



**Calvary
Presbyterian
Church**

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Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 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

Psalm 19

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

*HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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*1 I sing the mighty power of God That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, And all the stars obey.*

*2 I sing the goodness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the skies!*

*3 There's not a plant or flower below But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, how fickle we are;
we sin against you without even knowing it.
Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin,
and save us from willfully ignoring your way.
Let your commandments rule and guide us.
Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful.
Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships—
with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors.
Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness,
rather than words that belittle or destroy.
Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness.
Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power,
for you are the God who made us, led us out slavery,
and has brought us into the community of faith.
Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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 be reformed,
restored, and renewed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 20:1-17

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 2:13-22

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

SERMON *"Freedom and Law"*

Tom Speers

A TIME OF REFLECTION *God's Law is Perfect*

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 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*2 'Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*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
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