



Calvary Baptist Church

Open to all. Closed to none.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019



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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

"Instead of seeing how much pain I can dish out towards those I disagree with, or who I believe have done me wrong, I seek to follow the golden rule and use my words and behavior to create more of what the world needs – love, compassion, and connection."

-Aspen Baker

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

Andante

Ernest Bloch

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. Morgan C. Fletcher

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.

+ Hymn

God Has Spoken by the Prophet



God has spo - ken by the proph - ets, spo - ken the un - chang - ing Word;
God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
God is speak - ing by the Spir - it, speak - ing to our hearts a - gain;



each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the One, the righ - teous Lord!
bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, with the Fa - ther ev - er one;
in the age - long Word de - clar - ing God's own mes - sage, now as then.



'Mid the world's de - spair and tur -moil one firm an - chor hold - ing fast:
spo - ken by the Word in - car - nate, God of God ere time was born;
Thro' the rise and fall of na - tions one sure faith is stand - ing fast:



God e - ter - nal reigns for - ev - er, God the first and God the last.
Light of light, to earth de - scend - ing, Christ, as God in hu - man form.
God a - bides, the Word un - chang - ing, God the first and God the last.

+ Call to Worship

Bob Horner

One: We gather for worship trusting that God is with us.
Many: **God was with us as we awoke and dressed,
ate breakfast and traveled to this place.**
One: We gather to become more alert to God's presence in our lives.
Many: **God will be with us in the week to come,
as we work and rest, laugh and cry.**
One: We gather to gain strength for the journey ahead.
Many: **God is with us now, in this place, as we sing and pray,
listen and speak.**
All: **Thanks be to God!**

+ Song

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to Your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send Your Spir-it in this place; Lord, lis-ten to Your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us power, send us grace." The score includes a variety of musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, with some measures featuring triplets or beamed notes. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical staves.

Text & Music: K. Medema. OneLicense #A-723084/Song #00384

Time of Prayer

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

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.**

Word for God's Children

Rick Chapman

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

Moment of Gratitude

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

Offertory

The God of Abraham Praise
Calvary Choir

arr. Brian Buda

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+ 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.**

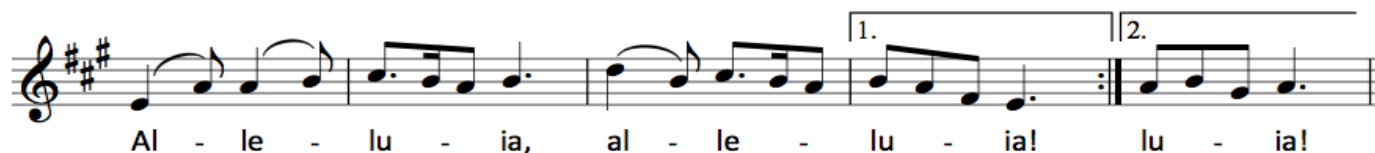
Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:16-32

Leigh & Tim Bessey

Sung Response

Celtic Alleluia



Text & Music: F. O'Carroll and C. Walker. OneLicense #A-723084/Song #80384.

Message

Rev. Alice Horner Nelson

"A Tough Barter"

Fifth sermon in the seven-week series: Preparing + Improv-ing:
"Yes, you can stick to a plan... .. and you can improv(e) along the way"

+ Hymn of Response

Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands
(verses 1, 2, 3, 5)

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.



like a trea - sure hold it; pro - tect it
lov - ing ex - pec - ta - tion; be gen - tle
bread we break for shar - ing; look peo - ple
- to a wait - ing cra - dle; the gift of
is love's deep - est meas - ure; in love make

like a can - dle flame, with
in your words and the ways, in
warm ly in the eye: our
Christ re - ceive, re - vere, u -
peace, give peace a chance and

ten - der - ness en - fold it.
touch with God's cre - a - tion.
life is meant for car - ing.
nit - ed round the ta - ble.
share it like a trea - sure.

Text: F. Kaan. Music: Irish. CCLI License #105571/Song #430916

Announcements

Rev. Alice Horner Nelson

Benediction

Rev. Alice Horner Nelson

Postlude

Break Forth, Ye Heavens!

Edward Broughton

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.

Today is the **Fifth 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. In the early Church, new converts sat in vigil during the night before Easter. Then they were baptized and received their first Holy Communion on Easter Day. According to St. Bede (673-735), the name "Easter" was derived from the Saxon spring goddess, "Eostre." As in the case of Christmas, the Christian observance of Easter took the place of an existing pagan ritual.

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 **image** on the **cover** of the Order of Worship is from reformedfellowship.net.

The **Call to Worship** is read by **Bob Horner**. Bob teaches molecular biology and biochemistry at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. He has been visiting his daughter, Pastor Alice, this past week with his wife Rita.

The **Word for God's Children** is led by **Rick Chapman**. Rick and his wife Pam have been members since 1986. At Calvary, Rick teaches the Voyagers Church School Class, co-leads the Men's Group, and has been involved with Sing for Joy, Family Promise, and Habitat for Humanity. He enjoys golf, woodworking, and spending time with his family.

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

The **Old Testament Reading** is read by **Tim & Leigh Bessey**. Tim and Leigh have been members at Calvary since 1980. Over the years they have taught church school, served on Resource Management, led Calvary work days, and participate with the Calvary/New Hope Power Lunch program. They are avid golfers, love to spend time with their granddaughter Aubrey, and enjoy connecting with their community.

Today's **sound tech** is **Grant Gibson**. Today's **worship videographer** is **Garrett Pelton**. Sermons are usually uploaded to Calvary's Facebook page, YouTube page, and website within 72 hours following worship.

Pastor Anne Scalfaro is out this Sunday. She and 9 other pilgrims from Calvary (Rita & Brad Berglund, Rob Daniel, David Ferguson, Michelle Honeycutt, Diana McGahan, Karen & Ken Pinkham, Damon Scalfaro) are on a pilgrimage journey in the Republic of Georgia.



Prayer

VIP ("Very Inspiring Person") of the Week – Dick Ashworth

Student of the Week – Sarah Allexan

Congregational Mission Partner Prayer Focus – Miriam Rosenblum, Office & Volunteer Coordinator, Family Promise

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.

In the Hospital –

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, 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, 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.



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

Tuesday, May 21 – 6:30 p.m. – Youth Lounge- Book Discussion on God, Improv and the Art of Living. On

Easter Sunday, we embarked on our final "Yes, And..." theme, Preparing + Improv-ing: "Yes, you can stick to a plan...and, you can improv(e) along the way." And with the theme comes our final spiritual practices series. Throughout the year, the staff have been reading *God, Improv, and the Art of Living* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana. Each chapter is about three pages long and is a quick, easy read with a big impact. On Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the youth lounge we will have a book discussion on *God, Improv, and the Art of Living*.

Memorial Day Sunday—May 26—is just around the corner. What better time for a visit to the **Foot of the Cross Courtyard** to pay tribute to those who have gone before. Did you know that the final resting place for 38 Calvary members and friends is right here in our midst? Another 62 are memorialized on the Wall of Remembrance. You'll recognize names and reminisce about the many ways they've touched your life. Come by for a moment before or after worship on May 26. Experience fond memories amid the peaceful ambience at the foot of Calvary's cross. Refreshments will be served from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Sunday, May 26 – Memorial Day Forum – 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hall. Join us for our annual celebration in Fellowship Hall when we will honor our own Calvary veterans and hear stories about service to their country, lessons learned, and the connection of their experience with life and faith. All Calvary veterans and their families are invited to bring any military memorabilia (or that of a family member) to display in Fellowship Hall. This year's speaker is Dr. David Farwig who will share about his military experience. David served for six years as the Director of the Men's Chorus and Assistant Conductor of The United States Air Force Singing Sergeants at Bolling AFB in Washington, DC (Honorably Discharged – March 2000). The Singing Sergeants are "a full-time, professional chamber ensemble, whose primary mission is to support presidential, military, and community public relations worldwide through high level, choral/vocal solo and ensemble presentations."

Sunday, June 2 – Intergenerational Forums Begin – 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hall. As individual church school classes (including children and youth) take a break during the summer, we begin our intergenerational forums where all children, youth, and adults gather in the Fellowship Hall. 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. Stay tuned for a full schedule of our speakers! The I AM CALVARY Forums will run from June 2 – September 1.

Sunday, June 2 – Reception celebrating Pastor Morgan's 5 Year Anniversary at Calvary – 11:45 a.m. – Fellowship Hall. Card Shower for Pastor Morgan: All Calvary members are invited to bring a card for Morgan's 5 Year Anniversary Reception at Calvary on Sunday, June 2nd, after Worship. These cards are to recognize Morgan for the many contributions she has made during the last 5 years. Refreshments will be served. **How Morgan Makes Calvary Exceptional:** Morgan promotes intergenerational relationship building among Calvary's congregation. She organizes activities and intergenerational spiritual formation opportunities.



Sunday, May 19

8:45 a.m. Nursery Open (EW)
8:30 a.m. Common Table. Common Life. (C)
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)
12:00 p.m. Youth cookout (Offsite)
5:00 p.m. Threshold Taizé Service (C)
6:30 p.m. The Gathering (FH)

Monday, May 20

9:00 a.m. Bootstraps & Blessings (N)
6:30 p.m. GPS Monday Night Pub (Piccolo's)
7:00 p.m. Calvary Book Club (BR)

Tuesday, May 21

10:00 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study (YL)
10:00 a.m. Resource Management Mtg (L)
6:30 p.m. "God, Improv and the Art of Living"
Book Discussion (FH)
7:00 p.m. Reed Circle (YL)

Thursday, May 23

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

Saturday, May 25

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

Sunday, May 26

8:45 a.m. Nursery Open (EW)
9:00 a.m. Library Open (L)
9:00 a.m. Memorial Day Forum (FH)
(Dr. David Farwig, speaker)
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**Church Office Hours – staffed by
volunteers**

Mon-Thurs, 9:00am – 4:30pm
(lunch hour, 12:30-1:30pm)

Giving At A Glance:

Last Week (3/17 to 3/23) \$23,314
Weekly Goal \$13,900
YTD Received Gifts (1/1 to 3/24) \$188,852
YTD Goal for Giving (1/1 to 3/31) \$180,717

Did you know? About half the people who are active at Calvary make an annual pledge to Calvary.

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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