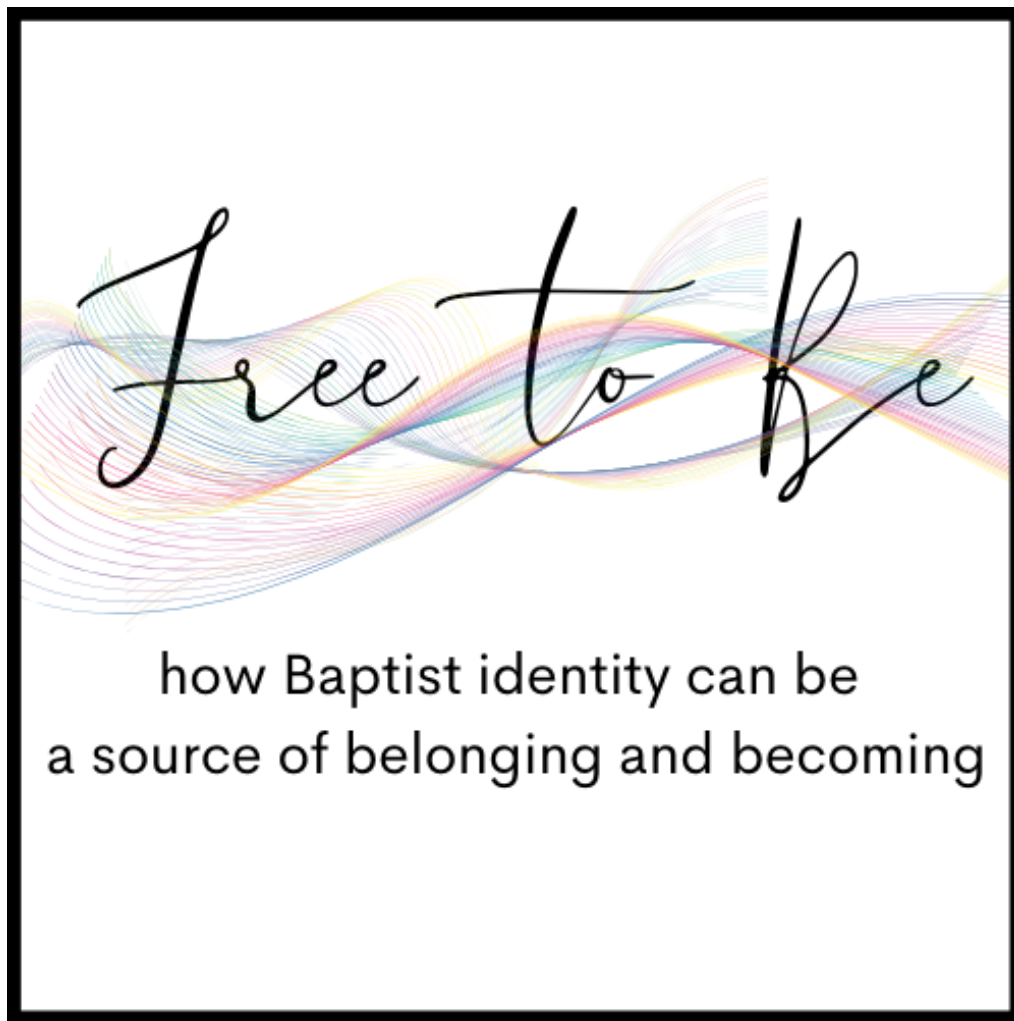




Calvary Baptist Church
Open to all. Closed to none.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021 – 10:30 a.m. MT



Calvary is a Christ-like community that experiences and shares God's love.

Calvary welcomes and affirms all people as children of God from every cultural and religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, economic means, race, age, and gender.

Order of Worship

The + symbol invites you to rise in body or spirit as you are comfortable.

In the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Announcements

Announcement slides begin in the sanctuary between 10:20-10:25 a.m.; you may also view them in the narthex following worship.

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

Prelude

Cantad al Señor

arr. Louise Mundinger

Denise Lanning, organ

Centering Prayer:

Loving God, You have given each one of us Divine gifts. Gifts of compassion, creativity, organization, leadership, and much more. Help us to use those gifts as the Spirit leads. Remind us that these gifts are meant to make Your world a more whole, healed place. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour & Lighting the Christ Candle

We light the Christ Candle as a symbol of the living presence of Christ among us and within us today.

Welcome & Time of Greeting

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

We are glad you have joined us for our worship service this morning! If you are a guest worshipping for the first time, we invite you to take a Welcome Bag on the table outside the Sanctuary and fill out our Welcome pew card and place it in the offering plate. If you are worshipping online, please click the link in the YouTube description to fill out a Connection Card so that we can let you know more about our community.

As we greet one another, please use the sticker that someone is wearing as an indication of their comfort level for interaction (green – hugs/handshakes okay; yellow – elbows only; red – six feet distance please).

You are invited to use a Prayer Card in the pew rack to write a prayer request or thanksgiving. Place the card in the offering plate later in the service. You may also offer your prayers through the live chat on YouTube; please submit your request by the conclusion of the Offertory with the letters POP in front of your prayer request. The prayers will be offered aloud during the *Prayers of the People*.

+ Call to Worship

Susan Wirt

One: Gathered in this place,

All: we are the body of Christ.

One: The hands and feet,

All: the eyes and ears,

One: the heart and lungs–

All: all parts of the whole,

One: participating in the miraculous body.

All: Together we are a body that worships,

One: a body that sings,

All: a body that works,

One: a body that rests,

All: a body that rejoices in the wonder of serving and loving God together.

One: We are the body of Christ,

All: gathered in this place, willing and ready to worship you.

+ Hymn 255

We Are God's People

SYMPHONY

Word for God's Children

Becky Whitaker

Children of all ages are invited to come forward to the chancel steps. Children are invited to bring an offering forward with them to put in the children's offering box.

Offertory

Many Gifts, One Spirit
Dr. David Farwig, guitar & voice

Al Carmines, Jr.

Calvary is a congregation-supported church. Your tithes and offerings make all of Calvary's ministries possible, including this worship service. Thank you for your generosity!

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- Smartphone: text *Open2All* to 833-303-3655 OR scan this QR code
- Mail: Calvary Baptist Church of Denver (6500 E. Girard Ave. Denver, CO 80224)



+ Doxology

OLD 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that love has done.
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

Hymn 302

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

PROMISE

Prayers of the People

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

The Prayers of the People include the prayers offered from congregation members in the live chat on YouTube (please put POP before prayer) or through prayer cards in the offering plate.

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 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.**

+ Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17
New Revised Standard Version

Amy Kehew

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

One: For the Word God in Scripture,
for the Word of God Among Us,
for the Word of God Within Us,

All: Thanks be to God!

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

One: For the Word God in Scripture,
for the Word of God Among Us,
for the Word of God Within Us,

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

Free to Be:

Rev. Alice Horner Nelson

Whoever God Calls You to Be

(An Invitation to follow Christ Freely & Faithfully Using Your Unique Gifts)

Thirteenth Sermon in the 14-week summer series: Free to Be

+ Hymn 670

Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You

MADILL

During this hymn you may come forward to make public your profession of faith in Christ, request baptism, share that you would like to become a member of this church family, share how God is leading you to answer a call to ministry, or share any way that God is at work in your life.

Please fill out the *Respond* form on the back of the Order of Worship and bring that with you as you walk forward.

Benediction

Rev. Alice Horner Nelson

Postlude

Poco Vivace

Hermann Schroeder

Denise Lanning, organ

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please leave the sanctuary quietly for those who wish to continue worshipping through the postlude.

The worship service has ended; our service to the world continues. Go in peace.



Service Notes

Hospitality Notes:

- **Childcare** is available in the nursery for children up to age 5.
- **Worship bags** for older children are on the east side of the narthex across from the library. See an usher for assistance.

- **Large print copies of the hymns** are available on the Welcome Kiosk.
- **Gender neutral restrooms** are located in the hallway east of the Welcome Kiosk.
- **Hearing Assistance:** If you need additional amplification, ask an usher for a hearing assistance device, which provides a direct feed into a headset or compatible hearing aids.
- **Nametags:** If you need a nametag made or replaced, please email cbc@calvarydenver.org or notify an usher.

Today is the **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**, which is part of the season of **Ordinary Time**, representing the “greening” of the Spirit. In the ancient church, this season coincided with the “springing forth” of God’s spirit following Pentecost, just as spring bursts forth with new life in the perpetual seasons of our lives. There are two periods of Ordinary Time in the liturgical year. The first is after Epiphany Sunday through Ash Wednesday. The second is between the Monday after Pentecost and the first Sunday of Advent. Ordinary Time is the longest season in the liturgical year. The **paraments** are **green** during Ordinary Time.

The **Prelude** is a composition by Boston area organist and composer, and graduate of Valparaiso and New England Conservatory Louise Mundinger. It is based on the hymn-tune CANTAD AL SENOR (Sing to the Lord), #328 in our hymnal Celebrating Grace. It is one of a collection of pieces for *Bayoubüchlein*, a project of the 2016 Houston

National Convention of the American Guild of Organists. These pieces for organ were composed by AGO members and were presented as a gift to all convention attendees.

The **Call to Worship** is written by Joanna Harader (spaciousfaith.com) and is led by **Susan Wirt**, who is also reading the **New Testament Scripture** today. Susan has been a Calvary member since 1986 and has served on various committees and in various volunteer roles. She is retired and enjoys hiking and reading.

The **Word for God's Children** is led by **Becky Whitaker**. Becky was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She and her husband, Bruce, are lifelong American Baptists who met at Ottawa University in Kansas. Their sons, Jeff and Peter, grew up attending Calvary, and their daughter-in-law, Ashley, was ordained as an American Baptist minister at Calvary. Becky and Bruce have two grandchildren, Isaac and Lydia. In the Denver community, Becky volunteers virtually as an oral storyteller with elementary students and as an ESL tutor with adults. At Calvary, she is part of the Facing Racism cohort at Calvary and is the co-lead from Calvary with the Stedman Elementary School reading partnership with New Hope Baptist Church.

The **Gospel Reading** is read by **Amy Kehew**. Amy joined Calvary in 2018 when she moved to Denver from Massachusetts after teaching third grade for 46 years. Amy is Calvary's Music Librarian, sings in the Calvary Choir, plays in JuBellation (handbell choir), and serves on the Stewardship Committee. She attends Theology Pub, the Midweek Zoom Gathering, and Tuesday Prayer & Study Group. She likes to read, garden, and do counted cross-stitching.

Today's **Message** is the **thirteenth sermon** in a **14-week series** called, **Free to Be: how Baptist identity can be a source of belonging and becoming**, which is an exploration of Baptist identity, freedoms, ordinances, and associations. This summer series explores the question: Why Baptist? What does it mean to be Baptist and how can our Baptist identity be a source of belonging and becoming? For Baptists, faith means both freedom for the individual and formation in community. Perhaps in understanding our heritage more fully, we will hear – in new ways – who God is calling us to be and how God is freeing us to live. Please join us on Tuesday nights as we continue the conversation each week on Zoom!

The **Postlude** is part of a collection by German organist and composer Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984) entitled *Short Preludes and Intermezzos*. He employs parallel thirds and fifths in the opening and closing sections with a short imitative middle section. He studied at the University of Innsbruck, and at the Musikhochschule in Cologne where he later became assistant director.

Today's **livestream webcaster** is **Bill Warren**, **livestream support** is **Amelie Haas**, and the **sound tech** is **Steven Jackson**. **Christine Zeiler** is our online greeter for the livestream. Sermons are uploaded to Calvary's YouTube page and website the week following the service by **Amelie Haas**.

Staff notes: Today we welcome Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher back from parental leave!



Prayer

Full Prayer List Posted Outside Office and in ENews

VIP ("Very Inspiring Person") of the Week – Betty Goding

Student of the Week – Duncan Hulst

In Long term Care – Dick Ashworth, Helen Cheatham, Andy Gibbs, Topsy Miller,

Ruth Shanklin

In Hospice Care – Lynette Pahs

In the Hospital – Pat Crandall

Additions/Updates to Prayer List this week –

- Linda Jagger's missionary friends, Ron & Jeanine Wiley –made it safely to USA to a family home in Pueblo, CO. Prayers for recovery from COVID effects on their health and discernment for when it is safe to go back to Kazakhstan.

Calvary Prayer Phone – Want to connect with those needing prayer? Each Friday Judy Griswold updates the prayer phone, including a short devotional. Dial 303-756-1034, ext. 300.

Giving at a Glance

Last Week (8/15 - 8/21)	\$11,016
Weekly Goal	\$13,729
YTD Gifts Received (1/1 - 8/21)	\$409,205
YTD Goal (1/1 to 8/31)	\$475,936

Your giving makes a difference. Just as we join our hearts together in prayer and worship, we join our resources together to continue the vital ministry of Calvary. Thank you for supporting our staff, ministries, mission partners, and building costs.

Support Calvary: Scan this QR code with your smartphone camera to give online:



Connect

Help spread the word & Invite a Friend to Church! Subscribe to our YouTube Channel (youtube.com/calvarybaptistchurchofdenver), share our worship service to your social media pages, forward the link to friends and family, or invite someone to church with you next week!

TONIGHT – The Gathering Contemporary Worship – 5:00 p.m. MT – Chapel. Join us for worship in-person as we gather again together! Nursery care available for infants through Pre-K by RSVP to Angela Leonard (due the Thursday prior). You may also worship with us through the livestream on youtube.com/calvarybaptistchurchofdenver. Tonight, Pastor Alice is preaching.

Tues. Aug. 31 – Free to Be: Whoever God Calls You to Be (An Invitation to follow Christ Freely & Faithfully Using Your Unique Gifts) – Midweek Gathering on Zoom – 6:30 p.m. MT. Join us for a time of prayer and a study/discussion led by Pastor Anne as we continue in our summer series, *FREE TO BE: How Baptist Identity Can Be a Source of Belonging & Becoming*, exploring Baptist identity, freedoms, ordinances, and associations. The zoom link will be emailed on Tuesday or contact Pastor Alice.

Sun. Sept. 12 – Gathering Sunday Fair – 9:00-10:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hall. Join us as we kick off Calvary's program year. Enjoy live music by favorite Calvary pianists, sign up for small groups and connecting opportunities, hear from the pastors about this year's theme, and receive a gift. Invite a friend and bring a jar of peanut butter (not natural/oil-separating) or a tuna packet for our Bootstraps & Blessings Ministry.

Sat. Sept. 18 – Memorial Service for Mike Burck – 2:00 p.m. MT – Sanctuary. All are welcome; reception to follow in Fellowship Hall. Masks requested.

Thurs.-Sat. Sept. 23-25 – American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains Annual Gathering: "Get Unstuck: Charting a Courageous Future" – New Hope Baptist Church. For more information and to register, go to abcrm.org/the-gathering-2021. Early registration (discounted price) available until Aug. 30.

Sun. Oct. 3 – RSVP due for Connections Class – Sundays, Oct. 10, 17, & 24 – Calvary (with Zoom option, upon request). If you have recently joined the church, are curious about church membership, or are new to our community and want to learn more about our church, please join us for our next series of classes!

- Sun. Oct. 10 – 9:00 – 10:10 a.m. MT (light breakfast provided) – option to attend morning worship together
- Sun. Oct. 17 – 11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. MT (lunch provided) – immediately following morning worship
- Sun. Oct. 24 – 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. MT (snacks provided) – option to attend *The Gathering* worship together

Over the course of the three weeks, you'll learn about Calvary's history, mission/vision, ministry areas for all ages, staff and lay leadership, organizational structure, and membership values – and take a tour of our building and our website. You'll have the opportunity to share some of your story, find ways to connect with service and small groups, get to know staff more personally, and ask any questions you have about Calvary.

Attendance at all three sessions is strongly preferred; however, if you cannot attend all three sessions, let us know and we will make sure you get the information you miss. Please RSVP to cbc@calvarydenver.org or 303-757-8421 by Fri. Oct. 3 with your name, email/phone number, your method of attending (in person or Zoom), and any dietary or accommodation requests that we need to be aware of to create a welcoming environment for you.

DONATIONS NEEDED – Calvary's Bootstraps & Blessings Ministry needs the following items: peanut butter, tuna packets, Ritz crackers, water, Capri Sun, granola bars, men and women's sturdy shoes, pants/bottoms, socks, and travel hair conditioner (no shampoo needed right now). Please place items in the grocery cart in the coat room.

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Calendar

Church Office Open:

Tues. & Wed. – 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 29

10:00 a.m. Nursery Open (EW)
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship Time (FH)
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (S)
4:45 p.m. Coffee Served (N)
5:00 p.m. The Gathering Contemporary Worship (C)

Location Key			
BR	Boardroom	IR	Instrument Room
C	Chapel	MR	Music Room
EW	East Wing	N	Narthex (outside FH)
FH	Fellowship Hall	PS	Pastor's Study
FP	Fireplace Room	S	Sanctuary
G	Gym	WW	West Wing
L	Library	YL	Youth Lounge
		Z	Zoom (online)

Monday, August 30

10:00 a.m. Bootstraps & Blessings (N, YL)
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group (Rm 119)
2:00 p.m. Caring Hearts (Rm 134)

Tuesday, August 31

6:30 p.m. Midweek Gathering (Z)

Thursday, September 2

9:30 a.m. Game Day (YL)
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Sunday, September 5

10:00 a.m. Nursery Open (EW)
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship Time (FH)
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (S)
4:45 p.m. Coffee Served (N)
5:00 p.m. The Gathering Contemporary Worship (C)
5:00 p.m. The Threshold (S)



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Respond

If you are coming forward during the hymn of response, please fill this out and bring it with you when you walk forward. The pastor will speak with you briefly and share your decision with the church. Following the service, the pastor will speak with you about next steps and any additional questions that you have.

Name(s): _____

He/Him/His
She/Her/Hers
They/Them/Theirs

City/State: _____

_____ **I would like to join the church and become a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Denver**

_____ I am transferring my membership from another church:

_____ **I am making a profession of faith and would like to be baptized**

_____ **I would like to share a call to ministry or another important faith decision**

_____ **I would like to request prayer from the community**

_____ **I would like to share how God is working in my life and/or through Calvary**

_____ **Other:** _____