

Worship with Colonial Avenue Baptist Church * April 23, 2023

We Praise

He Keeps Me Singing

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Steven Harris

Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 116

One: The LORD is gracious, and merciful,

All: and hears us when we call

One: The LORD has been good to us;

All: the LORD has delivered my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

One: Then come with thanksgiving, and call on the name of the LORD.

All: Let us worship God.

Praise Through Song

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing, let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the Hope of nations.

Refrain:

Savior, He can move the mountains, My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of Salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again.

I give my life to follow, everything I believe in, now I surrender. *[Refrain]*

Shine Your light and let the whole world see we're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.

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[Repeat refrain twice]

We Pray

Prayers of the People

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The Lord's Prayer

We Worship Through Giving

Offertory Hymn No. 209 (CG) *The Head that Once Was Crowned*

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords is His by sovereign right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal light.

The joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below,
to whom He manifests His love and grants His name to know.

The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

Offertory Prayer

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Offertory*Redeemer*

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We Hear the Word**The Word for All Ages**

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Scripture

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Joyce Short

The Word in Music

The Last Mile of the Way
Joe Durrer, soloist

Sermon

Universal Christ

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We Respond to the Word**Invitation to Respond****Hymn of Response No. 581** (BH, vs. 1, 4)*We Have Heard the Joyful Sound*

We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to ev'ry land, climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Give the winds a mighty voice. Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice. Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free, highest hills and deepest caves;
This our song of victory: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Benediction**Postlude***Bach's Little Fugue in B-Flat***Prayer Concerns**

- Those who are homebound or in retirement and nursing homes: Madaline Brown, Lois Burge, Jane Byrum, Virginia Draper, Mary Durrer, Evelyn Hutcherson, Nadine Minnix, Shirley Moore, Betty Obenchain, Louise Parris, Betty Payne, Evelyn Ragland, Alice Scogin, Katie Wood
- Those with cancer including Barbara Kern, Paula Bailey (Reatha Linkenhoker's daughter), Posy Weddle (Michael Krawchison's uncle), Susan Wimmer (Ginny Smith's friend), Ednamae Fisher (Melissa Scott's friend), Peggy Akers, Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister)
- Jack Cooper's friend, Gwynn, awaiting a liver transplant
- Joyce Short's sister, Wanda, in nursing home for rehab
- Karen Viele's sister, whose unborn child has serious health complications
- Doug Heptinstall

Daily Bible Readings

Monday: Acts 10:44-48

- Have you ever had an experience of surprise that “they” had received a blessing from God? What did it teach you about yourself, God, and others?

Tuesday: Acts 11:1-18

- Are there things that you have believed that God might be calling you to reconsider?

Wednesday: Acts 11:19-30

- Barnabas was known as “the encourager.” How might you encourage someone in their faith today?

Thursday: Acts 12:6-19

- Has there been a time when God has rescued you?

Friday: Colossians 3:1-11

- What does new life in Christ look like to you?

Saturday: Colossians 3:12-17

- Remember to give thanks in all you do as you go about your day today.
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Opportunities to Connect with God, Each Other, and Our Community

Children's Ministry: The **PrayGround** is open! Children and families are invited to the front of the church, where a family worship guide will help you participate fully in worship in child-friendly ways.

Youth Ministry

- Our next Youth dinner and discipleship time will be on Sunday, April 30.
- **Help Feed Our Youth!** One of the ways we build community in our youth group is by having a meal together each Sunday. If you could provide a meal for around 10 people one Sunday evening, it would be much appreciated! You can sign up at <https://bit.ly/pbjyouthmeals>.

Listening Session: Thank you for your prayerful responses to the questionnaire concerning the possibility of our joining with Calvary Baptist to form a new church. On April 30, we will have a church-wide listening session following worship; during this time, the exploration team will share the results of the survey as well as their proposed next steps, and you will have an opportunity to share your thoughts and ask questions.

Opportunities for Bible Study

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** is a great way to connect with God and with our church family! We have classes for all ages and stages of life at 9:30.
- **Midweek Bible Study** meets at noon on Wednesdays in the conference room and on Zoom (www.bit.ly/cabcbbiblestudy). Join us as Rev. Steven Harris leads us in a seven week study of the life of Moses. This week, our focus will be on Moses' flight from Egypt.
- **Young Adult Dinner & Bible Study** meets Thursdays at 6:00 p.m at Pastor Melissa's house.

Paperback Book and Magazine Collection: Calvary Baptist Church is collecting reading materials for the Roanoke City Jail library. Please place your donations (paperback books or magazines only) in the box in the foyer.

Love Offering: On April 30, as is our tradition on fifth Sundays, we collect a love offering as a sign of our gratitude for the work our minister-in-residence, Rev. Steven Harris does.

Women's Coffee: The women of the church are invited to a time of fellowship on Saturday, May 20, at 10 a.m.