



Calvary Baptist Church

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Order of Worship

Senior Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2020

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

Prelude

Christ is Arisen
Denise Lanning, organ

J.S. Bach

Centering Prayer:

Lord Jesus, after your death and resurrection you sent your followers into the world to proclaim your resurrection to the entire world. Send us into the world to bear witness to all you have done in our lives. 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

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

We are glad you have joined us for our virtual worship service this morning. Please let us know you are worshipping with us by posting pictures of you or your family worshipping in your home on Facebook or Instagram and tagging Calvary Baptist Church of Denver.

Hymn

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His
 2. In ev - ery in - sult rift, and war, where
 3. Wo - men and men, in age and and youth, can
 4. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good

cross stands emp - ty to the sky. Let
 col - or, or, weath the di - vide, Christ
 feel the Spir - it, hear the call, and
 news to this and ev - ery age, till

streets and homes with prais - es ring. His
 suf - fers still, yet loves the more, and
 find the way, the truth, re -
 earth and all cre - a - tion ring with

love in death shall nev - er die.
 lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Call to Worship

Evan Hicks & Cody Postle

Evan: We gather this day to acknowledge a threshold moment –
 a thin place between what has been and what is to be –
 between what has been studied, learned, and accomplished,
 and all the more there that is to study and learn and do.

Cody: It is so very good to mark growth in celebration,
 and so very good as well, to celebrate having further to grow –
 to note a mile-marker on the longer way,
 and to take joy both in the distance traveled and the distance yet ahead.

Evan: Bless those who have gone before us and those who will come after us.
 And bless us, who now stand in this liminal time and space today –
 this threshold of looking back and looking ahead.

Cody: May it be with a sense of both gratitude and anticipation.
 May it be with an awareness of how we grow our whole life long with our whole person –
 minds, bodies, spirits, and emotions.

**All: *May we journey together with a profound sense
 of what it means to make our way,
 from where we have been and where we are going,
 within the way of Jesus.
 Let us worship our great and always-present God,
 who carries us through each season of life.***

Songs

How Great is Our God / How Great Thou Art

The splendor of the king, clothed in majesty
 Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice
 He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
 It trembles at His voice, it trembles at His voice
 How great is our God, Sing with me how great is our God
 And all will see how great, how great is our God
 Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
 Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
 The Godhead, Three in One – Father, Spirit, Son,
 The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me how great is our God
And all will see how great, how great is our God

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee / How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee / How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

How Great Is Our God – Text and Music: Tomlin, E. Cash, J. Reeves CCLI License #105571/Song #4348399
How Great Thou Art – Text and Music: CCLI License #105571/Song #14181

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:1-14

Denise Wylde

New Revised Standard Version

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Sung Response

Celtic Alleluia



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Word for God’s Children

Rev. Rachel Chang

If your children are not already in the room, now is a great time to invite them to join you!

Moment of Gratitude

Rev. Sara Reynolds

Call for the Offering

*Calvary IN Response!
IN Faith*

Susan Wirt

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Offertory

Rhythm Song
Michael Jonell, marimba

Paul Smadbeck

**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.**

Time of Prayer

Rev. Sara Reynolds

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.**

Reflection

Michael Jonell

Song

My Lighthouse
The Gathering Band

Chris Llewellyn & Gareth Gilkeson

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea
In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea
CHORUS:
*My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse*

*I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore*
I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea
CHORUS
Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (hey)
(REPEAT 3X)

Reflection on Transitions

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

Time of Blessing for Graduating Seniors

Revs. Anne J. Scalfaro, Alice Horner-Nelson
& Morgan C. Fletcher

Class of 2020

*Miciah Davis - Arapahoe High School
Michael Jonell - Arapahoe High School
Clara Sjoberg - Littleton High School*

*Jada Walker - Grandview High School
Toby Yarrington - Regis Jesuit High School*

Prayer for the Families

Anne: God of Mercy and love, enfold these parents with your grace. Increase in them a spirit of wisdom and generosity. Teach them to release into your care those whom they hold most dear. Help them to remember that they can neither walk the journey for their graduating student or shield them from pain. Renew their strength and rekindle their passion as they discover anew your calling on their lives. And through the years, bring these parents and students back to one another, so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends – a holy family – from generation to generation.

All: Amen.

Prayer for Graduating Seniors

Alice: Gracious God, we give you thanks for these students. We celebrate who they are and the adults they have become. As their lives become more their own, make your presence known to them. Surround them with true friends and steadfast mentors. Help them to discover their own giftedness and use those gifts to your glory. Keep away temptations which would keep them from becoming who you intend them to be. Awaken in them a desire for what is truly good and life-giving. Hold them in your love and grace. And now, we pray, protect and bless them as they go forth to do the work you have given them to do.

All: **Amen.**

Prayer for the Congregation

Morgan: May our Almighty God fill us all with courage, wisdom, and joy.
May Jesus Christ be our guide and never-failing friend,
making us strong in faith, and growing our curiosity as life-long learners.

All: **May the Holy Spirit guide us in truth and lead us in paths everlasting.
And may the blessing of God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
rest upon us all this day and forevermore. Amen.**

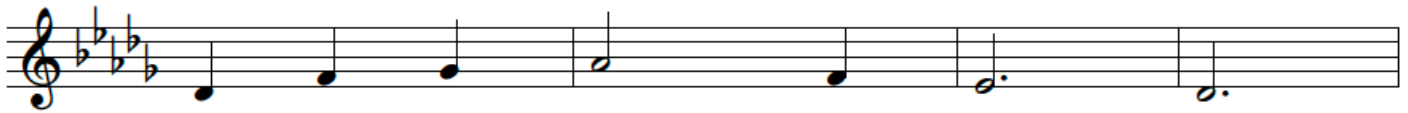
Hymn of Response

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON



1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



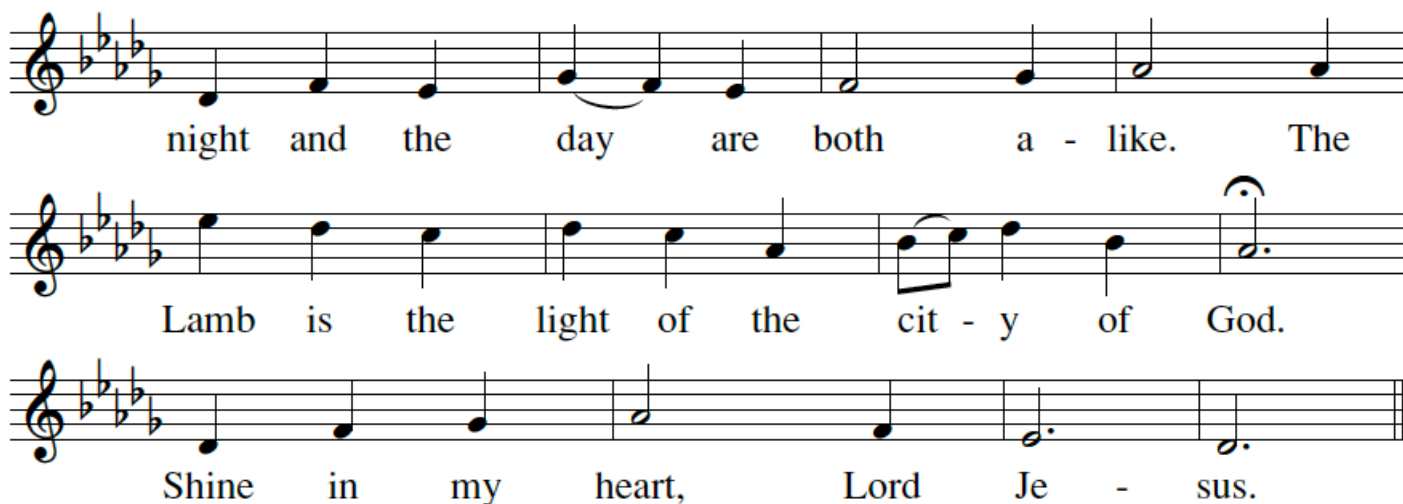
God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness shine on my path, And
When we have run with pa - tience the race, We



star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The
Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Benediction

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

Postlude

O Sons and Daughters
Denise Lanning, organ

George Brandon

Service Notes

Today is the **Second Sunday in Eastertide**. Easter is the oldest festival of the Christian Church. Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on the third day after his crucifixion.

Today is **Senior Sunday**. We recognize our students who are graduating from high school this year and celebrate their unique gifts as they lead us in worship. Calvary presents graduating seniors with a “college survival kit.” These gifts and a reception will take place once Sheltering at Home has been lifted.

The **Pipe Organ** that our organist, Denise Lanning, is playing for our pre-recorded video worship services during the COVID-19 outbreak is an instrument in her home. It is a four rank, two manual (keyboard) organ with full pedalboard, and was built for her by Charles Ruggles of Conifer, Colorado.

The **Call to Worship** is led by **Evan Hicks & Cody Postle**. Evan and Cody have attended Calvary for the last two years. Evan is a youth church school teacher and Cody sings in the Calvary Choir. They are engaged and live in Aurora with their dog Kohl; they’re working on a goal to buy their first home. Evan has worked at Chili’s in Lone Tree as the head bartender for the past seven years. He enjoys running, playing video games, and spending time with his family. Cody works with Healthcare Services Group and enjoys playing volleyball, taking trips home to Illinois with Evan, and interior decorating.

The **New Testament Reading** is read by **Denise Wylde**. Denise has been at Calvary since 1967 and has been involved in many ways including volunteering with the youth group and serving on Council. Currently, she is one of the Calvary Co-Coordinator for our Family Promise host weeks. Denise works at Kent Denver School as a technology support specialist and is a lifeguard during the summer months. She enjoys skiing, travel, hiking, camping, off road adventures in her Jeep, looking for ghost towns, and outings with her husband, adult children and her dogs. She often spends a lot of time in the mountains meeting with God and finding many ways to worship there as well as all over the world!

The **Scripture** for today comes from **Year 2** of the **Narrative Lectionary (NL)**, a four-year cycle of readings for use in worship that provide an overview of the biblical story by focusing on a different gospel and different Old and New Testament texts each year. The NL follows the program year—Sept. to May—and is shaped by the church calendar:

- *Old Testament*: From Labor Day through Advent, Old Testament readings move through the story of God’s interactions with Israel and culminate in Advent with the prophets’ longing and hope for the coming Messiah.
- *Gospel*: From Christmas to Easter, readings from one Gospel tell the story of the birth of the Messiah at Christmas, the revelation of the Messiah during Epiphany, and Jesus’ passion through Lent and Holy Week.
- *Early Church*: From Easter Sunday through the Day of Pentecost, readings from the Gospels, Acts, and Paul’s letters reveal the power of the Holy Spirit in the early church’s story.

- Summer Readings from the Sunday after Pentecost through the summer are flexible and include different miniseries on books of the bibles or topics such as The Ten Commandments or the Lord's Prayer, etc.

The **Word for God's Children** is given by **Rev. Rachel Chang**. Rachel has been a member at Calvary since 2016. She is an ordained minister and a chaplain at the Univ. of Colorado Hospital. At Calvary, she serves on the Stewardship Committee, helps with Family Promise, and helps lead *Common Table*, *Common Life* and *Healing & Wholeness* services. Some of her interests include reading, reflective writing, live music, traveling, exploring the Rockies through hiking and skiing, and spending time with family. Rachel and her husband Shu were married in May 2019 and are expecting their first child in June.

The **Moment of Gratitude and Time of Prayer** are given by **Rev. Sara Reynolds**. Sara has been a member at Calvary for four years and teaches youth church school. She is an ordained minister through the Alliance of Baptists and a chaplain at Children's Hospital Colorado. She is originally from Smithville, VA, and that is where most of her family still lives. Sara loves her two cats, Rowena and Helga, and loves to force them to snuggle, even though they'd rather play. Sara also loves to play, to read young adult fiction, to craft, and has a crazy sweet tooth.

The **Call for the Offering** is given by **Susan Wirt**. Susan has been a member of Calvary since 1986. Susan serves on the Stewardship Committee, volunteers with Family Promise, reads with third graders at Stedman Elementary as part of the Calvary/New Hope partnership, and participates in Monday Pub and the Calvary book group. Susan is retired and enjoys hiking, reading, traveling, and going to movies and the theater.

Calvary: IN Response! This stewardship emphasis carries over the theme from last fall's stewardship campaign, "I'm IN!". It will highlight a different theme each week, beginning April 5, culminating on Sunday, May 3. Together we will stay IN-Side, stay IN Touch, stay IN-Volved. Together IN Faith and IN Unity we will meet our Needs, as Calvary rises up IN Response to this current global crisis. This week we are focusing on the theme, **IN Faith**:

- We trust and act **IN Faith** with the assurance that we will survive the pandemic and all of its devastating consequences. We do not know how long this pandemic will last. But we do have **Faith** that we can depend on God and on each other for strength.

You can act **IN Faith** by making a gift online and selecting "**Calvary IN Response**" as the giving type. We will be tracking the "spread" of generosity and publicizing the number of donations. Every contribution helps! Help us spread the message on social media! Share our Facebook posts with your friends and contacts. Together, Calvary, we will survive this pandemic and all of its consequences, because we are, as always, **ALL IN!**



The **Offertory** is played by Michael Jonell. Michael has been at Calvary since he was born. Michael is a senior at Arapahoe High School and will be attending St. Louis University in the fall studying aviation. Michael enjoys percussion, hockey, and youth activities and mission trips. His mom and dad are Jennifer and Kevin Jonell, and his siblings are Chris and Alexandria.

The **Song** is led by **The Gathering Worship Band**, which is led by **Rev. Matt Nelson**. Like what you hear? Worship with *The Gathering* virtually every Sunday on YouTube.

The **Postlude** by American composer George Brandon (1924-2000) is based on the tune *O filii et filiae* (O Sons and Daughters) and is traditionally sung on the second Sunday of Easter. Many hymn texts associated with this tune reference Jesus' encounter with Thomas, the doubter, who upon seeing Jesus' nail prints cried "Thou art my Lord and God, Alleluia."

Today's **worship video** was compiled by **Damon Scalfaro**. Sermons are usually uploaded to Calvary's Facebook page, YouTube page, and website within 24 hours following worship.



Prayer

VIP ("Very Inspiring Person") of the Week – Lynette Pahs

Student of the Week – Rebecca Bennett

In Longterm Care – Dick & Olga Ashworth, Helen Cheatham, Earlie Delley, Andy Gibbs, Topsy Miller, Ruth Shanklin

In Hospice Care – Jane Lehrmann

In Celebration –

- Congratulations to all our 2020 high school & college graduates!
- Congratulations to BriAnna & Matt Morel upon the birth of their second son, Kieran Mitchel Morel, on April 9 at 5:24 p.m. (7 lbs, 5 oz). Excited grandparents are Lynda & Gordon Pelton!

- Congratulations to Megan & Drew Brown, who are expecting their first child in October. Nita & Kreg Brown are the happy grandparents-to-be!

Love & Sympathy to –

- The friends and family of Dr. Brad Nassimbene, friend of Del Walker, who died in his sleep this week
- Morgan Fletcher & the Calvary Baptist Church Washington, D.C. family upon the death of their friend, colleague, & church administrator Paul Rosstead, on April 13
- Earlie Delley and family upon the death of her son-in-law, Milton Thomas, on April 12 from COVID-19
 - (9News article here: <https://www.9news.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/aurora-police-mourn-passing-of-great-community-leader/73-c8a45eb4-027c-4ddc-9d54-15cce7228ece>)
- Judy Baumgartner and family upon the death of her husband, Lyle, on April 11
- Sandra Baldrige and family upon the death of Sam Baldrige on April 6 from COVID-19
- Morgan Fletcher and family upon the death of Morgan's Great Uncle Bob on April 6

Added/Updated to Prayer List in the last two weeks –

- Peter Armacost, Mary Hulst's brother, had serious fall on April 14, hospitalized with a brain bleed, broken arm, and other injuries
- Cindy DeHate's mother, Mary Henderson, on hospice in her last days
- Topsy Miller, ill with COVID-19
- Carol Willard's nephew (age 57 in FL) moved to hospice on April 11 with end stages of pulmonary fibrosis
- Debby Pilloud's sister, Barbara, in ICU in Colorado Springs following emergency surgery after a brain aneurysm on April 10
- Les Redifer, detached retina
- Ann Cline, and daughter Marisa Redditt, anticipating a move to California
- David Meyer, brother of Ann Cline, in long term rehab in Sequim, WA

During the COVID-19 outbreak we pray for our medical professionals – Krysta Baglien (chaplain); Brooke & Nick Breitenauer (doctors); Rachel Chang (chaplain); Shu Chang (doctor); Katie Cornell (nurse); Dustin Frye (chaplain); Miranda Frye (nurse); Brenda Goodman (chaplain); Jordan Grohskopf (nurse); Janet Kerlin (nurse); Sarah Alexan Kline (doctor); Sarah Mather (chaplain); Sara Reynolds (chaplain); Lindsay Honeker Sullivan (nurse); Patti Thurman (nurse); Steve Zeiler (doctor)

We continue to remember in prayer – John Anduri, Babu Bachu, Edythe Berglund, Norma Briola, Mike & Lorri Burck, Jeanine Crane, Cory Crile, Barbara Ford, Betty Goding, Bob Hoffmaster, Allie Hulst, Jack Hulst, Kim Lenz, Don Miller, Calvin Moore, Tom Moss, Diane Newcom, Lynette Pahs, Brad Porter, Les Redifer, Maya Sjoberg, Dena Stanton, Tut Wang

Prayer list additions and edits may be sent to ahornnelson@calvarydenver.org.

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.



Sign Up For Our Friday E-News! Our weekly E-news is the main communication tool for our congregation and it is crucial to staying informed about Calvary during this time of social distancing. To subscribe, go to the home page of our website, scroll down to the bottom section and fill in your email address and click "subscribe." Be sure our emails don't go to your spam folder by

adding cbc@calvarydenver.org as a contact in your email address book.

Wed. April 22 - Mid-Week Virtual Gathering - 6:30 p.m. Join us as we check in with each other, share prayer concerns, pray together, and have a devotion led by Rev. Gordon Kieft. We will email out the Zoom link on Tuesday; going forward a password will be required for extra security. The password will be in the email.

In lieu of Bootstraps & Blessings Donations, during this time we are receiving donations for mission partner, Jewish Family Service (JFS). JFS needs toiletry bags, food items and baby wipes for their drive-thru pantry program which serves about 125 households daily.

- For toiletry bags, we like as complete a bag as possible to hand out at one time. In a quart sized Ziploc, please include: Shampoo, Toothpaste, Soap, Deodorant, Razor, Toothbrush.
 - Top four food donation items needed: cereal, canned fruit, protein (tuna, chicken, peanut butter), canned soups
- You may place these donations in the grocery carts in the coat room at Calvary, or contact Pat Hagen if you'd like them picked up from your front porch (pwestcotthagen@comcast.net, 303-999-6230).

Want to worship more? Watch our contemporary worship service, The Gathering, also posted on Calvary's YouTube Channel!

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Giving at a Glance

Last Week's Gifts Received (4/5 to 4/11)	\$22,556
Weekly Giving Goal	\$14,478
YTD Gifts Received (1/1 to 4/11)	\$239,896
YTD Goal for Giving (1/1 to 4/30)	\$250,956

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 that is supporting those in need and keeping us connected even as we apart.

Calvary Mail Delivery: Calvary still receives your mail during this time when our building is closed. Our mail is being held at the post office and is picked up on Tuesdays.

Generosity Abounds!

Thank you, Calvary, for your special giving over the last few weeks to help us raise money to house families experiencing homelessness in motels during our upcoming **Family Promise Host Week**. We raised **\$3,900**, which exceeded our goal of \$2,000-2,500! We mailed a check to Family Promise this week and the surplus gifts will go into our Family Promise restricted fund for future needs/expenses. Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers from First Plymouth UCC who also contributed to this effort.

And - thank you for your over and above giving over the last few weeks in other areas to help those in need. From March 1 until April 15 you have given an additional **\$752** to our **Bootstraps & Blessings** ministry and an additional **\$3,020** to the **Calvary Family Emergency Fund**.

As we continue our **Calvary: IN Response!** emphasis throughout April, know that every **IN Response** gift you make supports the fundamentals of our ministry: paying our staff's salaries & benefits, paying our bills, maintaining our building, supporting our missionaries and mission partners, and funding our ministry expenses - including the technology needed to bring virtual worship experiences to you!

Thank you for your ongoing generosity in *all* these areas!



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