

Calvary Presbyterian Church: A Cross-Shaped Life

LENTEN SERIES 2021



Online Worship Resource (Sunday, March 21, 2021)

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Prelude:

LARGO

Edward Elgar

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”*

(Matthew 22:37)

Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Rachel Jelsma, Liturgist

The psalmist sings, "One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the Lord,

and to inquire in God's temple."

Sisters and brothers, God is good,

and in love and mercy, God greets us here.

Opening Hymn: "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

REFRAIN:

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. (REFRAIN)

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth, Is to feel your need of him. (REFRAIN)

Call to Confession

(Liturgist)

We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God's love for us, even when we do not deserve it, let us confess our sins in faith. Let us pray . . .

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, how short we fall of what you desire for us! We let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about our faults and sins. Yet, you know our hearts and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of your Spirit, conform us to your glory, that we may be the body of Christ for the world.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God.

**In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance.
Thanks be to God.**

Response: "We Are Forgiven"

**We are forgiven, We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
(Repeat)**

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:

Eternal God, from the foundation of the world, you have set a plumb line to measure our lives so that we may live in truth. By the power of your Spirit, open to us your Word, that we may align our hearts and lives by it. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Amos 7:7-9

⁷This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

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

Sermon A Cross-Shaped Life: The Cross as Plumb Line Rev. Michelle Fincher

Hymn after Sermon: "Hear the Good News of Salvation"

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!

How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.

I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:

Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!

How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

Call to offering

(Liturgist)

The Lord gives what is good and makes a pathway for generosity to follow. Let us walk worthy of the life Christ has given us, as we offer our gifts to God. Please pray with me our Prayer of Dedication. . .

Prayer of Dedication

Thank you, gracious God, for filling us with every spiritual grace that we might be a blessing for others. Consecrate the gifts we offer, that your love may be made known and praise to your glorious name may abound. 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.

Closing Hymn: "Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"

REFRAIN

Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid Rock of my life,
He's the solid Rock of my life, He's the solid Rock of my life.

There's no other place I can hide till the storm that rages subsides.

My voice cries to God from the flood, and I'm saved because of his blood.
(REFRAIN)

It is not the work of my hands that has washed away all my sins.

I'm redeemed, and all of my days, Jesus Christ will be my heart's
praise. (REFRAIN)

Benediction

Postlude:

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Celtic prayer

God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ surround me; O Christ surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, and from beneath,

above, and all ways: O Christ surround me; O Christ surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,

Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

O Christ surround me; O Christ surround me.

Today's Worship Participants:

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

David Maley, piano, Rachel Jelsma, liturgist and

Glenn Fahrig, technology team