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# MAY 2, 2021 WORSHIP SERVICE

## Prelude

“Fantasy on a Mountain Song” (1958) (conclusion)

Joseph W. Clokey

*‘I’ll go build me a desrick (cabin) on Yandro’s high hill,*

(1890-1960)

*Where the wild beast won’t bother me,*

*Nor bear my wild cry.’*

*John Walko, Organ (recorded in 2016)*

## Welcome

Victor H. Floyd

## Opening Sentences

*from 1 John 4*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us.

## Hymn

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

NETTLETON

Verses 1-2

There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide - ness of the sea;  
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands Of new worlds as great as this;  
Souls on earth why will ye scat - ter Like a crowd of fright - ened sheep?

There's a kind - ness in God's just - ice, Which is more than li - ber - ty.  
There is room for fresh cre - a - tions In that up - per home of bliss.  
Fool - ish hearts! why will ye wan - der From a love so true and deep?

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, And more grac - es for the good;  
For the love of God is broad - er Than the meas - ure of our mind;  
If our love were but more sim - ple, We should take God at God's word;

There is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; There is heal - ing in His blood.  
And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
And our lives would be all sun - shine In the sweet - ness of the Lord.

## Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against neighbor. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression.

Lord have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in this world and to recognize where your Spirit is at work among us.

## 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 comment or peace-moji.*

## Children's Meditation

Alison Faison

## Music

“Wayfaring Stranger” trad. spiritual  
*Michael Conley, piano*

arr. Kurt Kaiser

## Scripture

*Acts 8:26-40*

Will Bondurant

### Acts 8:26-40

*Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.*

*Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.”*

*So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”*

*He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.*

*Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”*

*The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?”*

*Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.*

*As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?”*

*He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.*

*When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.*

*But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.*

## Sermon

“Why Are You on the Wilderness Road?”

Marci Glass

## Music

“God Leads Us Along”

George A. Young (19th cent.)  
arr. Michael Conley

*Phoebe Rosquist, Nancy Hall, Vrushabh Doshi, Jefferson Packer*

In shady, green pastures, so rich and so sweet,  
God leads His dear children along;  
Where the water's cool flow bathes the weary one's feet,  
God leads His dear children along.

Refrain:

Some through the waters, some through the flood,  
Some through the fire, but all through the blood;  
Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,  
In the night season and all the day long.

Sometimes on the mount where the sun shines so bright,  
God leads Her dear children along;  
Sometimes in the valley, in darkest of night,  
God leads Her dear children along. (Refrain)

Away from the mire, and away from the clay,  
God leads His dear children along;  
Away up in glory, eternity's day,  
God leads Her dear children along. (Refrain)

## The Sacrament of Communion

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.**

## 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.

## Offering

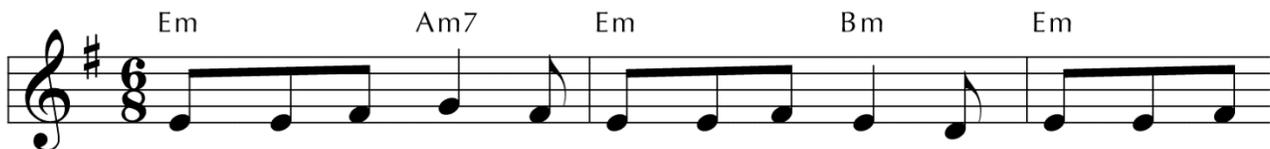
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## Hymn

"Come Now, You Blessed,  
Eat At My Table"  
Verses 1 -3

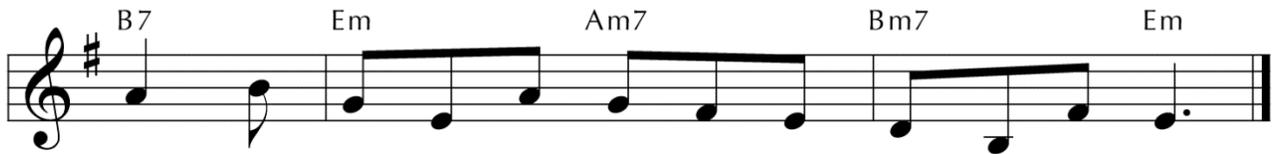
COME NOW YOU ARE BLESSED



- 1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble," said Je - sus
- 2 When did we see you hun - gry or thirst - y? When were you
- 3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren, when you gave
- 4 Christ, when we see you out on life's road - ways, look - ing to



Christ to the righ-teous a-bove. "When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and  
home-less, a strang-er a-lone? When did we see you sick or in  
shel - ter to war's ref - u-gees, when you re-mem-bered those most for-  
us in the fac - es of need, then may we know you, wel-come, and



home - less, sick and in pris - on, you showed me your love."  
pris - on? What have we done that you call us your own?  
got - ten, you cared for me in the small - est of these."  
show you love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

## Benediction

## Postlude

"Mountain Sketches, Op. 32, No. 3 - Canyon Walls"  
(1924)  
*John Walko, Organ*

Joseph Clokey  
(1890-1960)

### 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.

**Calvary Deacons: Prayer, Essential Errands, Spiritual Support**

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# What's New

## Sunday Studio

**Sundays at 9 am through May 30**

Join us on zoom for a 30-minute check-in every Sunday at 9 am! We greet each other, check in about the past week, read a story that relates to the Sunday worship theme, do an online activity together, and close in prayer.

Ages: Preschoolers to 5th graders

Theme: "Stirring Up Courage and Faith"

Alison sends out a new Zoom link every week.

**Contact Alison Faison at**

**[alisonfaison@calpres.org](mailto:alisonfaison@calpres.org) for Zoom link.**

## Virtual Coffee Hour

**Sundays at 10:45 am**

Hospitality at Calvary is friendly, generous, and back online! BYOC (bring your own coffee) and reconnect online with Calvary friends, old and new. You can enroll in the Virtual Coffee Hour program by **[clicking here](#)**. Once enrolled in the program, you'll get a confirmation email each week to confirm your participation for that coming week. **The good news is that if you were enrolled in the pilot, you are automatically enrolled you in the program.**

## Adult Education & Spiritual Formation: Where Art Meets the Earth, Part 1 of 2 TODAY at 11:30 am

**Where Art Meets the Earth:** A look at the intersection of climate change and environment with the Arts.

Join us for part one of a two-part discussion of how several artists are using their gifts to help us see the world with new insight. Please sign up for these Live Zoom Events!

**[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) to receive a secure Zoom link to join both events.**

**Part 1: Sunday, May 2 at 11:30 am** – Greg Dalton, radio & podcast host and founder of the Commonwealth Club's Climate One, will give a brief update on current Climate One events and reflect on his conversation with internationally renowned artist Ai WeiWei several years ago. Clips of that event will kick off our Q&A session with Greg. **Part 2: Sunday, May 16 at 11:30 am**

## Men of Calvary Bible Study Monday, May 3 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 or to get Zoom invitation, please contact **[David Barnes](mailto:DavidBarnes@calpres.org)** at **[davidbarnes@calpres.org](mailto:davidbarnes@calpres.org)**.

## Calvary Senior Adults Zoom Program Tuesday, May 4 at 11 am

### Anchoring Ourselves in Love during Difficult Times

Join author and spiritual director Colette Lafia to deepen and strengthen our connection to Divine Love. Drawing from her new book, ***The Divine Heart: Seven Ways to Live in God's Love***, Colette will give a short reading, and offer a guided meditation on anchoring ourselves in love during this difficult time. "In The Divine Heart, Colette Lafia invites us to enter the vastness and intimacy of God's love."

— Fr. Richard Rohr, author of The Universal Christ, founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation Learn more about Colette at [www.colettelafia.com](http://www.colettelafia.com).

**Emails with Zoom information will be sent the week before the program. If you are not on our Senior Adults email list and would like to be included, please email [marionstanton@calpres.org](mailto:marionstanton@calpres.org).**

## Volunteer Opportunity: New Door Ventures Virtual Career Roundtable Friday, May 7 at 1:45 pm

### Change a Young Person's Life: Volunteer with New Door Ventures

Calvary and New Door Ventures invites volunteers currently in the workforce to participate in a "virtual" Career Roundtable workshop. Volunteers are needed to help answer questions about your professional journey and share firsthand work experiences. Providing this training by video conference allows New Door youth to continue their job preparation while sheltering in place. It also provides a much-needed sense of continuity

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and community at a very disruptive time for youth seeking employment opportunities. [Click here](#) for more information about Calvary's partnership with New Door Ventures. If you are available, please email Jane Bryson at [Janebry@msn.com](mailto:Janebry@msn.com) or call 415-246-4710.

### **Volunteer Opportunity: Food Pantry Saturdays 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](mailto:Betsydodd@mac.com) or Paula Jesson at [dpjbj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dpjbj@sbcglobal.net).** Check our website at [www.calpres.org](http://www.calpres.org) for more information about requirements and qualifications.

### **Evening Prayer Services Wednesday, May 12 at 6 pm**

Please join us on the second Wednesday of every month at 6 pm for a restorative midweek prayer service, streaming live and in-person. In the middle of your busy week, take time as we center ourselves in contemplation together. We will gather for 30 minutes for prayer and music. **[Please register here.](#)**

### **Volunteer Opportunity: Habitat for Humanity All Faiths Build Saturday, May 15 at 8:30 am**

Ready to support a family's journey to homeownership?

**Volunteer with Calvary at Habitat Humanity's annual All Faiths Build on Saturday, May 15, 8:30 am – 4 pm.** Adults and youth (16 years and older) are welcome. Space is limited.

New homes are a team effort, built by staff, volunteers and homeowner families. Volunteers provide much of the labor on new home construction, saving money in construction costs and helping to keep homes affordable.

Habitat for Humanity new home construction projects are deemed essential services. They are operated with fewer people and abide by strict **Covid-19 protocols** onsite.

**[Advance sign-up required. If interested, please contact Robin Morjikian at \[robinmorjikian@calpres.org\]\(mailto:robinmorjikian@calpres.org\).](#)**

### **The Women of Calvary Online Bible Study Thursday, May 20 at 6:30 pm LAST SESSION**

**[Email Rev. Joann H. Lee at \[joannlee@calpres.org\]\(mailto:joannlee@calpres.org\) for the link!](#)**

We use the Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study, and this year's theme is "Into the Light". This study 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.

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