

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A Service of Worship and Celebration
on the Occasion of Calvin Presbyterian Church's 50th Anniversary

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
 16th Sunday after Pentecost/Ordinary Time
 Year B

Proverbs 1:20-33
 Psalm 19
 James 3:1-12
 Mark 8:27-38

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 19:1-4, 14

Look at the heavens!

They are shouting the glory of God!

The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.

Let our words of rise be acceptable to you;

Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

Hymn

Here In this Place (Gather Us In)
 Glory to God Hymnal, #401

Confession*

Mark 8:34-35

Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For...those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

O Lord, you have called us to take up our cross and follow you: for our words and actions might proclaim your glory and your Good News. Yet we find that we are often hesitant, O God, to serve anyone but ourselves. We pull back from the way of the cross, forgetting that, in you, it has become the source of life.

Forgive us, O God, and call us once more to set aside who we have made ourselves to be, that we may become who you call us to be.

(personal confession)

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Assurance and Passing of the Peace

Psalm 19:7-8

"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..."

In Jesus Christ, the living Word of God, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Special Music*My Hope Is In You***Scripture**Mark 8:27-29

*The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God stands forever.
Thanks be to God.*

Sermon*Identity***Recognition of 50 Year Members****Hymn**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
Glory to God Hymnal, #687 (vv.1-3, 6)

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed
(ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call for the Offering*

Psalm 19:1

"The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork."

Let us tell of the glory of God through our gifts – our time, our talents, and our tithes.

Special Music

Trust In You
Linda Tente, soloist

Litany of Thanksgiving* and Prayers of the People

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
hear our prayer.

For the Church universal, and for this congregation of your people,
we give you thanks, O God.

For this place in which we gather for praise and prayer, witness and service, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord and the Messiah,
we give you thanks, O God.

For your presence among us whenever your Word has been proclaimed, and your sacramental gifts of bread and the cup are shared,
we give you thanks, O God.

For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace, who in this place and through this congregation heard and received the good news of forgiveness of sin; who were buried with Christ in the waters of baptism; who entered the promise of life eternal in your kingdom,

we give you thanks, O God.

For disciples young and old who have been nurtured here in faith, and given opportunities to grow in love and service, discovering their own gifts of service and love,

we give you thanks, O God.

For deacons, elders, and pastors who have led and loved us, and by the offering of their gifts, equipped us for the work of ministry,

we give you thanks, O God.

For faithful stewards among us who have lived for others, serving you by loving neighbors,

we give you thanks, O God.

For all the saints who have stood among us, whose memory still enlivens our faith and emboldens our witness,

we give you thanks, O God.

For the ministries of worship and mission, nurture and fellowship, and for all whose lives have been touched by them,

we give you thanks, O God.

[sharing of thanksgiving and hope]

Receive our gratitude, Holy God, for the years through which you have led us, and open us to the future your promise. In the years that lie ahead, grant your good courage in the work of ministry, your consolation in our defeats, and your challenge in our complacency. As the voice of those who have come before us echo in our ears, may the voice of the gifts we offer, and the ministry of this church continue to join in your great chorus of Good News going out through all the earth. Give us holy imagination and expectant hope for what may yet be; and such trust in your abiding Holy Spirit, that we may find joy and peace in our common life, strength and courage to live in the world for your reign, and good hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Hear us now Lord, in our prayers for this day...

Litany of Promise

adapted from Psalm 90:1-2, 14, 17*

Lord, you have been our refuge

from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the sea were born,

from age to age you are God.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning,

so we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us,

and prosper the work of our hands.

**Book of Occasional Services*

Charge and Benediction

Jesus asks of us, "Who do you say that I am?"

Beloved of God, know that he is the Messiah. Let us go from this place, as a people changed by, and proclaiming this Good News.

Knowing that the same love of God the Father, the same grace of Jesus the Son, and the same fellowship of the Holy Spirit that has sustained Christ's church through the ages, goes with us now. Amen.

Postlude