

Philippians

TO LIVE IS CHRIST



CALVARY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

October 8th, 2023

Gathering

During the Prelude we invite you to greet one another with love outside the Chapel, and allow those within to meditate, pray or just listen.

Prelude “Healer of Our Every Ill” by Marty Haugen

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: Do not worry about your life, says Jesus.

People: There’s no need to fret about what we eat or drink or wear.

Leader: Life is more than these things!

People: The birds of the air aren’t worried about anything; we don’t need to be, either!

Leader: Jesus says, seek God’s kingdom—that’s what is important.

People: And everything else will take care of itself, because God cares for us.

*Opening Hymn #2212 “My Life Flows On”

Poem “Blessings Near At Hand” by Sarah Knowles Bolton

We look too far for blessings;
We seek too far for joys;
We ought to be like children
Who find their chiefest toys

Ofttimes in nearest attic,
Or in some dingy lane —
Their aprons full of weeds or flowers
Gathered in sun or rain.

Within the plainest cottage
Unselfish love may grow;
The sweetest, the divinest gift,
Which mortals ever know.

We ought to count our joys, not woes;
Meet care with winsome grace;

For discontent plows furrows
Upon the loveliest face.

Hope, freedom, sunlight, knowledge.
Come not to wealth alone;
He who looks far for blessings
Will overlook his own.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful Savior, you have promised your presence to us no matter the situation or need. We confess that too often we want more than You. We want certainty and safety. We want blessings without trial and faith without testing. We want a stress-free life, so that we can rely on ourselves rather than on you. Forgive us, Lord. Enable us, by your Spirit, to hold firm to you without worrying, trusting that your grace is always at work in us and in the world.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Desiring with all our hearts to know Christ, let us receive with joy the mercy offered to us.

People: **God's grace is always greater than all our sin. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

*Musical Response #2218 "You Are Mine" vs 1

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: Philippians 4:4-13

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “The Paradox of Worry and Contentment”

*Hymn #661 (GTG) “Why Should I Feel Discouraged?”

Time for Response to the Sermon

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

Sending

*Closing Hymn #286 “Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

*Benediction

Postlude “And Can It Be” by Thomas Campbell

Feel free to stand, chat and generally share in Fellowship as the Postlude sends us out into the world in Love.

We welcome all who worship with us this day. May you experience God’s presence and find inspiration for your journey of faith. This morning the leaders in worship are:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Pastor; **Heidi Thomas**, Interim Music Director;

Cathy Jaynes, Liturgist; **Ryan Hodel**, Zoom Host

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1. Leave your offerings and pledges in the offering plate at the entrance of the chapel;

2. Make a one-time donation online through our website: calvarypresdenver.org;

3. Set up a regular donation online through the website. Your financial generosity and gifts of time help make our ministry in the community vibrant!