



**May 26, 2019**

**“If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord,  
come and stay at my home.”**

**Acts 16:15**

**Eastertide**

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**Ten o'clock**

**May 26, 2019**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”      G. Boehm, J. Walther, R. Haan

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Christ Be with Me!”      F. Chopin

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me!

Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ behind me, Christ before me!

Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in mouth of friend or stranger,

Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me!

\* Opening Hymns: “Come, Worship God”

**#509:1-4**

“As the Deer”

**#503**

\* God’s Greeting

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Confession: “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

**#627:1-3**

Assurance of Pardon (from Romans 8)

What then are we to say about these things?

If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold his own Son,

but gave him up for all of us,

will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes,

who was raised, who is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine,  
or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors  
through him who loved us.**

**For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

\* Song of Response: "In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified"

**#861:1-4**

## **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: "Come Thou and with Us Dwell"

William Byrd

My faults, O Christ, do I confess and do thy mercy crave;

O come thou now to wash my sins, O come my soul to save:

Let then the brightness of thy birth the clouds of sin expel.

Thou art the hope of all the world; come thou, and with us dwell.

Then shall my tongue forever sing due praises to thy name;

Thy only wish is that we be still thankful for the same;

To thee, the Father and the Spirit of grace be praise for aye.

Sing and rejoice and God above do magnify alway.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: "What Shall I Render to the Lord"

**#871:1-4**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:9-15

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY**

Prayer of Application

### **WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: “Lord of All Good”

**#879:1-3**

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Tom Prince

Offering for Eagles Fund Tuition Support

Offertory: “God Be with You Till We Meet Again [#943]

D. Wagner

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**#965**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

\* Postlude: “Fanfare and March”

R. Sunderland

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Linda Fridsma

Ministry of Music: Henk Ottens

Scripture Reader: Bob Houskamp, Jr.

***5:30 PM worship at Plymouth Heights CRC***

## Calvin CRC Announcements for May 26, 2019

### WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5:30 PM

*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Acts 16:9-15, “Down to the River to Pray.” We welcome Henk Ottens to lead us in ministry of music, and the offering is 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 us to a combined service at 5:30 PM. Pastor Steve De Vries leads worship, preaching on Psalm 67, “A Summer Blessing.” The offering is for Bethany Christian Services. There’s no nursery, but there may be ice cream.

### WORSHIP Next Sunday, June 2

*Morning worship:* On this Sunday after Ascension Day, Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Luke 24:44-53, and we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Our own Lynn McBroom will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for Refugee Resettlement.

It is our privilege and duty as God’s people to follow his example in loving and welcoming strangers. Together with Bethany, the Refugee Resettlement Committee helps refugees adjust to their new home, assisting them to achieve self-sufficiency within six months of their arrival in Grand Rapids.

*Evening worship:* Lisa Meyer will preach from Ruth 2, and the offering will be for Inner City Christian Federation.

ICCF is a non-profit corporation whose leadership is motivated and whose programs are shaped by a belief that all people deserve safe, clean, affordable housing; an effort to seek justice; a grateful response to the saving love of Jesus Christ, and a desire to have others see his love in action.

**Staff notes:** Pastor Brad will be on vacation from May 30-June 6. If you desire pastoral care during that time, please contact Pastor Rebecca, Pastor Jake, your district Elder, or the church office.

### CHURCH FAMILY

<b>85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:</b>	6/6 Marilyn Bratt (86)
6/8 John Shooks (95)	6/14 John VanLaar (87)
6/20 Glenn Spears (85)	6/23 Ann Boermans (89)
6/26 Catherine VandeZande (85)	6/27 Jean VerHulst (87)

## COLLEGE AND CAREER AGE BIRTHDAYS:

6/19 Chase Burghgraef (21)

6/20 Jackson Schierbeek (19)

6/26 Jenna Swets (22)

**WELCOMING A NEW BABY:** We are growing! Let's celebrate the birth of our newest covenant child, **Janice Etoka Alenga**, born to **Etoka 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 her and will be there until Sunday, June 9. Please contact Maria VandenBosch or Pastor Rebecca with questions.

**Barb VanLaar** (district 4) suffered a stroke during a recent stay in the hospital.

**Joanne VanderMey** (district 4) has moved to 2121 Raybrook St. SE #334.

**Arianna Tolsma** (district 6) has moved to 5463 W Rosebud Ct SE; Kentwood, MI 49512

During her time serving with A Christian Ministry in the National Parks at Waterton-Glacier National Park this summer, Pastor Lynette can be contacted at lavdh007@calvinseminary.edu or PO Box 33, Waterton, Alberta, T0K 2M0, Canada.

Dear Calvin Church family, thank you for being a great church family to me for the last four years. I have grown much and made many wonderful memories—from doing sound work and moving beds, to eating wonderful food at college lunches and playing timpani for the Hallelujah Chorus on Easter. As I move on to the next phase of my life, I will miss you greatly, and I pray that God will bless all of you and the ministries of this church. *Chris Walstra*

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

6/13 Javin Love/Price (11)

6/12 Nathan Baker (13)

6/23 Marquay Price (3)

6/29 Tyler Stafford (18)

**TLC:** There is no TLC today. June 2 marks the start of the summer TLC program for our 2-4 year-olds, which is staffed by parent and congregational volunteers. At least two teachers are needed each Sunday, one of whom needs to be at least 18 years old. The short Bible lesson and craft is provided for you. We still have many openings. Please contact Melanie Burghgraef if you are interested and available to help (email melanieburghgraef@gmail.com, phone 616-250-7244).

## MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

*Today*—**SENEGAL STORYTELLING:** You are invited to join Pastor Rebecca in Room 1 downstairs at 11:30 AM 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 reservation 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 reservation no later than today. 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.

### *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.
- 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.

# CALENDAR

	<i>Today, 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
	<i>Monday, May 27 Memorial Day</i>
	Church office is closed
	<i>Tuesday, May 28</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
	<i>Thursday, May 29</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
	<i>Next Sunday, June 2</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Glenn & Nancy Triezenberg
	East Greeters: Mike & Lisa TerBeek
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Bob & Donna Houskamp Tyler Stafford, Nathan Baker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lori Feenstra
11:30a	Spring into Summer Celebration in the Fellowship Hall
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Monday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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