

Calvary Presbyterian Church: A Cross-Shaped Life

LENTEN SERIES 2021



Online Worship Resource (Sunday, February 28, 2021)

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Prelude:

Fairest Lord Jesus

(Piano/Organ duet by Smith/Hustad)

Silesian Melody

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Jane Kerr, Organist and David Maley, Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Danny Williams, Liturgist

Please join me as we affirm our faith together:

We believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and the foundation of our faith.

We believe that we are the temple of God and that God's Spirit lives in us.

We believe that God's temple is sacred, and we are that temple.

We believe that we are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

Opening Hymn: “The Church's One Foundation”

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

She is his new creation by water and the word.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,

Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,

She waits the consummation of peace forevermore.

Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,

And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Call to Confession

(Liturgist)

Trusting in God's divine mercy, let us confess all that is wrong with us this day. Let us pray together . . .

Prayer of Confession

Merciful Friend, our bodies are your temple, your dwelling place. Forgive us for how we mistreat your home! For our self-loathing and self-condemnation; overindulgence; apathy and neglect; for harboring anger, bitterness, or pride. In all these ways and more, we deny the sacredness of our bodies as your holy temple. Have mercy on us, renew and restore us, that we might cherish the privilege of housing your presence.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Men and women, God, who is just and merciful, hears our true repentance with endless compassion.

Forgiven, we are freed to live and walk as God's people, in whom Christ dwells. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

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

Life-giving God, your Word is a gift, and we thank you for revealing yourself to us through it. As we read, listen, and respond to your truths today, we invite your Spirit to be our guide. Give us fresh insight, that we may be changed because we have experienced the power of your Word today. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. ¹⁴ If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸ Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

“He catches the wise in their craftiness,”

²⁰ and again,

“The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,
that they are futile.”

²¹ So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, ²³ and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

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

Hymn After Sermon: “We Are God's People”

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of the Spirit, established by the Word.
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Christ we stand;
O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace.
God wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one;
O let us give our gifts to God and so shall God's work on earth be done.

Call to offering (Liturgist)

God's abundance towards us leads us to generously share what we have received. Let us offer ourselves, as well as our gifts, to God.
Please pray with me...

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, thank you for your astounding goodness and all that you have given us. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies that we may be useful vessels for the work of your kingdom. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Benediction

Postlude:

We Are Called

David Haas

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

(Refrain) **We are called to act for justice; we are called to love tenderly;**

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.

Refrain

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccellio, guitar,

David Maley, piano, Danny Williams, liturgist, and

Glenn Fahrig, technology team