

#### Calvary Baptist Church Open to all. Closed to none.

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.

# The Gathering Worship- March 29, 2020

Thank you for worshipping with us virtually! Please sing along with us! **Welcome** 

**Gathering Song** 

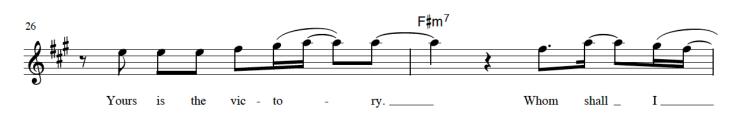
You Never Let Me Down (CCLI Song #7117253)

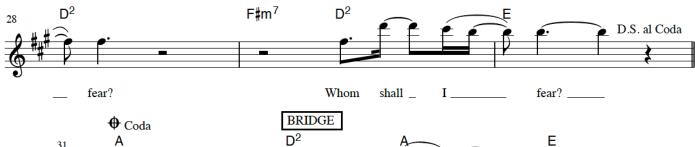






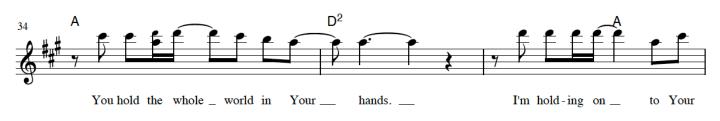


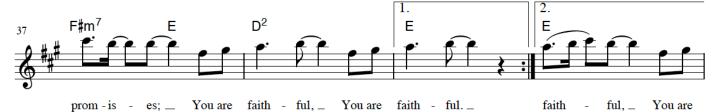






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#### **Scripture Reading**

#### Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 (NIV)

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

2 "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite

the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

5 Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. 6 Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. 7 When you hear of wars and

rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will happen, but the end is still to come. 8 Nation will rise never pass away. The Day and Hour Unknown against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. 32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even These are the beginning of birth pains. the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 24 "But in those days, following that distress, 33 Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that "the sun will be darkened, time will come. 34 It's like a man going away: He leaves and the moon will not give its light; his house and puts his servants in charge, each with 25 the stars will fall from the sky, their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' watch. 26 "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And he 35 "Therefore keep watch because you do not know will send his angels and gather his elect from the four when the owner of the house will come back-whethwinds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the er in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let heavens. him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to 28 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know everyone: 'Watch!'" that summer is near. 29 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 31

#### Message

Living Faithfully "Until it is Over"

Rev. Daniel Schweissing

### Litany of Action

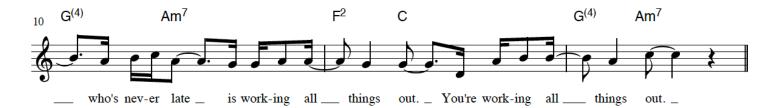
Litany of Action			
One:	God, we are heavy with sleep,	Many:	Looking for your glory when
Many:	Struggling for a glimpse of		ever and wherever it is revealed.
	your glory.	One:	We know that this doesn't mean
One:	We are impatiently and desperately		simple physical awakeness -
	waiting	Many:	It means spiritual discipline,
Many:	For heaven to come on earth.	One:	Regular spiritual practice,
·		Many:	Constant courage and
One:	We feel the longing and exaspera-	•	intention.
	tion in Christ's words:	One:	Help us to do whatever it takes
Many:	"How long must I bear with	Many:	To become aware of what
-	you?"	-	you're doing
		One:	Here on earth
One:	We want justice for our siblings - all	Many:	And in heaven
	of them your children.	One:	And to work tirelessly
Many:	We want the earth to be	All:	To bring earth and heaven
	healthy.		into alignment. Amen.
One:	We want peace from war.		-
Many:	We want just government.		
One:	We want institutions that enact		
	love.		
Many:	We want mercy for the poor.		
One:	We know that it's not just our eyes		
	that have to be opened		
Many:	But our souls, minds and		
~	hearts -		
One:	So that we might be aware and con-		
	scious,		

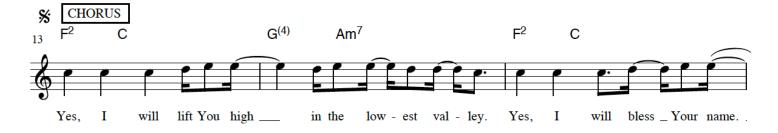


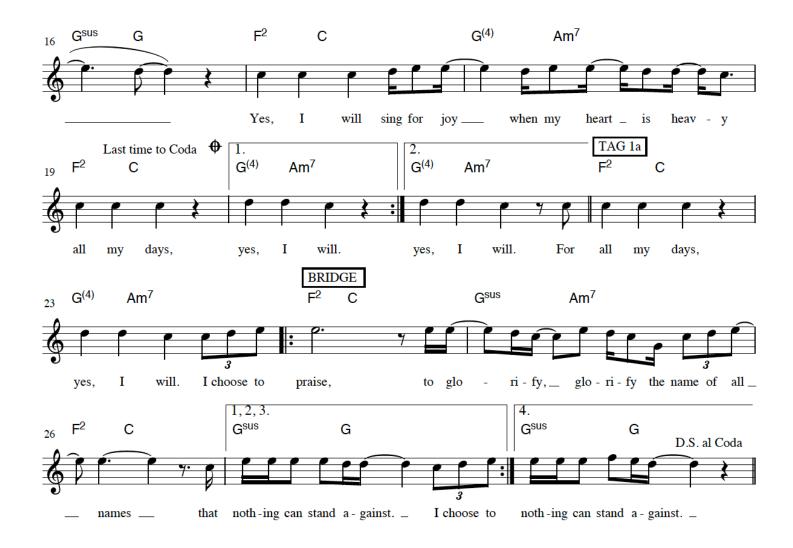


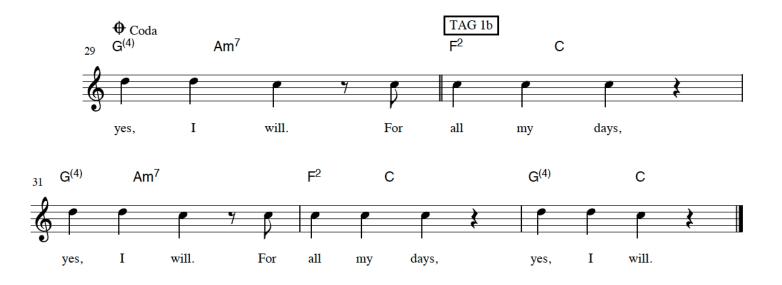












## **Benediction**

No matter how weak or how frightened we may feel, we each have gifts that can make a difference in the world. In this coming week, may you do at least one thing to support the broken; to welcome the stranger; to celebrate what is worthy; to do the work of justice and love.

Be strong. Be connected. Each day, act — so you may be a little more whole.

Amen.

### Service Notes & Announcements

Our preacher today is **Rev. Daniel Schweissing**. He is a former American Baptist missionary and teaches English as a second language at the Community College of Aurora where, among other things, he is the faculty advisor for the Interfaith Student Alliance. Daniel and his wife Estela joined Calvary in 2018. They are volunteers for Family Promise, and Daniel is an occasional teacher/speaker for Caritas and Monday Night Pub. Outside of work and church, his interests include camping, bicycling, hiking, snowshoeing, and writing occasional columns for EthicsDaily.com.

Our litany is written by **Fran Pratt**.

**Midweek Virtual Gatherings-** Join us Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. for our Midweek Virtual Gathering. We will check in with each other, share concerns, and a devotional. We will email out the Zoom link on Tuesday.

**Our Directory Is Now Online!** Check our latest E-News for the link to the online directory. Email cbc@calva-rydenver.org for the password.

**Pastoral Calls Via Zoom-** Our pastors are offering 30 minute pastoral "face to face visits" via Zoom or visits over the phone. Please email Pastor Anne or Pastor Alice to set up an appointment with them.

**If you UNDER AGE 60\* and are not immune compromised:** We need your help buying Groceries, picking up prescriptions, and/or running errands for those who are age 60+. As of now we have not received requests for this from our members, but anticipate these needs to increase in coming weeks. If you are willing to do this, please email Lori Grohskopf. We know some of you responded last week, but many of those responses were from people who are age 60 and above. Please read this important message: \*Based on what we are hearing from our own members who are health care professionals, we do not want those over age 60 and above in our congregation out and about, even if you feel healthy. Please heed their wisdom and advice. They are on the front lines and know more about COVID-19 and how it spreads than many (if not all) of us. One of our chaplains writes: "I know it is with the kindest intentions that grocery stores are opening early for at risk populations to shop. Please tell our congregants NOT to go. The worst thing is for them all to be out and around one another. Please reiterate to those who are age 60 and older or those who are immune compromised to not go out. Out hospital is working very hard to counter the message that going out during certain shopping hours is safe; it is not. Not even to go through a drive through to pick up medications. People need to stay in. Have them call me or others in our age group (below age 60) to run errands for them."

## Write an Encouraging Card to Our Nurses, Chaplains, Doctors, and Healthcare Workers

Our Calvary members and friends who work in hospitals and related health care professions are having an especially stressful time right now being on the front lines of this pandemic. They would love some encouragement! You can find a list in our E-news of those who work in hospitals. You can find their address in your church directory or email Lori Grohskopf or Pastor Alice.

Our **Bootstraps & Blessings Ministry** is still serving our community by setting out to-go food bags on Mondays. We are in need of bottled water, Capri Sun, granola bars, Ritz crackers, peanut butter, and hand sanitizer (or sanitizing wipes). Email Pat Hagen (pwescotthagen@comcast.net) to arrange donating.

### **Calvary Care Team**

We need many Volunteers who are willing to be Care Team Members. Each CTM would have a list of 10-15 names to call/text/write and check-in on on a regular basis throughout the next few weeks and/or months. Email Lori Grohskopf to sign-up. Pastor Anne will be in touch with you soon with your list.

**Give!** If you are able, please continue to give to Calvary online here. Giving to our General Ministry Fund (General Operating Budget) helps us maintain our staffing and support new forms of programming that we are adapting as we are in this new time of ministry. Giving to our Calvary Family Emergency Fund helps any Calvary members or families who may have financial difficulties during this time. Select "Other" and type in "Family Emergency Fund."

Giving to the **America for Christ Offering** helps support our American Baptist Partners who are working across the United States and Puerto Rico in ministries with marginalized children, disaster response, prisoner re-entry and aftercare, immigration and refugee resettlement, public witness and advocacy, resources that equip Christian leaders, chaplains who bring comfort to those in hospitals and nursing homes, and so much more. Select "Mission Offering" and type in "America for Christ."

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