

Connect Grow Serve

Calvary Presbyterian Church
Fall 2022

Online Worship Resource (Sunday, September 4, 2022)

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Prelude;

"BIST DU BEI MIR"

J. S. Bach

If You Are With Me

Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Jon Jelsma, Liturgist

Please stand as you are led and join me in our responsive Call to Worship:
I looked and heard the voice of angels, thousands and thousands around
God's throne, singing:

**Worthy is the lamb! Worthy to receive power and honor and glory and
blessings!**

Then I heard every creature on earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, singing:

**To the one who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessings and honor and glory and might forever and ever!
Let us worship!**

OPENING HYMN: "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;

Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in You do we trust, nor find You to fail;

Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Pastoral Prayer

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together the prayer for Illumination:

O God of light and love, by the power of your Holy Spirit connect us to you and to one another through the reading and hearing of your Word. May it be for us our daily bread that nourishes us, body, mind, soul, and spirit. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 95:1-7

(Liturgist)

¹ O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³ For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Revelation 4

(Pastor)

¹ After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' ² At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³ And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴ Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶ and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.'

⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

¹¹ 'You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

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Connect Through Worship

Rev. Michelle Fincher

HYMN AFTER SERMON : "We Worship You" - Antiphonal Praise

Leader: We worship You, (echo), Almighty God (echo)

Leader: In You alone (echo) Is our delight (echo)

Leader: We worship You, (echo) O holy God (echo)

Leader: And lift our voice, (echo) to sing your praise (echo)

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Call to offering

(Liturgist)

Grateful for the abundant blessings of God, we share what we have with others, that all people may be blessed. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the ministry of this church to our neighbors near and far. Please pray with me our prayer of dedication:

Prayer of Dedication

Lord, you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

To Share in the Lord's Supper

Call to Confession

(Pastor Michelle)

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, in light of your glory we see the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, the truth we have denied, and the separation, rather than connection, we have chosen. Heal us of our sin, Lord. Wash us in your mercy and feed us with your grace, that we may follow your way and worship you with full and grateful hearts.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The forgiveness of God is a gift poured out graciously to all who seek it. Friends, do not fear, Rather, be at peace, for God's mercy is greater than all our failings.

Connected as brothers and sisters in God's family, we receive the mercy of Christ with joy and thanksgiving. Hallelujah! Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

(Sanctus)

. . . Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion of the People

Communion Music:

BE THOU MY VISION

arr. H. Hopson

Prayer after Communion

CLOSING HYMN: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees);

Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees);

REFRAIN:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees);

Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees); (REFRAIN)

Let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees);
Let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees): (REFRAIN)

REFRAIN:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O lord, have mercy on me.

Benediction

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist,
Judy Viccellio, Director of Music, David Maley, piano,
Jon Jelsma, liturgist, Ilse Klopotek and Paulina Sintim-Aboagye,
communion preparers, and Gabriel Frempong, technology team