

Order of Worship

“Monastic spirituality flows from a belief in a God who comes to those who are disposed to listening, who will persevere in seeking God even when it seems pointless or boring. Monastic spirituality is not a running from (obligations, tragedies, brokenness), but running toward - seeking a meaning to the mystery of life in the presence of the living God. “
~ Christ Desert Monastery

Welcome & Time of Greeting Joe Greemore

Welcome to worship at Calvary!

We are glad you are here. Guests are invited to complete a visitor card and place it in the offering plate later in the service. Cards are located in the pew racks.

If this is your first time worshipping with us, please raise your hand when we stand to greet one another so that we may offer you a gift—a loaf of bread, which reminds us all that Jesus is the “bread of life” that nourishes our life in community together.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *Keep Your Lamps* V. Johnson
Spiritual Element

Extinguishing of the Light Julia Blethen

As we journey to the cross with Jesus throughout Lent, we extinguish one candle each Sunday as we draw nearer to his death on Good Friday. Acknowledging the coming darkness, we confess our own participation in that darkness as people who sometimes fail to be the Light of Christ to the world.

+Hymn *Light on the Path*

+Litany Natalie Michel

Leader: Ever-Creating God, you have made us for yourself.

People: Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.

Leader: Ever-Loving Lord, you have journeyed in the wilderness.

People: Our strength and courage come from you.

Leader: Ever-Stirring Spirit, you transform the thoughts of our minds and move across the landscapes of our souls.

People: Our spirits are open to what you have to say to us.

**ALL: We are listening in the desert to the voices of one another;
we are listening in the desert to voices past and present;
we are listening in the desert to the stirring of our souls;
we are listening in the desert for you.**

+Song *Be Thou My Vision*

+Offertory *Thankfulness* M. Aldron

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

Word for God’s Children Maddie Hulst

Children may go to Creative Time or return to their seats.

Prayer of Confession Joe Greemore

Leader: We hear the call to trust in God always,
But honestly, some days our stresses and doubts
are even more real to us than God, and trust is elusive.

**People: We remember how Abram dared to believe in God’s promises,
but belief like that is hard to come by.**

Leader: We are often inclined to think,
“God helps those who help themselves,”
instead of daring to rely on the word of our Creator.

**People: When the world seems filled with dangers,
we can be quick to protect ourselves,
and we forget the wisdom of scripture,
which reminds us that we find traces of evil both
outside and inside of ourselves.**

Leader: With God’s help, we confront our fears and struggles, and
we call upon a power greater than our own to resist their pull.

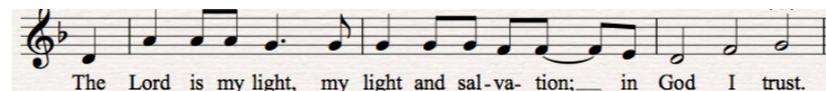
People: Hear us, Holy One, as we confess our frailty and failings.

Leader: Though fear should beset us;
though danger cause us to close up our doors; though troubles
assail and lead us away from the ways of grace;
only one thing is necessary: just turn back to
God’s promise of grace. Remember that God is reaching
out with loving arms, and let yourself be held.

**People: Only ask for forgiveness, and it is ours:
know that in this moment we have asked
and in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.**

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Psalter *Psalms 27* Kevin Padworski



Preparing to Hear God’s Word

**O Word of God, come into this space.
O Word of God, come send us your grace.
Open our minds; show us your truth.
Transform our lives anew.**

Old Testament Reading Mason Brown

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message *Listening in the Dark* Anne Jernberg

+Hymn of Response

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

As we sing, you are invited to respond to the Spirit’s leading.

You may come forward to make public your profession of faith in Christ, to request baptism, to share that you would like to become a member of this church family, to receive prayer or to pray, to share how God is leading you to answer a call to ministry, or to share any way that God is at work in your life. A pastor will welcome you as you come forward.

+Benediction Anne Jernberg

Postlude *Hito wa ochime ga daiji* arr. Padworski

Please be mindful of others who continue to worship through the postlude.

The pastors look forward to greeting you at Fellowship Time and connecting together as a church family.

Please encourage those around you to join you!

Service Notes

Webcast ministry: Today’s 10:30 am worship service is recorded with video cameras for Internet broadcasting at www.calvarydenver.org.

+ Please rise in body or in spirit.

Childcare is available in the nursery for children up to age 5.

Hearing enhancement devices are available from the ushers in the narthex. If you have trouble hearing, please try sitting in the front of the sanctuary near the center aisle. Our audio system is not equipped to provide optimal sound in or under the balcony, or along the side aisles.

Spiritual Element, under the direction of Emily Crile and accompanied by Lucie Cardwell, is Calvary’s choir for youth in grades 6-12.

Following the **Word for God’s Children**, children may return to their seats. Children’s worship bags and worship guides are in the narthex.

The **Old Testament** is found on page **60** in the Old Testament Section of the red pew Bible and page **61** in the Old Testament Section of the blue pew Bible.

Meet Today's Worship Leaders

Julia Blethen is a shining star at Calvary. Her smile is contagious, and she carries it with her everywhere. Julia is in the 4th Grade at Aspen Crossing Elementary. She enjoys reading, soccer, and arts and crafts. Julia has attended VBS and is active in the Choristers Choirs with friends. Her parents, Joe and Rebecca, became members of Calvary in 1995, and Julia was dedicated in 2004 at Calvary.

Natalie Michel has three siblings, Jessica, Heather, and Derek. She is in the 7th Grade at Mountain Ridge Middle School. Natalie became a Calvary member through baptism following Pastor's Class 2012. She has been in the Colorado Children's Choir, ABY, and Spiritual Element. Natalie enjoys movies and hanging with friends.

Maddie Hulst became a Calvary member in 2010 after being baptized by Calvary's Pastor Emerita Mary Hulst, her grandmother. She is a freshman at Rock Canyon High School. She enjoys swimming and can't wait to travel with Calvary's youth to Alaska this summer. Maddie sings in Spiritual Element and is active in ABY.

Mason Brown is a retired American Baptist Minister; he joined CBC in 1946. He served as Chairman of Missions, on Church Council, on the ABC board and is president of Modern Matures. Also active in the Pathfinders class, Mason is in charge of greeters, is a Stephen's Minister and a member of the Ecumenical Refugee and Immigration Service Board. Mason enjoys theatre.

About Today's Worship

The **paraments** are purple today for the liturgical season of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues for 40 days (not counting Sundays) until Easter. Jesus fasted for 40 days in the wilderness and the Israelites wandered for 40 years in the desert. For Christians today, Lent is a time when we fast, pray, and ask God for forgiveness as we examine our lives of faith.

Calvary's **Lenten theme** this year is *The Desert Speaks*. Throughout Lent, the **prayer room** will be available with different resources to help you deepen the ways you "listen to God" in prayer. Also, you may write prayers and place them on the wall in the prayer room as we create a Calvary "wailing wall."

The **Narthex Display** is created by Brenda Goodman, Calvary's Worship & Special Services Coordinator, on the Lenten theme of *The Desert Speaks*.

The **image** on the cover of today's bulletin is a speech bubble for our Lenten theme, *The Desert Speaks*. You are invited to write in the bubble what you hear God saying to you during this service. What do you hear through Scripture, song, silence, and sacred space? You may place your bulletin in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary. We will gather the responses and use them in worship at a later time in Lent.

Calvary's mission is to be a Christ-like community that experiences and shares God's love.

Calvary welcomes and affirms all people as children of God from every cultural and religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, economic means, race, age and gender.

Calvary Staff

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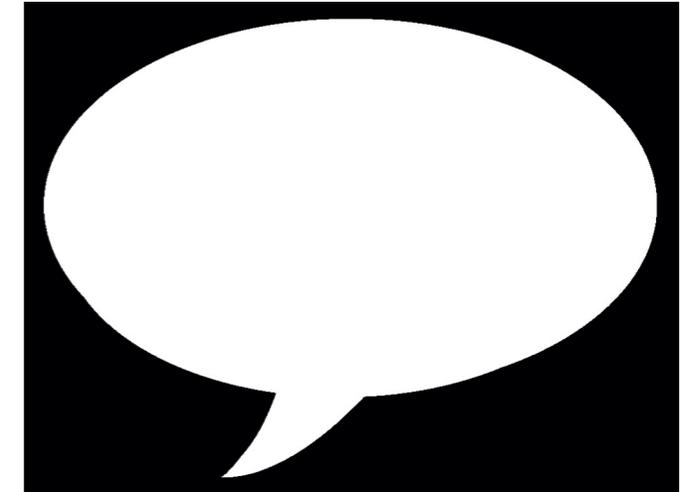
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Listen, what do you hear?

2nd Sunday in Lent

February 24, 2013

10:30 a.m.