FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTH ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

INVOCATION: We praise you, we worship you, we adore you. Your voice comes in the thunder of the storm; the song of the wind whispers of your majesty. You satisfy all things living with your abundance, and our hearts bow at your presence. We praise you, we worship you, we adore you. Accept us, your children, eternal Father, and hear our prayer. Bend over us, eternal Love, and bless us, in Christ’s name. Amen

ACT OF PRAISE: Psalm 43
1 Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust deliver me!
2 For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?
3 O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.
5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

READING: Romans 8:12-25
12 So then, brothers and sisters,[a] we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — 13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba![b] Father!” 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness[c] with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. 18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 23 and not only
the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in[d] hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes[e] for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

MEDITATION: Future Glory

THE LORD’S SUPPER
   Invitation
   Blessing the bread and cup
   Sharing

BENEDICTION: May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and complete, make you holy and complete, put you together—spirit, soul, and body— and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The one who called you is totally dependable. If he said it, he’ll do it! We praise your faithfulness even as we pray together the prayer your son taught us when he said, “Our Father….“