

Psalm 25:16-21

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.

18 Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

19 Consider how many are my foes,
and with what violent hatred they hate me.

20 Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me,
for I wait for you.

Notes

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. What do you notice about how David shares his troubles with God? What does his approach reveal about how he thinks of God?
2. On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being easy and 10 being difficult, how easy do you find it to be transparent about your stresses and troubles with God?
3. What helps you be honest with yourself and with God about what's underneath the surface?

Family Business

Upcoming:

Sunday 3/30

8:45 am – Service / Sanctuary

9:45 am – Sunday Morning Classes

9:45 am – Service / Multi-Purpose Room

11:00 am – Service / Sanctuary

Monday 3/31

12:00 pm – Binnie Clements Brown Bag Luncheon / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 4/1

6:30 pm – Deacon's Committee Meeting / Conference Room

6:30 pm – Men's Bible Study / Room 015

Wednesday 4/2

6:00 pm – Adult Pickleball / Gym

6:15 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal / Bell Choir Room

7:15 pm – Chancel Choir / Choir Room

Thursday 4/3

11:00 am – Prayer Meeting / Chapel

5:45 pm – Behind the Baton / Atrium

Friday 4/4

12:00 pm – Women's Table Talk / Room 114

Good News Easter Egg-stravaganza: Join us on **April 12th, 10 AM–12 PM**, for a fun-filled community event with egg hunts, inflatables, a petting zoo, crafts, and more! Register by April 3rd to receive a FREE copy of *The Friend Who Forgives* (while supplies last). Volunteers and candy donations are needed—sign up on our Help Wanted site or contact Pastor Jamie!

Artists Anonymous: Being an artist can be tough—filled with questions like *Am I really an artist?* or *Is my work worth it?* If you love creating but struggle, too, this group is for you! Share your projects, challenges, and how faith fuels your art. Come be encouraged! This event is on **April 7th from 6-7:30 pm** in the library. Contact Pastor Don at d.everts@firstandcalvary.org if you have any questions.

Easter Lilies: If you would like to order a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the Easter Lily Order form in the weekly update or contact the church office. Each lily is \$15.00. Orders are due by April 4, 2025.

New to First and Calvary? Welcome! Grab a gift bag at the exits to enjoy some goodies and learn more about our church. Please sign the Friendship Pad to connect with us. Children are always welcome in the service! Worship bags are available at each entrance. Parents can use the Baby Break Room or the first-floor nursery. Kids ages 3–3rd grade can join *Worship and Wonder* after the Children's Message—check in near the front left sanctuary exit.

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The House of Prayer

Prelude

Call to Worship | Rev. Don Everts

Leader: When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,

**All: “I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.”**

As we gather here today,
let us worship the Lord,
who continues to be our God
and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.
— based on Exodus 20:1-2

*Opening Hymn

107 Christ Be My Leader

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1961

Music: Traditional Irish melody; harm. Donald P. Hustad, 1973

Confession of Sin

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 817

Hear Our Prayer, Oh Lord

Words: Based on Psalm 143:1

Music: George Whelpton

Declaration of Forgiveness

There is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit
of life in Christ Jesus
has set you free from the law of sin and death.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.
Know that in Jesus,
God embraces you, forgives you,
and strengthens you to live a renewed life.
Thanks be to God.
—based on Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hymn 805

Glory be to the Father

Words: Gloria Patri

Music: Henry Greatorex

Time for Children | Rev. Jamie Swope

Jesus Loves Me

Oh How I Love Jesus

Children who have checked into Worship & Wonder may be released after this time.

Scripture | Psalms 25:16-21

See Scripture Panel

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Special Music | Allison Steiner, violin

Violin Sonata IV: Adagio

Music: G. F. Handel

Sermon | Rev. Jamie Swope

Befriend Me

Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

Hymn No. 14

Prayers of the People 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.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory | Chancel Choir & Allison Steiner

My Hope Is In You

Words: Sean Paul

Words and Music: Ruth Elaine Schram

*Doxology

Hymn 809

*Offering Prayer

*Closing Hymn

516 Be Still and Know

Words: Anonymous; para. of Psalm 46:10, 7:1, Exodus 15:26

Music: Anonymous; arr. Jack Schrader, 1988

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

841 May the Grace of Christ our Savior

Words: John Newton, 1799

Music: Corner's Gesangbuch, 1631

*Postlude