



Calvary Baptist Church

Open to all. Closed to none.

Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019



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 ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,
Baptist Pastor and Civil Right Leader (1929-1968)

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

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

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. The prayers will be offered aloud during the *Prayers of the People*.

Prelude

My Song Is Love Unknown

M. Burkhardt

Chiming of the Hour

Extinguishing the Light

Nancy Chick

One: As we journey to the cross with Jesus throughout Lent,
we extinguish one candle each Sunday as we draw nearer to his death on Good Friday.

Silence as Candle is Extinguished

One: Acknowledging the coming darkness,

**All: *we confess our own participation in that darkness
as people who sometimes fail to be the Light of Christ to the world.***

Welcome & Time of Greeting

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

Welcome to Calvary! We are glad you have joined us for worship today. Please let us know you are here by filling out the Welcome Registry. Pass the registry along the pew and back again to the center aisle to see who is joining you in worship today and to learn a fun fact about them!

If this is your *first* time worshipping with us, we offer you a gift: a loaf of bread, which is a reminder that Jesus is the “bread of life” that nourishes our life in community together. To receive your loaf of bread, when we stand to greet one another, please raise your hand to let our ushers know that this is your first time at Calvary.

+ Hymn

God, Our Father, You Have Led Us

1. God, our Fa - ther, You have led us to this mo - ment
2. God, our Mo - ther, Your Son taught us our lives lost for
3. God, our Sav - ior, ev - er lead us from this mo - ment

in this place. Fo - cused here, with - in and 'round us,
Him in this gain. Help us, then, re - joice in chal - lenge
in this place. Help us, see Di - vine po - ten - tial

dreams and hopes u - nite with grace. God, our Fa - ther, You have led us.
'til our lives chal - Your goals at - tain. God, God, our Mo - ther, Your Son taught us.
in each chal - lenge, in each face. God, God, our Sav - ior, You have led us.

Thro' Your Spir - it lead us still. Thro' Your Spir - it teach us still. Thro' Your Spir - it lead us still.
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Text: T. York. Music: J. Hughes. CCLI License #105571/Song #1129563

+ Call to Worship

Rev. Gordon Kieft

One: We are in Lent. When the world is no longer a paradise, and creation shows its full power over us still, and we are brought down to size on this small planet of ours,

Many: we worship.

One: When the memories linger of the past,
and war shapes us beyond our knowing and conflict becomes a story of life,

Many: we worship.

One: When the way is more barren than beautiful, when the path is more a climb than a stroll,
when the desert expands and the horizon stretches,

Many: we worship.

One: We worship, because we can.

Many: We worship, because we hope.

One: We worship, because we know our vulnerability.

Many: When things shift and we need to hold on, we worship.

All: Through worship we gain the strength we need for the journey.

+ Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and pray,
2. As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, and did the vic-tory win,
3. And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through your pas-sion - tide,
4. A - bid with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,

teach us, O Christ, to mourn our sins and close by You to stay.
O give us strength in You to fight, in You to con-quer sin.
for - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Christ, with us a - bid.
an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at last at - tain!

Text: C. Hernaman. Music: Adapt. From Whole Book of Psalms. Public Domain.

Word for God's Children

Angela Leonard

Children of all ages are invited to come forward to the chancel steps.

Mission Moment

America For Christ Offering

Rev. Anne Scalfaro

Offertory

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

K. Thomerson & J. Carter

Charlotte Million and Edith Rowell, piano

Calvary is a congregation supported church. Your tithes and offerings make all of Calvary's ministries possible, including this worship service. Your generosity inspires and uplifts lives. You may give to Calvary by cash, check, or via smart phone by texting open2all to 77977.

+ Doxology

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Alice Horner-Nelson

The *Prayers of the People* include the prayers from the congregation that were placed in the offering plate.

Gentle Voice

S.N. & L. Dengler

Calvary Choir

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.
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

Luke 12:54-13:9

Mike Burck

The Voice

One: For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

When the Challenge is All You Can See

Second sermon in the Lenten Series "Yes, And...": Challenge + Celebration
Yes, life pushes you to your limits...and celebration can come in unexpected places.

+ Hymn of Response

God We've Known Such Grief and Anger

During this song there are multiple ways you may respond. You may receive prayer, anointing, or communion in the back of the sanctuary. You may also 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.

God We've Known Such Grief and Anger

1. God, we've known such comes grief and an - ger tion; as we've
2. By your grace comes re - sur - rec - tion; as by your
3. Hope is ours for, God, you love us! You have

heard your peo - ple cry. We have asked you, "How much lon - ger?"
love, you cast out fear. You give strength and sure di - rec - tion
claimed us by your grace. And thro' Je - sus, you have called us

We have sad - ly to won - dered, "Why?" In this
as we seek hope to serve you here. place. In give
to bring hope to ev - ery place. In each

world of so much suf - fer - ing, may we
com - fort cue to work the griev - ing, and you
res - cue work - er's car - ing, in each

hear your word a - new: "I will nev - er
bless the ones who mourn. May we trust in
faith - ful vol - un - teer, in each Christ - ian's

leave you or - phaned; I will not a - ban - don you."
you, be - liev - ing, out of cha - os, hope is born.
love and shar - ing, God, we glimpse your king - dom here.

Text: C. Gillette. Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music.

Announcements

Rev. Alice Horner-Nelson

Benediction

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

Postlude

Wondrous Love

D. Pinkham

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



Service Notes

Childcare is available in the nursery for children up to age 5. Worship bags for older children are in the narthex.

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.

The **paraments** are **purple** today for the **Third Sunday in Lent**. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *Lenten*, which means “spring.” The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring temptation and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, self-reflection, and preparation for the coming of Easter. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a “mini-Easter” and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection. Calvary’s Lenten theme is Challenge + Celebration: “Yes, life pushes you to your limits...and celebration can come in unexpected places.” **Please visit the ritual station in the narthex to participation in our Challenge + Celebration practices.**

Extinguishing the Light is led by **Nancy Chick**. Nancy is an air pollution specialist with the state of Colorado. She has been attending Calvary since 1981. She is a member of the Voyagers Class, and participates in Interfaith Hospitality Network and the New Hope Partnership. She has one daughter, Irina, age 26.

The **Call to Worship** is written by Roddy Hamilton and led by **Rev. Gordon Kieft**. Gordon and his wife, Beth, have been members since 1991. At Calvary, Gordon is a Council member, a Stephen Ministry Leader, and is involved with the Missions Ministry Team, Tuesday Prayer Breakfast, Calvary Book Group, Viewpoints Class, and Family Promise. He is active in Colorado Faith Communities United to End Gun Violence and serves as a Pastoral Counselor at QuietWaters Ministry. He enjoys photography, bicycling, reading and travel.

Throughout March, we are receiving the **America For Christ (AFC) Offering**, which is one of four annual denominational offerings with the American Baptist Church USA. The AFC offering supports transformational ministries that embody the grace of God’s love to neighborhoods and communities throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. To give, please write “AFC” on your envelope or in the memo line of your check.

The **Calvary Choir**, under direction of Dr. David Farwig and accompanied by Denise Lanning, is open to all singers at Calvary.

The **Gospel Reading** is read by **Mike Burck**. Mike is a retired Cherry Creek Middle School teacher and medical research assistant at the University of Colorado Cancer Center. He and his wife Lorri have attended Calvary for four years. He currently volunteers at The Denver Hospice Finance Center, enjoys playing the harmonica, and is active in the Calvary Choir, the Calvary Book Club, and the Koinonia Class.

Today’s **sound tech** is **Sean Grant**. Today’s **worship videographer** is **Bill Warren**. 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 – Marie Rountree

Student of the Week – Jared Leonard

Congregational Mission Partner Prayer Focus – Mandy Garman,
Program Manager, Family Promise of Greater Denver

In Celebration – Congratulations to Helen Cheatham and Art Weiss who

were married on March 23 at Morningstart Residence.

In the Hospital – Glenn Hill

In Longterm Care/Rehab – Andy Gibbs, Jan Taylor, Topsy Miller

In Hospice Care – Jane Lehrmann, Marie Rountree

We continue to remember in prayer - Dick & Olga Ashworth, Babu & Lakshmi Bachu, Edythe Berglund, Harry & Pat Crandall, Jeanine Crane, Cory Crile, Betty Goding, Debbie Honeker, Allie Hulst, John Kimley, Andy Kowalski, Kim Lenz, Don Miller, Calvin Moore, Lynette Pahs, Art Phurrough, Les & Patty Redifer, Judy Tate, Kellona Bain Burke, Ken Pinkham, Gary Johnson, Jimmy Doolittle, John Pipe

Prayer list additions and edits may be sent to ahornernelson@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 any time of night or day for the latest prayer concerns/celebrations and current information about hospitalizations, deaths, births, etc.



TODAY – 4:00 p.m. – Finding Home Concert benefitting Family Promise of Greater Denver – Arvada United Methodist Church (6750 Carr St. Arvada, CO 8004). Come hear our very own Dr. David Farwig and organist Denise Lanning play and sing two Moses Hogan spirituals. Entrance donations of \$15 are suggested and all proceeds will benefit Family Promise of Greater Denver. There will also be a drawing for 3 fabulous prizes.

Wed, Mar. 27 – 6:30 p.m. – Calvary Celebration Game Night – Youth Lounge. Come have some fun together as part of the “Celebration practice” of our Lenten Challenge & Celebration theme! Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share! The intent of this evening is just to have fun together!

Fri, Mar. 29 – 11:00 a.m. – “March Madness” Men’s Group Meeting – Fellowship Hall. Super Wings and Nachos w/ fixin’s will be served. The entertainment will be Jumbo Court, Great Moments in NCAA/Basketball History Video, Brackets for All. Come fellowship with the men of Calvary. Cost is \$10 per person, \$5 for newcomers.

Sun, Mar. 31 – 1:00 p.m. – Open House for Family Promise – Youth Lounge. Come one, come all to this Family Promise open house! We’ll be showing what all is involved in hosting families for a week. There will be demonstrations of how to pack a bedding bag, how to make up beds, and how to drive a 14 passenger van! Current volunteers and all interested folks are welcome. Come learn more about this long-standing ministry that helps transform lives. Light refreshments will be served.

April 1 – Changes to the King Soopers Reloadable Card Program. King Soopers is changing their community rewards program April 1. You will no longer use reloadable cards but will need to use your King Soopers account card or King Soopers ID to benefit Calvary and Bootstraps. You will also need to link your King Soopers account with Calvary’s account in order for us to receive the revenue from our members purchasing groceries from King Soopers (we can help you do this). If you put money onto your reloadable card and spend it before April 1 it will benefit Bootstraps. If you put money onto your reloadable card after March 31, it will not help Bootstraps. Bootstraps volunteers will be available in the narthex before and after church through mid-April to help you create an account and link it to Calvary. More information will be shared as we receive it. Questions? Contact Pat Hagen, pwestcotthagen@comcast.net or (303)-999-6230, or Nancy Hoffmaster, nbhoff2003@msn.com, 303-358-0605.

Sun, May 5 – 12:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Calvary/New Hope “Covenant of Action” Lunch – New Hope Baptist Church (3701 Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80205). Join us for this important next step in our partnership with New Hope as we write a “Covenant of Action” together so that we can officially join the New Baptist Covenant (NBC) movement in the United States. The New Baptist Covenant movement creates vibrant, inclusive Baptist communities, building bridges in places previously marked by division. Writing this covenant together opens us up to grant opportunities with NBC and connects us to resources and relationships with other churches who are sharing in these same efforts across the United States. Learn more at newbaptistcovenant.org. If you have yet to engage in the Calvary/New Hope Partnership – this is the time to join with us! We will be sharing about exciting new opportunities in how our two churches will be partnering with Stedman Elementary. Lunch will be provided by Calvary. Please RSVP to cbc@calvarydenver.org or 303-757-8421.

Every Sunday – 6:30 p.m. – The Gathering – Fellowship Hall. Please join us tonight for our contemporary worship service! It features great praise music, a thoughtful sermon, and a relaxed, informal atmosphere.

Needs for Bootstraps – The Bootstraps & Blessings Ministry needs the following items for to-go food bags: packages of Capri Suns, Ritz Crackers, granola bars, peanut butter and cheese crackers. Place donations in the grocery carts in the coat room. Bootstraps also needs items for **Period Packs**, a new offering for our clients. See the specific list of items and more about the Period Pack Project in the E-News or on the Information Kiosk. Those items can be placed in the labeled tote bag in the coat room.

Save the date!

Sun, April 7th, 12:00 p.m. – Calvary Celebration Game Day #2

Sun, April 14th – Palm Sunday – Regular Sunday schedule

Friday, April 19th, 7:00 p.m. – Joint Good Friday Worship With New Hope Baptist (at Calvary)

Sun, April 21st – Easter Sunday Schedule: 4:45 a.m.: Sunrise Service at Red Rocks; No Church School or Common Table, Common Life; 9:30 a.m.: Churchwide Reception with Refreshments, Crafts, Piñata and Egg Hunt; 10:20 a.m. – Special Brass Prelude; 10:30 a.m.: Worship; 6:30 p.m. The Gathering Contemporary Service



Calendar

Church Office Hours – *staffed by volunteers*
Mon-Thurs, 9:00am – 4:30pm
 (lunch hour, 12:30-1:30pm)

Sunday, March 24

8:45 a.m. Nursery Open (EW)
 9:00 a.m. Library Open (L)
 9:00 a.m. Church School (EW, YL, WW)
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time (FH)
 10:30 a.m. Worship (S)
 11:30 p.m. Georgia Trip Meeting (MR)
 5:00 p.m. Threshold Taizé Service (C)
 6:30 p.m. The Gathering (FH)

Monday, March 25

9:00 a.m. Bootstraps & Blessings
 6:30 p.m. GPS Monday Night Pub (Piccolo's)

Tuesday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Tuesday Prayer & Study Group (BR)
 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study (YL)
 12:00 p.m. GPS Group - Ukrainian Eggs (YL)
 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee (L)

Wednesday, March 27

9:00 a.m. Calvary Game Day (YL)
 1:00 p.m. Inner Matrix GPS (L)
 6:30 p.m. Calvary Game Night (YL)

Thursday, March 28

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Friday, March 29

11:00 a.m. Men's Group – March Madness (FH)
 6:30 p.m. GPS Group- Game Night (FH)

Saturday, March 30

9:00 a.m. Vintage Treasures Sale (FH)
 9:00 a.m. Scrapbooking GPS (BR)
 10:00 a.m. Creativity & Conversation (Rm 316/320)
 11:00 a.m. International Congregation
 (Rms 300/306)

Sunday, March 31

8:45 a.m. Nursery Open (EW)
 9:00 a.m. Library Open (L)
 9:00 a.m. Church School (EW, YL, WW)
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time (FH)
 10:30 a.m. Worship (S)
 1:00 p.m. Family Promise Open House (YL)
 5:00 p.m. Threshold Taizé Service (C)
 6:30 p.m. The Gathering (FH)

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

Giving At A Glance:

Last 2 Weeks (3/3 to 3/16): \$23,937.
 Goal for 2 Weeks: \$27,800.
 YTD Received Gifts (1/1 to 3/16): \$165,538.
 YTD Goal for Giving (1/1 to 3/16): \$180,717.



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