



**September 15, 2019**

**Worship Services: 10 AM and 5 PM**

# Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up. – John 3:14

Ordinary Time

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Ten o'clock

September 15, 2019

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## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" [#571] Powell, Burkhardt, Kosche

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: "Ah, Jesus Lord, Thy Love to Me" Arr. David Johnson

Ah, Jesus Lord, thy love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
O bind my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there.  
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live, myself to thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone;  
Ah, may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown.  
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.

O Lord, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies;  
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away, wherever thy healing hands arise.  
O Jesus, nothing may I see, and nothing seek, desire, but thee.

\* Opening Hymns: "O Praise God's Name Together"

#558:1,2,4

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

#571:1,2,4,5

\* 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: money, power, comfort, and convenience.  
We have served our own self-interest  
instead of serving only 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 “Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine”

**#363:1-3**

\* Affirmation of Faith: Our World Belongs to God 25 and 26

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\* Song of Response: “To God Be the Glory”

**#604:1-3**

## **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: “A Lenten Meditation”

arr. Brett Michaels

Jesus refuge of the weary, blest redeemer whom we love,  
Fountain in life’s desert dreary, savior from the work above.  
Oh, how often your eyes offended, gaze upon a sinner’s fall!  
Yet, upon the cross extended, you endured the pain of all.

Dare we pass that cross unheeding, breathing no repentant vow,  
As we see you wounded, bleeding, see your thorn-encircled brow?  
Since your sinless death has brought us life eternal, peace, and rest,  
Only what your grace has taught us calms the sinner’s deep distress.

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died.  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Jesus may our heart be burning with more fervent love for you!  
May our eyes be ever yearning, to behold your cross anew.  
Till in glory, parted never from the blessed savior’s side,  
Graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the crucified!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

**#680:1-3**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Numbers 21:5-9

John 3:13-17

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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Sermon: **LIFTED UP**

Prayer of Application

### **WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: “As Moses Raised the Serpent Up”

**#674:1-4**

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Tammy Baker

Offering for the Ministry Fund

Offertory: “As Moses Raised the Serpent Up” [#674] Giamanco, Powell

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “O God, We Kneel Before Your Throne”

**#680:4**

**Now to the One who can do more than we could dream of asking for,**

**Eternal glory to our King as generations rise to sing:**

**How wide, how long, how high, how deep is the love of Christ!**

**Amen.**

\* Postlude: “A Festal Flourish”

Gordon Jacob

Liturgists: Rodger Rice, Lynette van de Hoef, and Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Jan Postma, Barb Vis, Bill Vis, Gary Verstraete

Scripture Reader: Bob Houskamp, Jr.

# Calvin CRC Announcements for September 15, 2019

## WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Numbers 21:5-9 and John 3:13-17, "Lifted Up." The Sherman Street Quartet leads us in 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 "Blessed Assurance," #363, which was requested by Lucy Molenbeek, Kate Triezenberg, and Charlie Molenbeek.

*Evening worship:* Rev. Rob Cahill preaches from 1 Corinthians 3:21-23, "Nature and Grace, from Gardening to Carpentry." The offering is for Family Assistance.

## WORSHIP Next Sunday,

*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Luke 16:1-13, "Serving Mammon." Stephanie Wiltse will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for the Baxter Community Center.

*Evening worship:* We will welcome Rev. Dr. Won Lee to lead our time of worship. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and the offering will be for Grand Rapids Christian Schools tuition support.

## COUNCIL NEWS

**From the Elders:** Calvin Church is a caring community eager to walk beside you in times of need. Pastors Jake, Rebecca, Brad, Lynette, elders, deacons, care coordinators, visiting friends, and faithful prayer warriors are eager to know how they can be of help to you. Please let us know, or ask a friend or family member to call if you have a surgery scheduled, have been admitted to the hospital, are going through a personal struggle, or would simply enjoy the company of a visitor. If you call the church office, Kim can put you in touch with the right people. For time-sensitive matters outside of office hours, you can call one of our full-time pastors, Rebecca or Brad, and they will communicate with others. This step on your part allows us to live into our calling as disciples to care for you. We follow in the steps of our loving Savior.

**Classis Grand Rapids East** will meet on Thursday, September 19 at Church of the Servant. Calvin Church delegates are minister Rebecca Jordan Heys, elder Rodger Rice, and deacon Tammy Baker.

## CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you to Pat Elders for her flower ministry both inside and outside Calvin Church. Pat gives us a beautiful way to remember and appreciate those dear to us. You honor God with flowers, Pat.

Today's flowers are in joyful memory of John Hedrick on what would have been the day after his birthday. Bud lived life in the present moment, could always make us laugh, and is sorely missed.

*Bernie Hedrick, Cindy Lanning Burch*

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

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

2 - 4 year-olds	"David & Goliath"	Melanie, Henry, Allory
K - 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	"Listening to One of God's Stories: The Light"	

**WORSHIP CENTER** begins this morning. Children in grades K-2 will be dismissed after the children's message to participate in their own worship downstairs. Parents are invited to attend the first class to ease their child's anxiety (if there is any) or to become (re)acquainted with the Worship Center. Please plan to pick up your children from the Worship Center classrooms each Sunday at 11:15, unless the children have permission to come upstairs on their own. We're looking forward to another year of leading the children in worship!

**START DATE:** September 25: Family Supper, GEMS, Cadets, 78ers

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

*Today*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Guatemala: In the News and On the Ground. Presenters: Rob & Tara Cahill. Guatemala has been in the news a lot recently. Hardships in Guatemala have driven many to seek refuge in the US and other countries. Rob and Tara are working with Community Cloud Forest Conservation in Guatemala to help families deal with many of these hardships without leaving home. Rob and Tara work with families in remote mountain villages to promote better living conditions, improve nutrition, preserve water resources, increase agricultural productivity, and protect forests.

*Next Sunday*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Why We Listen to Sermons  
Presenter: Rev. Scott Hoezee. In his recent book, *Why We Listen to Sermons*, Scott Hoezee tackles two related questions: why has preaching always been so important in the church and how can ordinary listeners get better at evaluating the sermons they hear so as to provide meaningful feedback to their pastors? Rev. Hoezee will summarize key sections of his book, discuss how to become better sermon listeners, and take questions stemming from these topics.

**START DATE:** October 9: Women's Bible Study

**COURIER ARTICLES:** Articles for the October *Courier* are due to Rodger Rice (ricerodger@sbcglobal.net) or Wally Bratt (wally.bratt@gmail.com) by today, September 15.

**ADULT ED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for several people to assist with sound during Adult Education on a rotating basis. Please contact Annika Baker (annika.the.reader@gmail.com, 616-450-3726) if you are willing to help with this ministry.


**KIDSHOPE:** Thank you to those who signed up last Sunday to provide goodies for our teachers and staff at Campus School this school year. It's a wonderful way for our congregation to show our support for them in this small way. We have four more spaces on the list to be filled.

Goodies may consist of baked goods, cheese and crackers, or cut up fruit with dip. The Goodie Baker list is located on the table on the west side in the Narthex near the double doors to the Atrium. Thank you in advance for supporting the KidsHope ministry in this way.

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*All One Body* invites you to listen to an important dialog of “**Pastoral Perspectives on LGBT Inclusion.**” Rev. Thea Leunk (Eastern Avenue CRC), Rev. Dr. Gordon Wiersma (Hope Church RCA, Holland), and Jack Reiffer (former CRC pastor from Washington DC.) will share their views on developments toward the inclusion and exclusion of persons who identify as LGBTQ+ in the CRC and RCA, and the pending report of the CRC’s Synodical committee that is developing a “Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality.” Event details: Thursday, October 3, 7:00 PM, Sherman Street CRC, Grand Rapids, MI. Admission is free.

#### *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.
- 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)

# CALENDAR

	<i><b>Today, Sunday, September 15</b></i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: Brian & Jackie Noordewier, Nathan Baker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lois Huisman
	Coffee Servers: Vanderhill, Koeman
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Guatemala: In the News and On the Ground Presenters: Rob & Tara Cahill
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice committee meets in the Lounge
	<i><b>Monday, September 16</b></i>
10-12p	Family Assistance
	American Guild of Organists dinner in the Fellowship Hall
	<i><b>Tuesday, September 17</b></i>
9-3p	Family Assistance
6:30p	Deacons meet in Room 1
7:30p	Council meets in Room 16
	<i><b>Wednesday, September 18</b></i>
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Mrs. VandenBosch)
	Allegro Ringers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i><b>Thursday, September 19</b></i>
9-3p	Family Assistance
9:30a	Take Charge meeting
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i><b>Next Sunday, September 22</b></i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Mark & Julie DeKoster
	East Greeters: Steve & Ellen DeKoster
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: Bruce & Kathy Van Oss, Abi Lizewski
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Doris Ridders
	Coffee Servers: Sytsma, Rosema
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Why We Listen to Sermons Presenter: Rev. Scott Hoezee
	Worship Committee meets in the Lounge
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday  
 Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon  
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