



Calvary Baptist Church

Open to all. Closed to none.

Ascension Sunday

June 2, 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 mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains.
The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."*

– William Arthur Ward (1921-1994)

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

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

Prelude

My Soul, Adorn Myself

Johann Sebastian Bach

Chiming of the Hour & Lighting of 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. Alice Horner-Nelson

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. As we greet one another, which often includes shaking of hands, you are invited to cross your arms and offer a verbal greeting which acknowledges you do not consent to be touched.

+ Call to Worship

Rev. Sara Reynolds

One: What a glorious vision!

Many: **Jesus gave the glorious promise of an Advocate.**

One: Then he ascended to God.

Many: **What joy there must have been in the hearts of the disciples.**

One: May God find such joy in our hearts and spirits.

ALL: ***Prepare us, Lord, for the mighty works you place before us.***

+ Hymn

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise



1. Hail the day that sees Him_ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. There for Him high tri - umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. See! the heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. See! He lifts His hands a__ bove! Al_____ le__ lu ia!



- to His throne a - bove the__ skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e ter nal__ gates, Al - le - lu - ia!
yet He loves the earth He__ leaves, Al - le - lu - ia!
See, He shows the prints of__ love! Al_____ le__ lu ia!



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners_ giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
He has con quer'd death and sin. Al - le - lu - ia!
tho' re turn - ing to His throne, Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! His gra cious lips be stow, Al le lu ia!



en ters now the high - est heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
Take the King of glo ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
Still He calls the world His own. Al - le - lu - ia!
bles - sings on His church be low. Al le lu

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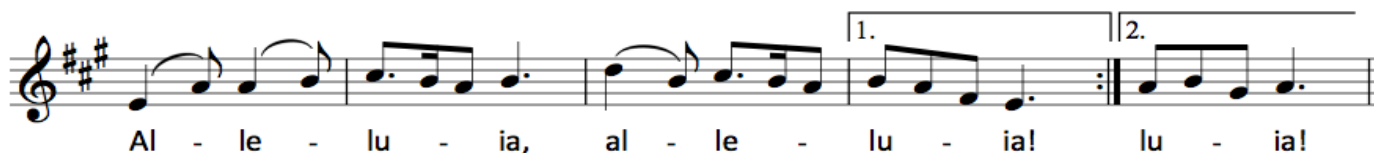
+ Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

Charles Caruthers

+ Sung Response

Celtic Alleluia



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Word for God's Children

Todd Clough

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

Offertory

A Vineyard Grows
Calvary Choir

K. Lee Scott

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 779777.

In addition to your essential support of Calvary's operating fund, during June you are invited to give to the *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering*. Write OGHS on the memo line of your check or envelope.

+ 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.**

+ Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-23

Mike Hammon Jahn

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.

Hymn

Speak, O Lord

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, to ho - ly rev - er - ence,
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights
of your Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;
true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our tho'ts and our at - ti - tudes
of Your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn
of time shape and fash - ion us in of Your like - ness; that the
in the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our
that will ech - o down thro' e - tern - i - ty. And by
light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love
grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; and by faith we'll walk
and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
and as au - thor - i - ty. Words of power, that can
as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as we
fill in us all your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
nev - er fail; let their truth - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
fol - low You, and we change the world with Your end - less love.

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Message

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

“Yes, you can know what is to come...and you can lean into the unknown.”

Final sermon in the seven-week series: Preparing + Improv-ing:

“Yes, you can stick to a plan... ... and you can improv(e) along the way”

Communion

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

Calvary practices open communion, which means that this is not “Calvary’s” table or exclusively a “Baptist” table. This is the Lord’s Table. All are welcome! The communion wafers are gluten-free. As the plates are passed, please serve the person next to you, then take a wafer and a cup of juice. After everyone has been served, we will partake of the elements together.

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.

+ **Passing the Peace**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Please stand and share a sign of God's peace with those near you. During passing of the peace you can cross your arms and offer a verbal peace which acknowledges you do not consent to be touched.

+ **Hymn of Response***Christ Be My Leader*

During this song there are multiple ways you may respond. You may receive prayer or anointing 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.



1. Christ be my__ lead - er by night as by day;
2. Christ be my__ teach - er in age as in youth;
3. Christ be my__ Sav - ior, in calm as in strife;



safe through the dark-ness for He is the Way.
 drift-ing or doubt-ing, for He is the Truth.
 death can-not hold me, for He is the Life.



Glad - ly I__ fol - low, my fu - ture His care,__
 Grant me__ to__ trust Him; though shift-ing as sand,__
 Dark-ness nor__ doubt-ing nor sin and its pain can



dark -ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 doubt can-not daunt me; in__ Je - sus I stand.
 touch my sal - va - tion: with_ Je - sus I reign.

Recognition of Ministry

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

Five-year anniversary of Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher, Pastor

Announcements

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

Benediction

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

Postlude

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

All are invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall in honor of Pastor Morgan C. Fletcher's 5-year Anniversary at Calvary.



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 **white** for **Ascension Sunday**, the day Christians celebrate 40 days after Easter when Jesus returns to God after being with his disciples following the resurrection (Acts 1: 9-11; Luke 24:50-53). The Ascension signifies that Christ is no longer bound by the time and space that he was while he was in the fullness of his humanity. Jesus is Lord and his Lordship goes beyond mere humanity; God can be experienced anywhere and not just in time and space.

Throughout Eastertide, the **paraments** are **white**. White is used for all high Holy Days and festival days of the church year, especially the seasons of Christmas and Easter, as well as for baptism, marriage, dedications, and in some traditions for the ordination of ministers. It is also used for funerals as a symbol of the resurrection.

The **flowers** on the chancel are given by Calvary to Rev. Morgan & Ian Fletcher in celebration of Pastor Morgan's five-year ministry anniversary at Calvary on June 1, 2019.

The **image** on the **cover** of the Order of Worship is "Ascension" by Peter Rogers.

The **Call to Worship** is read by **Rev. Sara Reynolds**. Sara is a chaplain at Children's Hospital Colorado. She is an ordained minister through the Alliance of Baptists.

The **1st Gospel Reading** is read by **Charles Caruthers**. Chuck has been connected to Calvary through his daughter Morgan for almost five years. He and his wife, Judy, are members of First Baptist Church in Magnolia, TX. Chuck is the proud father of seven, grandfather of eleven, and great-grandfather of eight. He enjoys being outdoors taking care of his horses and donkeys, gardening, and spending time with his family.

The **Word for God's Children** is led by **Todd Clough**. Todd retired as the CEO from the Denver Inner City Parish after 30 years of service a year and a half ago. He is now living on a ranch west of Shawnee Colorado with his two dogs, eight chickens, three feral barn cats and lots of trout. He is keeping plenty busy with his art (in five galleries - you can visit him at the Denver Art Society at 734 Santa Fe every First Friday Art Walk in his permanent gallery space in the basement) guiding fly-fishing trips, writing, and teaching an art therapy class once a week at a homeless day center.

During today's **Offertory**, we are receiving the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering**. OGHS is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries. OGHS funds are used for disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid, and more. More info can be found at abc-oghs.org.

The **Calvary Choir**, which is open to all singers age 18+, is directed by **Dr. David Farwig** and accompanied by **Denise Lanning**.

The **2nd Gospel Reading** is read by **Mike Hammon Jahn**. Mike is a chef and has catered several meals at Calvary. He works for Shamrock Foods as a District Manager. He has been a member of Calvary since 2004. Mike is married to Nina,

and they have two sons. He likes fishing, skiing, golf, and gardening.

Today's **communion servers** are **Bill & Cindy Ponikvar, Lynda and Gordon Pelton, Maggi Susman, Wayne Burch, Beth Dickinson, and Cindy DeHate.**

Today's **sound tech** is **Matt Legge.** Today's **worship videographer** is **Damon Scalfaro.** Sermons are usually uploaded to Calvary's Facebook page, YouTube page, and website within 24 hours following worship.



VIP ("Very Inspiring Person") of the Week – Ann Currie
Student of the Week – Stephan Barry
Congregational Mission Partner Prayer Focus – John Kayser,
Director of Marketing, Jewish Family Service

Love and Sympathy to the family of Betty Rae Marshall who died on November 22, 2018. A memorial service to celebrate Betty Rae's life will be held at Calvary on Sunday, June 30, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Love & Sympathy to Judy Drury, whose daughter-in-law, Karen, passed away suddenly this week.

In the Hospital –

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

In Hospice Care – Jane Lehrmann, Marie Rountree

We continue to remember in prayer – John Anduri, Dick & Olga Ashworth, Greg Austin, Babu & Lakshmi Bachu, Kellona Bain Burke, Karen Bennett, Edythe Berglund, Tracy Card, Todd Clough, Harry & Pat Crandall, Steve Crandall, Cory Crile, Betty Goding, Debbie Honeker, Allie Hulst, Gary Johnson, John Kimley, Aubrey Knight, Kim Lenz, Don Miller, Calvin Moore, Lynette Pahs, Art Phurrough, John Pipe, Les & Patty Redifer, John Smith, Judy Tate

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.



Join the Reception for Morgan's Five Year Anniversary at Calvary in the Fellowship Hall after Worship TODAY! Today we recognize the many contributions of Pastor Morgan's leadership at Calvary. Refreshments will be served and there will be a Card Shower for members to thank Morgan for all she does for

Calvary.

Children's Summer Schedule –nursery/pre-toddler room will be open at 8:45 a.m. During the summer there will be no traditional Sunday school for K-5th. Instead, every week during the series we will have snacks for the kids, and activities for the kids to work on from 9:00-10:00 a.m. as the speaker shares their story. There will also be crafts, worksheets, puzzles, books, etc. for the kids to do at the "I AM CALVARY" forum in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, June 9 "I AM CALVARY" Forum – 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hall. Next Sunday, our speaker is Rick Breitenbecher. Now in its third year, we are bringing back our "I Am Calvary" series where one Calvary member tells their story of life and faith each week. The I AM CALVARY Forums will run from June 2 – September 1.

TONIGHT – 6:30 p.m. – The Gathering – Fellowship Hall. The Gathering is Calvary's contemporary worship service that takes place every Sunday night. Rev. Alice Horner Nelson will be preaching.

Calvary's next Family Promise Host week is June 23-30, 2019. There will be a sign-up table in the narthex June 2, 9, and 16. Please stop by and see what volunteer spot might fit your schedule. Interested in volunteering, but have never done it before? Talk to Cindy DeHate about "shadowing" one of our experienced volunteers. Every volunteer is greatly appreciated!

Sunday, June 9th- Pentecost Sunday- Nonagenarians Celebration. We have a number of ninety year olds at Calvary, and on Pentecost Sunday we will be honoring them along with our VIPs (Very Inspiring Persons). From 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. we will have a Cake and Punch Reception!

Tuesday, June 11 – 6:30 p.m. – Healing & Wholeness Service – Chapel. We offer this service every other month for those who are carrying heavy burdens, or who may be experiencing anxiety, grief, or depression. Everyone is welcome.

Giving At A Glance:

Last Week (5/19 to 5/25)	\$7,386
Weekly Goal	\$13,900
YTD Gifts Received (1/1 to 5/25)	\$290,713
YTD Goal for Giving (1/1 to 5/31)	\$303,535



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

Sunday, June 2

8:45 a.m.	Nursery Open (EW)
9:00 a.m.	Library Open (L)
9:00 a.m.	I AM CALVARY Forum (FH)
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time (FH)
10:30 a.m.	Worship (S)
11:45 a.m.	Reception for Pastor Morgan (FH)
5:00 p.m.	Threshold Taizé Service (C)
6:30 p.m.	The Gathering (FH)

Monday, June 3

9:00 a.m.	Bootstraps & Blessings (N)
10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group (Rm 119)

Wednesday, June 5

9:00 a.m.	Staff Planning Retreat
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Thursday, June 6

9:00 a.m.	Staff Planning Retreat
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, June 8

10:00 a.m.	Creativity & Conversation (Rm 316/320)
11:00 a.m.	International Congregation (Rms 300/306)

Sunday, June 9

8:45 a.m.	Nursery Open (EW)
9:00 a.m.	Library Open (L)
9:00 a.m.	I AM CALVARY Forum (FH)
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time (FH)
10:30 a.m.	Worship (S) – Nonagenarian Celebration
11:45 p.m.	VIP Luncheon
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