



**Calvary  
Presbyterian  
Church**

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24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 13, 2020

Welcome to Calvary! In our “virtual” service, we invite you to sing, pray, and dance in whatever way the Spirit might move you this morning. You'll notice there are things printed in **BOLD** throughout the bulletin. Those are your parts. We invite you to lift your voices with us in prayer and praise.

*Lord, open unto me  
Open unto me—light for my darkness.  
Open unto me—courage for my fear.  
Open unto me—hope for my despair.  
Open unto me—peace for my turmoil.  
Open unto me—joy for my sorrow.  
Open unto me—strength for my weakness.  
Open unto me—wisdom for my confusion.  
Open unto me—forgiveness for my sins.  
Open unto me—love for my hates.  
Open unto me—thy Self for my self.  
Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.*     Howard Thurman

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CENTERING MOMENT

We use this time to center ourselves in worship.  
The lighting of the candles symbolizes God’s presence among us.

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness.  
Come into God’s presence with singing!  
**For the Lord is a gracious God,  
whose mercy is everlasting;  
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

*A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
And, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth His name,  
From age to age the same;  
and He must win the battle.*

*And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo! his doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.*

*That Word above all earthly powers,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through him who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**Prepare our hearts, O God,  
to accept your Word.  
Silence in us any voice but your own,  
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Romans 14:1-12

The Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON *"One Little Word"*

Tom Speers

A TIME OF REFLECTION *He's Got the Whole World*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(Feel free to pray in any version or language you like.)*

**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.**

*There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment given.*

*For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
we would gladly trust God's Word,  
and our lives reflect thanksgiving  
for the goodness of our Lord.*

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Make a point of reaching out to other members of the church, and to your friends, to share the peace of Christ during this time when we must be physically apart.

The building may be closed, but the church is still active. We encourage you to send your offering to the church. You can now make gifts online.

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Leading the Service  
The Rev. Thomas G. Speers, III, Pastor  
Julie Hall Katz, Music Director  
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