

**Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here, but has risen.”
Luke 24:5**

Easter Sunday

Ten o'clock

April 21, 2019

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Partita on “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” [#179] John A. Behnke

Call to Worship: “Sing and Rejoice!” Johannes Eccard
Sing and rejoice! Triumphant, raise your voice; Jesus our Lord is risen.
Shout, “Victory!” Proclaim his mastery; death and the grave are vanquished.
Christ sets us free eternally for life with him in heaven. Alleluia!

Easter Greeting:
Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Easter Reading: Matthew 28:1-10 page 811

Welcome and Announcements

* Opening Hymns: “Low in the Grave He Lay” #186:1-3
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” #182:1-5

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Assurance: “Behold the Lamb of God” #110:1,14
Verse 1: Choir, Verse 13: Reader, Verse 14: Congregation

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” #179:1,3,4

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Message for Children

Blessing for Children

Leader: People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

Congregation: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

Congregation: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Anthem: "The Strife Is O'er"

Brian Henkelmann

The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won;

now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions has dispersed.

Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days have quickly sped, he rises glorious from the dead.

All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!

He broke the age-bound chains of hell; the bars from heaven's high portals fell.

Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: "In Christ Alone"

#770:1-4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12

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Sermon: **AN IDLE TALE**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Nate Dierlam

Offering for the Ministry Fund

Offertory: "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" [#185]

Benjamin Culli; C.S. Lang

* Hymn of Response: "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

#199:1,2,4

(During this hymn, those wishing to join the choir for the
Hallelujah Chorus may proceed to the front of the sanctuary.)

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

* Benediction

- * Choral Closing: “Hallelujah,” from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel
Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ,
And he shall reign forever and ever.
King of kings and Lord of lords, hallelujah!

- * Postlude: “Toccata,” from “The Fifth Symphony” Charles-Marie Widor

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Lynette van de Hoef and Rev. Brad Zwiers
Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Organist and Sanctuary Choir Director: Kenneth Bos
Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir
Accompanist: Lisa Meyer
Handbells: Annika Baker, Nathan Baker, Erin Hubka
Trumpets: David Kinsey, Dan Christensen, and David Fetterman
Timpani: Chris Walstra
Hallelujah Chorus Director: Amy Netz
Scripture Reader: Steve Triezenberg

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- As the empty tomb revealed to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary that Christ had won for us the victory over death, so the bursting life-form radiates from a void to symbolize the dynamic and everlasting life of the redeemed. The metallic stitchery and satin trapunto express the concept of glory. the white background, which symbolizes purity, is borrowed from our medieval art heritage.
- Large print resources are available at the Information Desk.
- Adult coloring pages are on the TRIP table in the Narthex.
- Our facility is equipped with the Loop hearing system.



For Children:

- Ages 0-2: Infant and toddler nurseries are available.
- Preschool: The Little Children (TLC) gathers downstairs in room 19 prior to the morning worship.
- Busy Bags for young children are on the picket fence in the Atrium.
- Bulletins for older children are in the rack in the Narthex.
- Coloring pages and colored pencils are available at the table in the Narthex.

Fellowship and Information:

- Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the morning service.
- “Like” us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch
- All of our ministries are described in the colorful folders at the Information Desk near the nurseries.

Calvin CRC Announcements for April 21, 2019

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as our Festival Choir sings and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Luke 24:1-12, “An Idle Tale.”

Evening worship: All churches in Classis Grand Rapids East are invited to an Easter Evening Service at Woodlawn CRC at 5 PM to explore the disciple Thomas’ movement from doubt to faith. Pastor Mike Abma is preaching. The offering is for Heartside Ministries. Nursery is provided.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, April 28

Morning worship: Our Festival Choir and Allegro Ringers will lead us in an Easter Hymn Festival of scripture and song. The offering will be for the Grand Rapids Christian Schools Eagles Fund.

Evening worship: Lisa Meyer will preach from 2 Samuel 12:1-15. The offering will be for Wings of Mercy.

Staff notes: Later this week, Pastor Rebecca will be speaking at a retreat for the West Africa staff of Resonate and World Renew. Pray for her and Kyle as they travel to Senegal, and pray for this gathering of missionaries and community development workers. She will return to the church office on May 1. If you desire pastoral care before then, please contact Pastor Brad, Pastor Jake, your district Elder, or the church office.

CHURCH FAMILY

Nick Overbeek (district 10) is scheduled to have surgery tomorrow, April 22.

We give thanks with **Marquist & Carla Price** (district 6) for the birth of **Sevan Marquis Price** on March 27.

Joanne VanderMey (district 4) suffered a stroke early last week and remains at St. Mary’s Hospital.

WELCOMING NEW BABIES: We are growing! Let’s celebrate the births of our newest covenant children, **Rowan Wierenga**, born to **Lee & Kim**, and **Sevan Price**, born to **Marquist & Carla**. You are invited to place cards, small gifts, or baby items in the bassinet in the Narthex. The bassinet is there now to welcome them and will be there until Sunday, May 12. Please contact Pastor Rebecca or Maria VandenBosch with questions.

SUNDAY DRIVERS: Les Ippel, who lives at Raybrook, would like to join us in worship on Sunday mornings. Please contact the church office if you are willing to be put on a schedule to provide a ride.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC: 2 - 4 year-olds “He Is Risen”

KaraMarie, Morgan

DERBY AND DOGS: It’s time again for our annual Derby and Dogs night with the Cadets and GEMS. Come and enjoy the races and a hot dog, while cheering on your Cadet or GEM. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 24. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30, with races starting around 6:30. Hope to see you there!

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will not meet this week. We'll resume our study on Wednesday, May 1.

BLOOD DRIVE: This Wednesday is the day to donate blood at church. We have 18 on the schedule and can accept 40. Please consider this outreach opportunity. Walk-ins are welcome anytime from 2:30 to 7:30. Please call Judy Bode with any questions!

FESTIVAL CHOIR: We are planning a Festival of Hymns, Anthems, and Readings for Eastertide on Sunday morning, April 28 (next Sunday). Our Sanctuary Choir invites all interested singers to join them for our remaining Wednesday rehearsal (April 24 at 7:30 PM) to prepare for singing on Easter Sunday and for the Festival on the following week. Please talk to Ken Bos or any choir member if you are interested in singing, or just show up for rehearsal.

USHERS NEEDED: Would you be willing to serve as a morning usher? We would like to add a few new members to the team. Please speak with Glenn Spears if you have questions and/or are willing to usher.

EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY: And just in time for April 22, Calvin CRC is enrolled in Organicycle, a collection service that combines food waste, paper, cardboard, and yard waste into fresh compost. The deacons encourage all members to carefully follow the posted instructions near our waste containers.

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC: This summer, join us for an exciting church and community event for all ages! The Education Committee is trying something new this year. In place of our usual VBS program, we are planning an evening community event for one night, June 27. The purpose of this event is to encourage community engagement of all ages with residents of our surrounding neighborhoods. Look for a poster in the Narthex. Here are some ways you can help: working at stations such as face paint, yard games, chalk/bubbles, or serving food and setting up. Please pray about how you might help serve our community in this way. Contact Corey Visker (corey.visker@gmail.com) or any Education Committee member if you have questions. We will have a sign-up sheet coming in May.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sounds of Spring Concert with the Chamber Choir of Grand Rapids: 3:00 PM Sunday, April 28, at Temple Emanuel (1715 East Fulton), featuring Baritone William Bokhout as the cantor and Bonnie Bierma as the narrator.

The 50-voice Chamber Choir of Grand Rapids presents Ernst Bloch's *Avodath Hakodesh*, an enduring exploration of the Hebrew Liturgy (Sacred Service). A profoundly powerful piece that ranks among the major orchestral/choral works of the twentieth century, *Avodath Hakodesh* is divided into five parts and mirrors the Sabbath morning liturgical progression in the Union Prayerbook. The piece recounts the history of the twelve tribes of Israel in musical terms. It's all there: Moses, Joshua, the conquest of Canaan, David, Solomon, the fall of Jerusalem, the lamentations of Jeremiah. Purchase tickets early at Schuler Books for \$5 off the adult price, or at the door: adults \$20; seniors \$15; students \$10. www.chamberchoirgr.org

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, April 21</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Elaine Bardolph, Mary Brummel
	East Greeters: Glenn & Audrey Prince
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: James & Allyson Koeman
	Isaac Hubka, Abi Lizewski
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Suzi Steketee
	Coffee Servers: Fellowship Committee
	<i>Tuesday, April 23</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
7:00p	Book Club led by Lynette van de Hoef
	<i>Wednesday, April 24</i>
2:00p	Blood Drive in the Narthex
5:30p	Derby and Dogs in the Fellowship Hall
6:15p	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	78ers
7:00p	Festival Choir
	<i>Thursday, April 25</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Friday, April 26</i>
8:30a	Senior Men's Bible Study
	<i>Next Sunday, April 28</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Tom & Laura Prince
	East Greeters: Dale & Joanie Rosema
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: Nate & Marissa Dierlam
	Grace Spoelma, Annika Baker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lois Huisman
	Coffee Servers: DeKoster, Koeman
11:20a	Church School
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
6:30p	CYG meets in the Catacomb

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
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