



God's Love Song

October 4 at 10 am

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OCTOBER 4, 2020 WORSHIP SERVICE

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Prelude

“Gammal fäbodpsalm från dalarna”
(Old Folk Tune/Hymn from Dalecarlia) (1936)
John Walcko, Organ

Oskar Lindberg (1887-1955)

Welcome

Victor H. Floyd

Opening Sentences

From Psalm 114

The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. Stand in awe of God for God's law and God's love endure forever. O God, let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight.

Hymn

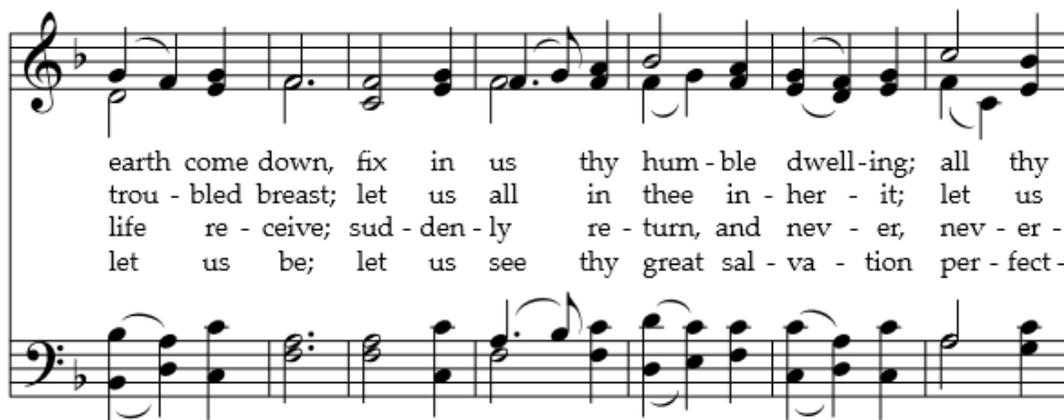
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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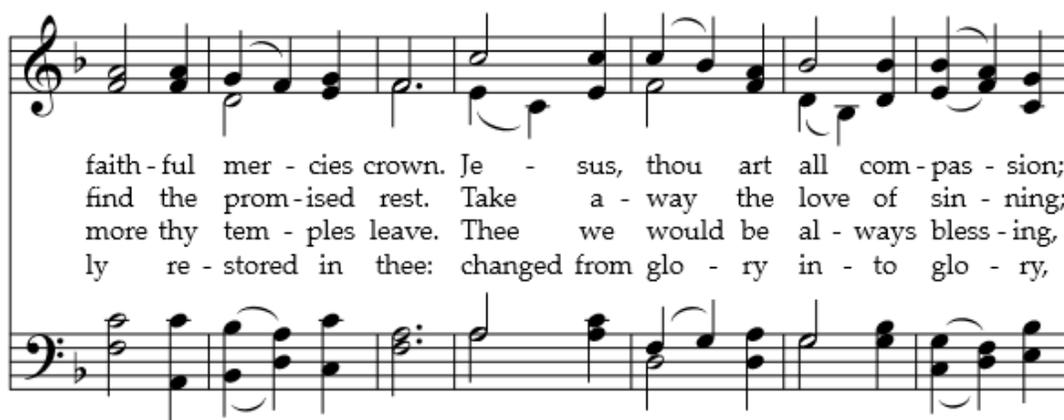
Verses 1 & 4



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Prayer of Confession

Creating and sustaining God, you have planted us in love to be a blessing, a harvest of hope for the world. We confess that we fail to be nurtured, pruned, or cared for. We divide where you would unite. We exclude where you would embrace. We choke the breath from your Word when its truth does not accommodate our fears. Forgive the hardness of the soil in our hearts. Mend our broken human family. Breathe into us the living Word of love. We ask in the name of your Child, our sibling, Jesus, the Healer of our souls. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

God's grace is abundant. God's love song for us is never ending. Friends, the gospel affirms that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen

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 peace-moji.

Children's Meditation

Alison Faison

Music

"Song of Devotion"
Phoebe Rosquist, soprano

John Ness Beck
 (1930-1987)

I thank my God on every remembrance of you,
 always in every prayer of mine for you with joy,
 I have you in my heart.
 And this I pray,
 that your love may abound yet more and more
 in knowledge and in all judgment,
 that ye may approve things that are excellent,

that ye may be sincere,
being filled with the fruits of righteousness
unto the glory and praise of God.
I thank my God on every remembrance of you,
always in every prayer of mine for you with joy,
I have you in my heart, I have you in my heart.
–Philippians 1:3-11

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7
Matthew 21:33-46

Emma Lundberg

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Matthew 21:33-46

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"God's Love Song"

Marci Glass

Hymn

"Let Us Break Bread Together" trad. spiritual
Chancel Choir, recorded in worship, October, 2019

arr. Lloyd Larson

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

Communion, Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Joann H. Lee

The Lord be with you...

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Offering

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Calvary Presbyterian Church, 2515 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, CA, 94115

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

Benediction

Postlude

“Drei Tonstücke für Orgel, #3: Allegro” (1851)
John Walcko,
Organ of First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley (2013)

Niels Gade (1817-1890)

In Memoriam
 Jerry Pate
 1934 - 2020

Memorial Service for Joe Beyer
 Friday, October 9 at 2 pm

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.

Message from the Calvary Reopening Task Force

Thank you to everyone who responded so quickly to the Church Survey we sent out last week. We are at 200 completed surveys & counting and already learning a lot from hearing from you!

For those of you who have not yet completed the survey, there is still time. Your individual experiences with the Calvary faith community during this pandemic time are important, and we would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact the Lois Dress, Clerk of Session, at clerkofsession@calpres.org for further information about the survey.

Calvary Town Hall with Re-opening Task Force Sunday, October 11 at 11:30 am

Even though it is now permissible to gather in larger groups, it still carries risks and singing is still not allowed, so while we are working to find some limited and safe ways to be together in person—details soon!— we will continue to rely primarily on digital services as the main and safest way to gather for worship. Join the Session's Re-opening Task Force to hear updates about plans for an eventual return to the building. Ask questions, share feedback.

If you haven't taken the survey yet, [please find it here](#).



Matthew 25 in the PC(USA):

A bold vision and invitation

We are a Matthew 25 church!

Our congregation has accepted the PC(USA)'s invitation to follow Jesus' teachings in Matthew 25:31–46 by becoming active disciples and making a difference in our community and the world.

As part of our Matthew 25 commitment, we pledge to embrace one or more of these three areas of focus:

- Building congregational vitality by deepening and energizing our faith and growing as joyful leaders and disciples actively engaged with our community as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed
- Dismantling structural racism by fearlessly applying our faith to advocate and break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color
- Eradicating systemic poverty by acting on our beliefs and working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor

To learn more and for ideas on how to get involved and do your vital part as a member of a Matthew 25 church, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25.



Presbyterian Church (USA)
Presbyterian Mission

What's New

Adult Education & Spiritual Formation: Stories Beyond Borders: Love Your Neighbors, Hear Their Stories TODAY at 11:30 am

National Immigrants Day is October 28th this year, a day when we can remember how the United States is a country built by immigrants, many of whom overcame the most challenging obstacles to settle here.

To mark the occasion, join us for an online screening of three powerful short films created by Working Films for the Stories Beyond Borders project (one includes scenes of an event hosted by the Living Sanctuary Team at Calvary a few years ago!) These documentaries feature real stories of the strength and resilience of immigrants while illustrating ways we can love our neighbors by giving our time, energy, and resources to support those seeking a better life for their families, like many of our ancestors did before us.

Join us on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or this page on October 4 at 11:30 am to view the video premiere. *If you would like to engage with the presentation, please watch on Facebook or YouTube as that functionality is not available on this page.*

For more info about the Calvary Living Sanctuary team, email calvarysanctuaryteam@gmail.com

Working Films uses documentaries to advance social justice and environmental protection. Recognizing the power of film to inspire, they use documentaries to increase civic engagement and shift culture at the local, state, and national levels. Learn more at www.workingfilms.org

In Defense of Democracy: Answering the Call in an Age of Unprecedented Urgency TODAY at 1 pm

The SF Black-Jewish (&Allies) Unity Group invites you to attend our fourth Forum on Racial and Economic Justice: Beyond Us vs Them Following the highly attended "In Defense of Democracy" forum on July 26, the SF Black-Jewish (& Allies) Unity Group will reconvene on the topics of

voting and democratic participation. In this Forum, individuals will learn how we all can "answer the call" to increase voter registration and participation, both in battleground states and in our backyards.

In our increasingly divided political climate, the San Francisco Black-Jewish-(and Allies) Unity Group will use a virtual forum to spark discussion among diverse groups.

Sunday, October 4, 1 - 2:30 pm PT

Registration

here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwkduqppzwvHtKwMITjUYZfM-HbGfs3MNea>

All are welcome!

Speakers & Panelists:

Keynote Speaker: Matt Morrison, Executive Director, Working America

Andrea Miller: Executive Director, People Demanding Action. Founding Board Member, Center for Common Ground, and Executive Director of the Reclaim Our Vote campaign.

Ricardo Ramirez: Voting Rights Advisor, Brennan Center for Justice. Founder, Forward Shift Strategies

Pablo Rodriguez: Founding Executive Director, Communities for a New California Education Fund

Racial Equity Initiative Book Discussion: "Waking Up White" Sunday October 4 at 7 pm

As part of Calvary's Racial Equity Initiative (REI) to recognize and to educate ourselves about systemic racism and to explore the unconscious bias in our own hearts and minds, we are launching a series of programs to help promote discussion and understanding.

Click here to Register to join us online via Zoom to participate in a facilitated group discussion of the books listed below. **Important Note:** Participants should get a copy of the book and start reading before the discussion.

October 4: *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, by Debby Irving
For twenty-five years, Debby Irving sensed inexplicable racial tensions in her personal and professional relationships. As a colleague and neighbor, she worried about offending people she dearly wanted to befriend. As an arts administrator, she didn't understand why her diversity efforts lacked traction. As a teacher, she found her best efforts to reach out to students and families of color left her wondering what she was missing.

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Then, in 2009, one “aha!” moment launched an adventure of discovery and insight that drastically shifted her worldview and upended her life plan. In *Waking Up White*, Irving tells her often cringe-worthy story with such openness that readers will turn every page rooting for her—and ultimately for all of us.

Upcoming books:

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness, by Michelle Alexander
The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America, by Richard Rothstein.

**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: Food Pantry
Saturday, October 10 at 7:30 am**

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. Questions? Please contact Betsy Dodd at Betsydodd@mac.com or Paula Jesson at dpjbj@sbcglobal.net. Check our website at www.calpres.org for more information about requirements and qualifications.

**Racial Equity Initiative Movie Discussion:
“Harriet”**

Sunday, October 18 at 4 pm

**Racial Equity Initiative: Movies to Watch,
Educate, and Discuss Together**

It can be a long process to understand the way our systems and structures prop up and cause racial inequality—especially for people who haven’t suffered directly, and may even have benefited from these systems. One way to begin is by watching great movies or reading books that illustrate key aspects of systemic racism. The stories and images can shape our imaginations in powerful ways, and film can be a force for rewiring how viewers see the world off-screen, too. As part of Calvary’s Racial Equity Initiative (REI) to recognize and to educate ourselves about systemic racism and to explore the unconscious bias in our own hearts and minds, we are launching a series of programs to help promote discussion and understanding.

[Click here to register](#) to join us online via Zoom on the third Sunday of each month at 4 pm (PT) to participate in a facilitated group discussion of a movie listed below.

Important Note: Participants should watch the movie on your own prior to the event.

October 18: *Harriet*

Based on the thrilling and inspirational life of an iconic American freedom fighter, Harriet Tubman, whose work freeing slaves through the Underground Railroad has earned her a prominent spot in history books, but never her own feature film. The movie delves into the personal and political nuances of her bravery. MPAA rating: PG-13 Commonsense Media Rating: for 12+ years old, some swearing and violence.

Watch the movie

– <https://www.focusfeatures.com/harriet>

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