

*Welcome  
to Calvary*

Worship Guide for the week of

September 25, 2022

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**GOD CALLS US TO  
WORSHIP HIM**

**Call to Worship**

*Pastoral Call to Worship*

**“O for a Thousand Tongues to  
Sing”**

*[Hymn of Adoration]*

Verse 1:

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumphs of His grace

Verse 2:

My gracious Master and my God  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread thru all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name

Verse 3:

Jesus the name  
That charms our fears  
That bids our sorrows cease  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears  
'Tis life and health and peace

Verse 4:

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin  
He sets the pris'ner free  
His blood can make  
The foulest clean  
His blood availed for me

**GOD GRACIOUSLY  
RENEWS US IN CHRIST**

**Confession of Sin**

Worship Leader: Heavenly Father...

**Congregation:** Have mercy on us.

Worship Leader: Lord Jesus...

**Congregation:** Have mercy on us.

Worship Leader: Holy Spirit...

**Congregation:** Have mercy on us.

Worship Leader: Forgive us from our sin...

**Congregation:** From our errors...

Worship Leader: From all evil.

**Congregation:** Have mercy on us.

**Forgiveness of Sin**

**All:** God chose us as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called us through our gospel, that we might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us stand firm and hold fast to His teachings. May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage our hearts and strengthen us in every good deed and word.

[based on *2 Thessalonians 2:13–17*]

**“You Are God Alone”**

[*Hymn of Assurance*]

Verse 1:

You are not a god created  
By human hands  
You are not a god dependent  
On any mortal man  
You are not a god in need of  
Anything we can give  
By Your plan  
That’s just the way it is

Chorus:

You are God alone  
From before time began  
You were on Your throne  
You are God alone  
And right now  
In the good times and bad  
You are on Your throne  
You are God alone

Verse 2:

You’re the only God  
Whose power  
None can contend  
You’re the only God  
Whose name and praise  
Will never end  
You’re the only God  
Who’s worthy  
Of ev’rything we can give  
You are God  
That’s just the way it is

Bridge:

You’re unchangeable  
You’re unshakable  
You’re unstoppable  
That’s what You are

## THANKING GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE

Worship Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for His steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His steadfast love endures forever; to Him who alone does great wonders...

**Congregation:** For His steadfast love endures forever.

Worship Leader: To Him who by understanding made the heavens...

**Congregation:** For His steadfast love endures forever.

Worship Leader: To Him who spread out the earth above the waters...

**Congregation:** For His steadfast love endures forever.

Worship Leader: To Him who made the great lights...

**Congregation:** For His steadfast love endures forever.

Worship Leader: The sun to rule over the day...

**Congregation:** For His steadfast love endures forever.

Worship Leader: The moon and stars to rule over the night...

**Congregation:** For His steadfast love endures forever.

[*Psalm 136:1-9*]

## Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

### “He Leadeth Me O Blessed Thought”

#### Verse 1:

He leadeth me  
O blessed thought  
O words with heavenly  
Comfort fraught  
Whate'er I do where'er I be  
Still 'tis God's hand  
That leadeth me

#### Chorus:

He leadeth me He leadeth me  
By His own hand He leadeth me  
His faithful follower I would be  
For by His hand He leadeth me

#### Verse 2:

Sometimes 'mid scenes  
Of deepest gloom  
Sometimes where Eden's  
Bowers bloom  
By water's calm  
O'er troubled sea  
Still 'tis God's hand  
That leadeth me

#### Verse 3:

Lord I would clasp  
Thy hand in mine  
Nor ever murmur nor repine  
Content whatever lot I see  
Since 'tis my God  
That leadeth me

#### Verse 4:

And when my task  
On earth is done  
When by Thy grace  
The victory's won  
E'en death's cold waves  
I would not flee  
Since Thou through Jordan  
Leadeth me



# Private and Family Worship

*For use during the week of September 25*

**Read:** Galatians 5:2–6

**Reflect** on these questions and discuss them with your family:

1. What ‘either-or’ choice does Paul put before the Galatian Christians?
2. How does that ‘either-or’ choice strike you?
3. Instead of the Mosaic Law indicating whether we are part of God’s family, what does Paul say in 5:5–6 are the true marks that we belong?
4. How is faith showing itself through love (5:6) different from following laws about circumcision or eating?
5. How can your faith work through love this week?

**Sing** this Hymn: “You Are God Alone”

You can find the music here: [bit.ly/yagalyrics](https://bit.ly/yagalyrics)

**Pray**

O God, You declare Your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of Your grace, that we, running to obtain Your promises, may become partakers of Your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

[from *The Book of Common Prayer*]

**GOD FEEDS US THROUGH  
HIS SUPPER**

*Breaking the Bread  
and*

*Taking the Cup*

*Video Reflection*

**GOD BLESSES US  
AND SENDS US OUT**

*Encourage One Another*

# Why We Do What We Do in Worship

**Call to Worship** – Throughout the Scriptures we are called to worship God as the holy and good Creator of all things. Our worship service begins with a call to worship, which turns our attention from our everyday cares and concerns to the glory, love, and mercy of our God.

**Confession of Sin** – When we acknowledge the goodness, glory, and holiness of God, we are immediately confronted by our own sin and rebellion, which has separated us from Him. Confession should reflect our sorrow over our sins and our desire to be reconciled to God. We confess our sins to God trusting in his faithfulness to forgive us and cleanse us.

**Forgiveness of Sin** – When we trust in Jesus' death for us and we come to God with genuine sorrow for our sin, God graciously and lovingly forgives us for all our sin. And so we announce God's forgiveness to all who repent of their sin and trust in Jesus.

**Thanking God for What He Has Done** – Our natural response to the grace and kindness that God shows us in forgiving us is to thank Him. We thank God for forgiving us, blessing us, protecting us, and providing for us, and we express our thankfulness to God through prayers, singing, and giving.

**God Instructs Us through His Word** – God speaks to His people through the Scriptures. God's Word reveals to us who God is, what God is like, and what His will for us is. Each component of Calvary's worship service is guided by Scripture. We read Scripture, pray Scripture, and sing Scripture, but we also set aside time during the service to be taught how Scripture personally applies to our own lives.

**God Feeds Us through His Supper** – Each week we celebrate the Lord's Supper as the capstone of our worship service. The Lord's Supper is a tangible reminder of the Gospel and of the promise that God has made to us—the promise that He has forgiven us and cleansed us and put His Spirit within us. The bread and the cup remind us of Jesus' life and death presented as an offering to God for our sakes. When we all share this Supper together, we remember that we are all part of one family—children of God and brothers and sisters of one another.

**God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out** – Our worship service closes with a blessing from God through which He sends us out into the world to share His love and mercy with others and to live out the truths that we have learned and celebrated during the worship service.

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