



**September 1, 2019**

**10 AM Worship Service**

**Jesus said to him,  
“Stand up, take your mat and walk.”  
John 5:8**

**Ordinary Time**

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers  
Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys  
Organist: Kenneth Bos  
Ministry of Music: Daniel Weinrick  
Scripture Reader: Kyle Heys

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Voluntary in D Minor”  
“Voluntary in F”

John Stanley  
John Bennett

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

Jakob Hintze

Let the whole creation cry, “Glory to the Lord on high!”  
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, “Praise him, our almighty King!”  
Praise him, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;  
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.

Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold,  
and let children’s happy hearts in this worship take their parts;  
from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:  
“Holy, Holy, Holy One; Glory be to God alone!”

\* Opening Hymns: “The Heavens Declare Your Glory”

#3:1-3

“Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace”

#7:1,2

\* God’s Greeting

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

God of everlasting love,  
we confess that we have been unfaithful  
to our covenant with you and with one another.  
We have worshiped other gods: success, power, greed, and convenience.  
We have served our own self-interest  
instead of serving you and your people.  
We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,  
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.  
**Forgive us, gracious God,  
and bring us back into the fullness  
of our covenant with you and one another.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Assurance: "I Worship You, O Lord"

#668:1,3,5

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

\* Song of Response: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#348:1-3

## 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: "Love Bade Me Welcome"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eye'd Love, observing me grow slack

From my first entrance in,

Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lack'd anything.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he.

I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame

Go where it doth deserve.

And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?

My dear, then I will serve.

You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat: so, I did sit and eat.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession concluded with the Lord's Prayer  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

\* Hymn of Preparation: "To the Hills I Lift My Eyes"

#331:1,2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 5:1-18

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **IN SPITE OF OURSELVES**

Prayer of Application

### **WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

#665:1-3

(sung to the tune of #162 "Kingsfold")

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Gord Vandenberg

Offering for Inner City Christian Federation

Offertory: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" [#43]

Robert Hobby

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

#926:1,4

**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
Crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.**

**Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,**

**Serving you whom we adore. Amen.**

\* Postlude: "Fugue in G Minor"

Johann Sebastian Bach

## Calvin CRC Announcements for September 1, 2019

### WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from John 5:1-18, "In Spite of Ourselves." We welcome Daniel Weinrick to lead in ministry of music.

The Worship Committee has been soliciting song suggestions from our young people to use in our worship services. This morning we will be singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," #348, which was requested by Grace Poortenga.

*Evening worship:* Woodlawn CRC invites us to the Calvin University Chapel for a combined service at 5:00 PM. Pastor Bryant DeKruyter leads worship, preaching on Psalm 114. The offering is for Christian Schools International. Nursery will be provided.

### WORSHIP Next Sunday, September 8

*Morning worship:* We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Psalm 1. We will welcome soloist Kathryn Becksvoort, and the offering will be for Mission Outreach and Benevolence.

*Evening worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Philemon 1-25 and the offering will be for Safe Haven Ministries.

Calvin is one of the founding churches of Safe Haven Ministries, which provides an immediate, Christian, safe environment for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Additionally, Safe Haven offers group and individual counseling, as well as after-care counseling for post-shelter clients.

### CHURCH FAMILY

**Chris Dekker** (district 5) is at Raybrook nursing (4th floor) for a time of rehabilitation following her hip surgery.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC will not meet today. We will begin our fall schedule next Sunday, September 8.

#### **START DATES:**

September 11: Junior Bells, Cherub Choir, Covenant Choir

September 15: Children's Worship, Church School

September 25: Family Supper, GEMS, Cadets, 78ers

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

**CALVIN UNIVERSITY CHURCH FAIR:** This Wednesday, September 4, Calvin Church will have a table at the Calvin University church fair from 5:30-7:30 PM. Come visit us near the science building on the Commons lawn!

**MINISTRY KICK-OFF SUNDAY** is scheduled for September 8. Ministry committee chairs take note, and everyone mark your calendars for this event. If you have any questions, please contact Jesslyn DeBoer.

### **START DATES:**

September 11: Cancer Support, Allegro Ringers, Sanctuary Choir

September 15: Adult Education

October 9: Women's Bible Study

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Although Calvin Church will not be physically hosting the homeless families of Family Promise after October, we as a church still strongly support the mission of Family Promise. We are participating in the annual golf fundraiser on Wednesday, September 11, and will be contacting you during this coming week. If you have not been called by September 9 and would like to contribute, please contact Rodger Rice, Steve Triezenberg, or Ken and Jan Oosterhouse. For the past few years Calvin Church has been the top fundraiser. We would love it if we could say that every Calvin member helped contribute to this.

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Hope Heralds**, a 90-voice Reformed men's chorus that presents concerts throughout the summer in the Grand Rapids area, will present their final 2019 concert in the sanctuary of First Reformed Church just southeast of the corner of Chicago Dr. and Wilson Ave. on Friday, September 13, at 7:30 PM. While the concert is free, a free will offering will be collected to help pay for our expenses. Please join us in praising the name of our great God as we conclude our season.

# CALENDAR

	<i><b>Today, Sunday, September 1</b></i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Gary & Melanie Burghgraef
	East Greeters: Mike & Kathy Cok
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: Dave & Becky Baker
	Lydia Tolsma, Grace Spoelma
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Tammy Baker
	Coffee Servers: DeKoster, Hubka
5:00p	Combined service at Woodlawn CRC
	<i><b>Monday, September 2, Labor Day</b></i>
	Office closed
	<i><b>Tuesday, September 3</b></i>
9-3p	Family Assistance
6:00p	Executive Committee meeting in the Conference Room
6:30p	Building & Grounds meeting in the Lounge
7:30p	Elders meeting in Room 16
	<i><b>Thursday, September 5</b></i>
9-3p	Family Assistance
9:30a	Take Charge meets in Room 16
	<i><b>Next Sunday, September 8</b></i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Wayne VanWylen
	East Greeters: Walt & Jesslyn DeBoer
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Brian & Amy Netz, Natalie Poortenga
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Schoone-Jongen, Netz
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall



## **Growing in Discipleship ... ...Transformed for Ministry**

### **Welcome to Calvin Church**

#### ***In Worship:***

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- Reprint and streaming licenses are One License A-730126 and CCLI#2532147.
- The Chancel banner expresses the Christian belief that in one God there are three divine persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The color green represents spiritual growth during the season of the Lord's life and ministry.
- 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](http://www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch)
- All of our ministries are described in the colorful folders at the Information Desk near the nurseries.

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