

Calvary United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 16, 2021; 10:15 am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Linda Rawlins

*Call To Worship

Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow (94)

*Invocation of the Spirit

*Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Second Testament Lesson

Hebrews 4:13-16

“And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (NRSV)

Declaration of Praises

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Prayer Time

Scripture Lesson

Job 1:1-22

“There once was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless—a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil. He had seven sons and three daughters. He owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 teams of oxen, and 500 female donkeys. He also had many servants. He was, in fact, the richest person in that entire area. Job’s sons would take turns preparing feasts in their homes, and they would also invite their three sisters to celebrate with them. When these celebrations ended—sometimes after several days—Job would purify his children. He would get up early in the morning and offer a burnt offering for each of them. For Job said to himself, “Perhaps my children have sinned and have cursed God in their hearts.” This was Job’s regular practice. One day the members of the heavenly court came to present themselves before the LORD, and the Accuser, Satan, came with them. “Where have you come from?” the LORD asked Satan. Satan answered the LORD, “I have been patrolling the earth, watching everything that’s going on.” Then the LORD asked Satan, “Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the

finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and stays away from evil.” Satan replied to the LORD, “Yes, but Job has good reason to fear God. You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property. You have made him prosper in everything he does. Look how rich he is! But reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!” “All right, you may test him,” the LORD said to Satan. “Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don’t harm him physically.” So Satan left the LORD’s presence. One day when Job’s sons and daughters were feasting at the oldest brother’s house, a messenger arrived at Job’s home with this news: “Your oxen were plowing, with the donkeys feeding beside them, when the Sabeans raided us. They stole all the animals and killed all the farmhands. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.” While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: “The fire of God has fallen from heaven and burned up your sheep and all the shepherds. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.” While he was still speaking, a third messenger arrived with this news: “Three bands of Chaldean raiders have stolen your camels and killed your servants. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.” While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: “Your sons and daughters were feasting in their oldest brother’s home. Suddenly, a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and hit the house on all sides. The house collapsed, and all your children are dead. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.” Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship. He said, “I came naked from my mother’s womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The LORD gave me what I had, and the LORD has taken it away. Praise the name of the LORD!” In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God.” (NLT)

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Williams

In Transit: The Storms May Come...

***Closing Hymn**

My Life Flows On

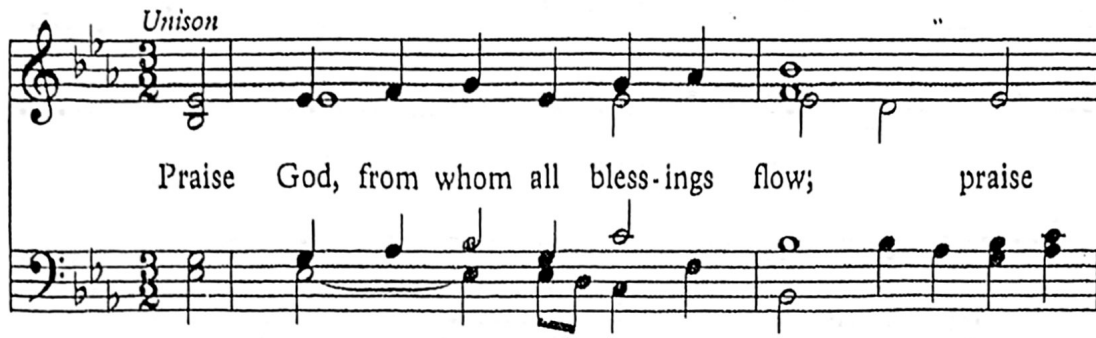
***Benediction**

Postlude

Linda Rawlins

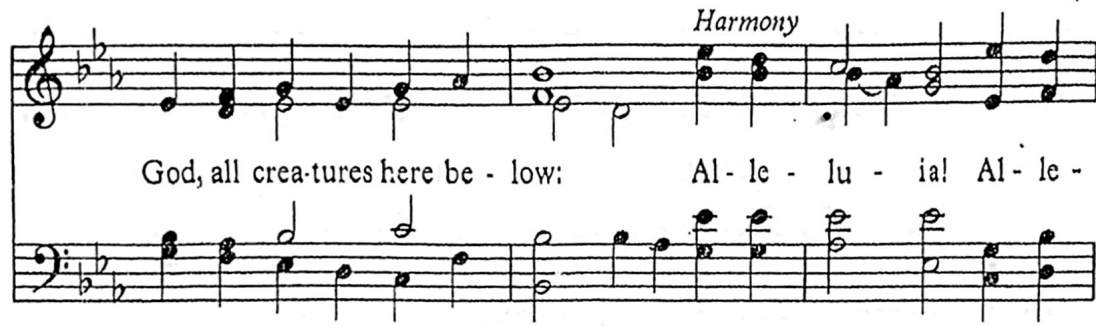
94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison



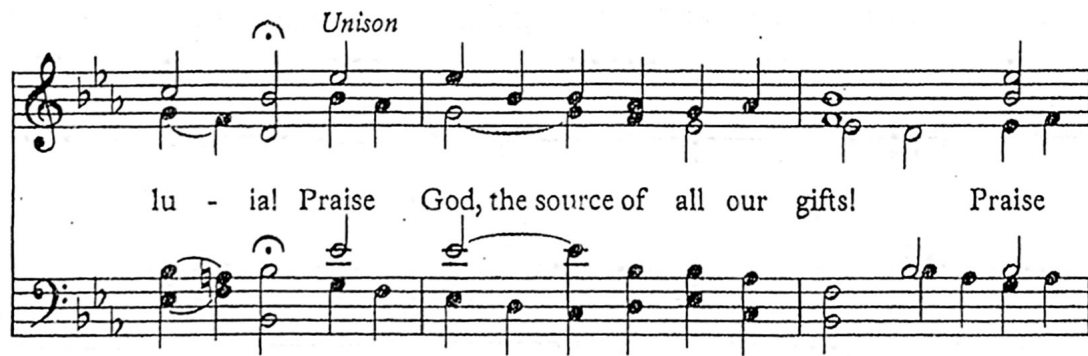
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

Harmony



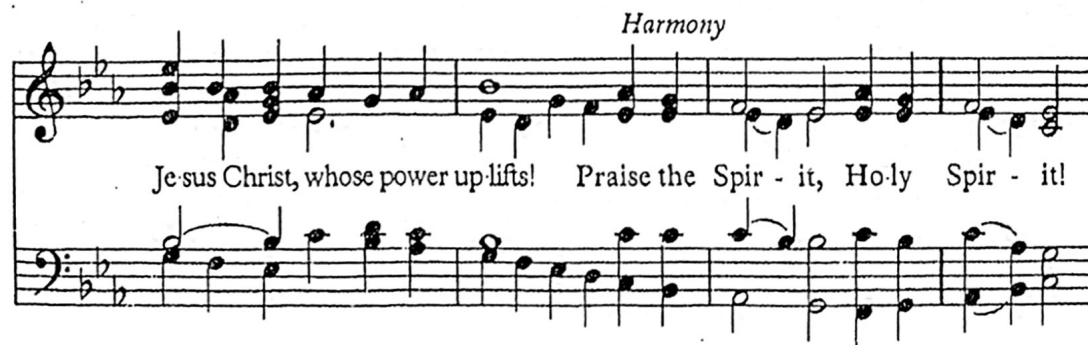
God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-

Unison



lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise

Harmony



Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it!

Unison



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

My Life Flows On

(How Can I Keep from Singing)

1. My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's la-men-
 2. Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic
 3. What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav-ior
 4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er

ta-tion. I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that
 ring-ing. It finds an ech-o in my soul. How
 liv-eth. What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs
 spring-ing! All things are mine since I am his! How

Refrain

hails a new cre-a-tion.
 can I keep from sing-ing?
 in the night he giv-eth. No storm can shake my
 can I keep from sing-ing?

in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing. Since

love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Announcements

- Please take the bulletin(s) that you have touched home with you.
- **Last Week**
Attendance: 13 in Sunday school, 31 in worship; Total receipts: \$1,801
- **Birth Announcement**
The rosebud on the altar is to announce the birth of a daughter to Kara and Kellen Quackenbush. Avett Isabell was born on May 9, 2021.
- **Trustees**
Trustees will meet following the worship service TODAY. Members are: Eric Daly, Matthew Daly, Naomi Henze, Missi Johnson, Robert Lehman, Valerie Wilson.
Ex-Officio: Pastor, Council Chair, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Lay Delegate, Lay Leader, Lay Leader and Lay Delegate Alternates, Custodian.
- **Women's Book Study**
Join Betsy Wagner in the Fellowship Hall tomorrow, 6:30 to 7:30pm for the final session of "Why Easter Matters", a book written by Andy Stanley (son of Charles Stanley). Andy looks at some of the people whose lives intersected with Jesus in the weeks leading to his crucifixion but we don't hear much about them during the Easter season.
- **Election Day is Tuesday, May 18.**
- **Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee Meeting**
The committee meets at 6:30pm on Tuesday, May 18. Members are: Joe Asel, Beth Burkett, Kim Garman, Naomi Henze, Tom Henze, Dan Miller, Kitty Rauch, Betsy Wagner, Matt Williams. ExOfficio: Lay Leader, Lay Member.
- **Prayer Service**
Prayer is a fundamental part of our lives as Christians. Sometimes, we need to create space to make prayer a priority. Join Pastor Matt on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the Chapel for a time of intentional prayer. The prayer service is planned to last until 7:00pm.
- **Volunteers Needed:**
We are currently searching for some volunteers to help with some of the technology of the church. We need people who are:
 1. Willing to run the projector on Sunday Mornings.
 2. Willing to help create slideshows for Sunday Mornings.
(If you have ever used Microsoft PowerPoint, you will have no trouble.)
 3. Willing to help turn on and off the live stream for Sunday services.If you think you could help with any of these areas, or know somebody who can, please get in touch with Pastor Matt.

- **Spring Cleaning?**

Don't throw away those discarded clothes! Lay them aside for the annual Back-to-School Clothes Closet scheduled for August 14.

- **Pentecost Sunday**

Next Sunday is Day of Pentecost. Remember to wear something red!

- **Sidewalk Sunday School for Kids**

We will resume a children/youth (ages 3 to 15) Sunday school class next week at 9 a.m. Weather permitting, it will be an outside classroom in front of the church. If it rains, we will meet in the Wesley Room across from the Fellowship Hall. So, kids, come on back and bring your friends with you!



Adult Sunday School

Two classes for adults are available at 9am each Sunday. The "Seekers" meet in the Fellowship Hall downstairs and the L³ Eagle meet in the chapel area upstairs.

Sunday Morning Book Study

Pastor Matt is leading a study of the book, *Everybody Always*, by Bob Goff on Sundays at 9am. They are meeting in the CC Classroom. Come learn what it means to love without inhibition, insecurity or restriction.

COVID 19 Procedures for Calvary UMC

Updated May 13, 2021

On May 13, 2021, the CDC announced new precautionary guidelines for vaccinated individuals. They stated that vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear masks because the vaccines have been proven to reduce the transmission of COVID19 and its variants.

Additionally, according to data collected by our church, almost all of our regular attendees in worship and Sunday School have been fully vaccinated.

Consequently, the following guidelines are being put into place based on CDC recommendations:

1. Masks are **no longer mandatory** while in the building. If you are regularly around unvaccinated individuals or others who are at high risk of serious illness, we encourage you to use your best judgment for masking. At this time, we are still encouraging children to be masked while in the building for their safety.
2. Socially distanced seating arrangements are no longer mandatory. The main floor of the sanctuary will have the post-it notes and ribbons removed and if you are vaccinated, you are welcome to sit anywhere you would like.
3. **The balcony will remain a socially distanced seating area. This area of the church will also be a mandatory mask zone.** We recognize that not everyone is able to receive a vaccine and we would like to make a space that is still safe for all individuals to participate in worship. (note: if you are not vaccinated, you are not required to sit in the balcony. The space is being set apart for those that wish to participate with us but in a safer way.
4. The hymnals and Bibles will be returned for use in the pews.
5. Regular disinfection of common high-contact surfaces will continue.
6. Singing will become more regular during worship.