friends, old and new. That's right, after a successful summer pilot, Virtual Coffee Hours will be back starting on *Stay at Homecoming* Sunday, which is Sunday September 13th. Each week, until we can meet again face to face, Calvary will host various small, coffee hour groups. And each week, the groupings will be unique.

The good news is that if you were enrolled in the pilot, you are automatically enrolled you in the program when it starts up again. All YOU'LL have to do is wait for the weekly confirmation emails. **Register at www.calpres.org.**

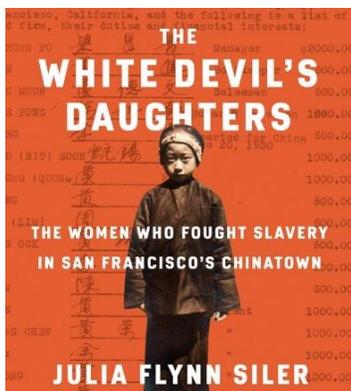
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2nd & 3rd Grade Online 4-Week Class Series Sunday, September 13 at 11:15 am

2nd-3rd graders! Join us for this 4-week online class series and continue to get to know each other. We will learn more about how the stories in the Bible relate to us today. Games and activities are included.

The online Zoom class will be at 11:15 am – 12 pm after the 10 am online church service. To learn more or get answers to your questions, contact Alison Faison, alisonfaison@calpres.org.

One Church, One Read 2020 Sunday, September 13 at 11:30 am



The White Devil's Daughters: The Women Who Fought Slavery in San Francisco's Chinatown with Author Julia Flynn Siler.

As a conclusion to this summer's **One Church, One Book**,

The White Devil's Daughters: The Women Who Fought Slavery in San Francisco's Chinatown, please join us for a live Zoom event with author and Bay Area resident, **Julia Flynn Siler**. She will share her insights about the writing of this timely, fascinating book that examines our city's own history of sex trafficking of immigrants and the fearless women who helped rescue them. Having read the book will help but is not required. Pre-register to receive an invite with a link to

Zoom and join us on Sunday, September 13 at 11:30 am PT.

[Click Here to Register.](#)

For more information, contact Kathy Bear, kathleendbear@gmail.com, chair of Adult Education & Spiritual Formation.

For more information about the book and author please visit us at www.calpres.org.

The Women of Calvary Online Bible Study Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 pm

Join us via zoom for these wonderful monthly bible studies. Email Rev. Joann H. Lee at joannlee@calpres.org for the link!

We use the Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study, and this year's theme is "Into the Light" by Lynn Miller and Dee Koza. This 9-lesson study, beginning September 2020 and ending in May 2021, revives lament as a proper response to the difficult situations of our world. One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And while that doesn't fix things in the moment—the injustice, the loss still exists—the lamenter is strengthened to face the world and to hope. Hope implies movement: both God's inherent movement toward justice and our movement toward God. Recovering lament may be one of the church's most timely gifts to the world in this day and age.

Bible Study Booklet Pick Up Dates

Sunday, September 13 from 3pm-4pm
Tuesday, September 15 from 5pm-6pm

Can also be picked up by appointment or mailed. **Women of all ages welcome!**

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