



**Calvary
Presbyterian
Church**

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First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021

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.

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

We have entered the season of Lent,
a time to examine our hearts and our lives
and journey with Christ through the suffering of the world.
Let us lift up our souls to our merciful God
and humble ourselves in God's service.
God has marked us as beloved dust
and called us together to worship.

*HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**In the season of Lent, O God,
we say lofty words about renewing our spiritual disciplines,
journeying with you to the cross,
or denying ourselves material wants for the good of the soul.
Forgive us, O God, if our actions are in vain:
if we are concerned with the good of the soul
rather than the good of your people;
if we have twisted this season of penitence
into a reason for praise or judgment;
if we are so preoccupied with the sins of the world
that we cannot recognize and confess the sins of our own lives.
Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.
Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**Gracious God, our way in the wilderness,
guide us by your Word through these forty days,
and minister to us with your Holy Spirit,
so that we may reformed,
restored, and renewed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 9:8-17

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:9-15

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SERMON *"Can You Hear Me Now?"*

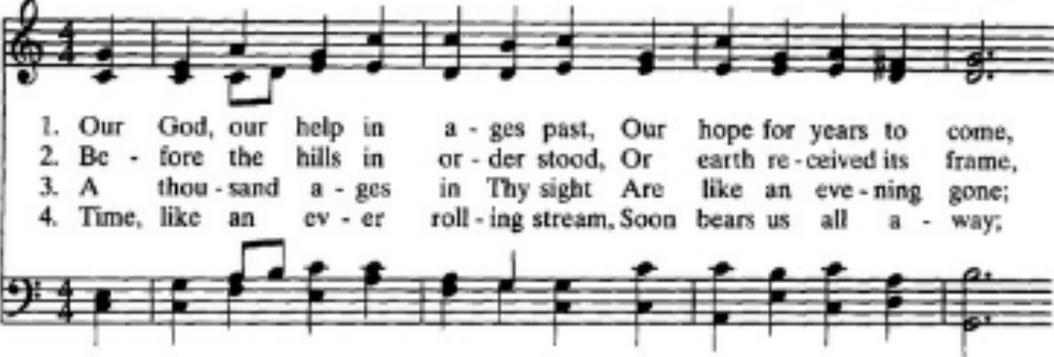
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A TIME OF REFLECTION *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

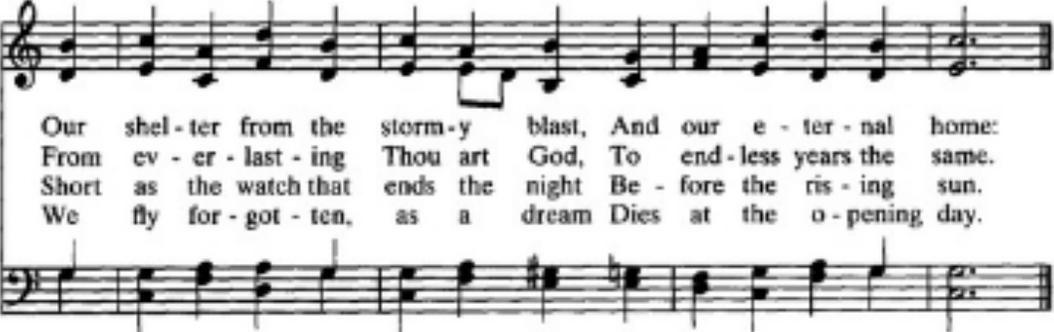
INTERCESSORY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(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.



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,
 3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
 4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
 And our eternal home.

*CHARGE & BENECTION

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

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.

Visit our website, or use your cell phone to scan this barcode to make a gift.



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