

# “Who was I that I could hinder God?”

## Acts 11:17

Eastertide

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Ten o'clock

May 19, 2019

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### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Holy, Holy, Holy” [#538]

R. B. Farlee, E. Fruhauf, M. Biery

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “My Soul Finds Rest”

Keyes & Townsend

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation;

A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.

Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like arrows pierce me,

I'll fix my heart on righteousness; I'll look to him who hears me.

*Refrain*

O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;

Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in him completely;

With every day pour out my soul, and he will prove his mercy.

Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,

My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am his forever.

\* Opening Hymns: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

#581:1-3

“Be Still, for the Presence”

#532:1-3

\* God's Greeting

### WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Confession: “Remember Not, O God”

#632:1-3

Assurance of Pardon

Installation of Jan Dykgraaf as Elder and Yvonne Triezenberg as Deacon

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

\* Song of Response: "Tell Your Children"

#314:1-2

(Children may come forward during the second verse)

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Presentation of Bibles to Second Grade Children

Anne Poortenga

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: "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee"

Jody Lindh

If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,  
and bear thee through the evil days;  
who trusts in God's unchanging love  
builds on the Rock that naught can move.

Only be still and wait his leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content  
to take whate'er thy Father's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent;  
nor doubt our inmost wants are known, to him who chose us for his own.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving; in all thy labor faithful be,  
and trust his word, though undeserving, thou yet shalt find it true for thee;  
God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in him indeed.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Doug Poortenga

\* Hymn of Preparation: "O God, We Kneel Before Your Throne"

#680:1-3

Stanza 1: Choir, Stanzas 2-3: Congregation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 11:1-18

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: "WHAT IS THE BREADTH"

Prayer of Application

## WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

\* Hymn of Response: “Amazing Grace”

#691:1-5

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Tamara Baker

Offering for the Ministry Fund

Offertory Anthem: “Today, Tomorrow, and Every Day”

Paul Sjolund

Be at peace today, tomorrow, and every day.

The same Everlasting Father who cares for you today  
will take care of you tomorrow, and every day.

Either he will shield you from suffering,  
or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Education Volunteer Appreciation

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”

#938

**My friends, may you grow in grace**

**And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.**

**My friends, may you grow in grace**

**And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.**

**To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.**

**To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.**

\* Postlude: “Allegro: Postludial Recessional”

Felix Mendelssohn

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Gert Bokhout

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for May 19, 2019**

### **WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM**

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*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Acts 11:1-18, “What Is the Breadth.” Second grade students receive a Bible as they complete their time in Worship Center, and we express gratitude to our youth and education ministry volunteers.

This morning marks the final time that the Sanctuary Choir will be singing this season. We thank the singers for their dedication, their time, and their talents that they willingly use to lead our worship so well.

*Evening worship:* Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from Revelation 21:1-8, “All Things New,” and the offering is for Global Gifts.

Global Gifts is a world hunger project started by the Community Care/Social Justice Committee of Calvin Church in 1986 – making it 33 years old in 2019! It is staffed by a part-time manager and approximately 35 volunteers. Located at 2055 28<sup>th</sup> Street, SE, Global Gifts is a retail store that provides a market for artisans from over 40 developing countries. The products, from approximately 50 suppliers, are created under Fair Trade principles. Sales currently support approximately 100 families every year.

### **WORSHIP Next Sunday, May 26**

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*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Acts 16:9-15, “Down to the River to Pray.” We will welcome Henk Ottens to lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for the Grand Rapids Christian Schools Eagles Fund for tuition support.

Each gift given to the Grand Rapids Christian Schools provides immediate resources that have a long-lasting impact on students. Our offering today helps support the 700 students who are receiving financial aid and the 450 students who are receiving Student Support Services, as well as enhancing the educational experience for all students. This year Calvin CRC has pledged \$4,500 to support Grand Rapids Christian in its mission to prepare students to be effective servants of Christ in contemporary society.

*Evening worship:* Plymouth Heights CRC invites you to a combined service at 5:30 PM on May 26. Pastor Steve De Vries will be leading worship, preaching on Psalm 67, “A Summer Blessing.” The offering will be for Bethany Christian Services. There’s no nursery, but there may be ice cream.

### **CHURCH FAMILY**

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Thank you, so much, for your prayers for our daughter Annelies. Her lung surgery was successful, and the lymph nodes were cancer free. Further evaluation will determine if her lung is free of fluid and if she needs additional treatment.

*Dave & Jan Dykgraaf*

**WELCOMING A NEW BABY:** We are growing! Let's celebrate the birth of our newest covenant child, **Janice Etoke Alenga**, born to **Etoke Kabiona & Mlasi Sango**. 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, June 9. Please contact Maria VandenBosch or Pastor Rebecca with questions.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

### **TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

2 - 4 year-olds "Nicodemus"

Melanie, Carolyn

K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade "Pentecost"

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP GRADUATES:** Today we have the honor of presenting our 2nd graders with Bibles. Please keep **Jeremiah Lizewski** and **Joshua Meyer** in your prayers that God's Word may be dear to them and bear much fruit in their lives.

## **MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS**

**REVERSE FOOD OFFERING FOR SAFE HAVEN:** The domestic abuse shelter and support service ministry has been in the new facility since December. Calvin Church has the opportunity to support their work by stocking their pantry. Bring the items to church by today, when they will be delivered to Safe Haven after the morning service.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Join us after morning worship for a delicious pancake breakfast! This breakfast celebrates the church school year, raises funds for the CYG summer SERVE trip to California, and gives us all a chance to share a meal together.

**SENEGAL STORYTELLING:** Next week Sunday, May 26, at 11:30 AM, you are invited to join Pastor Rebecca in Room 1 downstairs to hear more about her recent trip to Senegal and about the work of Resonate and World Renew in West Africa.

Remember to turn in your reservations for our annual **SPRING INTO SUMMER CELEBRATION** occurring immediately after the morning service on **June 2**. A picnic lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall, and all members, guests, and visitors are warmly welcomed! Reservation forms are in your mailboxes with extra forms available on the TRIP table. Please turn in your reservations no later than next Sunday, May 26. We hope to see you all at this fun kick-off to summer celebration!

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NURSERY HELP:** Help with childcare is needed this summer on Thursday mornings from 9:15–11:15 in the nursery at Calvin CRC during *Take Charge*, a life skills/support group run by 70x7 Life Recovery (formerly Criminal Justice Chaplaincy). Contact Sarah Rhein at 616-514-3718 or sarahr@70x7liferecovery.org to find out more.

**A CONVERSATION WITH NICHOLAS WOLTERSTORFF** on June 3, 2019, at 7 PM at GVSU's Eberhard Auditorium, led by Kelly James Clark with an introduction by Alvin Plantinga. The event is held in honor of the publication of his autobiography, *In This World of Wonders* (Eerdmans). Copies will be available for sale. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/y4v9hxsg>. Sponsored by GVSU's Kaufman Interfaith Institute.

	<i>Today, Sunday, May 19</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Celia Steele, Kris Bergh
	East Greeters: John & Eunice Stegink
	Nursery Supervisor: Melisa Hubka
	Nursery Helpers: Mike & Kathy Cok
	Lydia Tolsma, Natalie Poortenga
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Tammy Baker
	Coffee Servers: Vanderhill, Crothers
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
	<i>Tuesday, May 21</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Deacons meet in Room 1
7:30p	Council meets in Room 16
	<i>Thursday, May 23</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
	<i>Friday, May 24</i>
8:30a	Senior Men's Bible Study
	<i>Next Sunday, May 26</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: LeRoy & Anjean Stegink
	East Greeters: Bill & Rosemary Stevenson
	Nursery Supervisor: Christine Coulter
	Nursery Helpers: Julie DeKoster, Jeannine Lanning
	Erin Hubka, Jacqueline Lanning
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Doris Ridders
	Coffee Servers: Koeman, Hubka
11:30a	Senegal Storytelling in Room 1. Presenter: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
<b>5:30p</b>	Worship at Plymouth Heights CRC