

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 15, 2026

[Narrative Lectionary Readings](#)

[John 19:1-16a](#)

Fourth Sunday in [Lent](#)

[Psalm 146](#)

**indicates to stand in body or in spirit*

Prelude & Chiming of the Bell

Use this time to ask God to open your heart in worship this morning

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 146:3-10a

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

***Hymn**

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

Confession

John 3:19

"...and this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light..."

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We choose lesser kings, lesser lords, and lesser saviors; and so we have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(Silent Confession)

adapted from PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship* (2018)

Assurance and *Gloria Patri

John 3:17

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Time with the Children

Scripture and Sermon

The Crisis Revealed by the Cross

[John 18:38b-19:16a](#)

***Hymn**

Rejected and Despised

***[Affirmation of Faith](#)**

excerpts from the [Confession of 1967](#)

(Book of Confessions 9.15-26)

We believe that the power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. We believe that God has created human beings for personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

We believe that the reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for humankind when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.

In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience; and initiates new life in Christ.

We believe new life takes place in a community in which we know that God loves and welcomes us however we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

We believe that life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Matthew 6:21

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

If you utilize the online giving option, blue cards are available in the pew to place in the offering plate as a sign of your giving.

Offertory

The Journey

Calvin Choir

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Minute for Mission

[One Great Hour of Sharing](#)

Community Care Committee

In the Life of the Church

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

***Benediction and Charge**

***We Go Into the World Singing**

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

*We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.*