



FIRST SUNDAY IN  
LENT

**March 1, 2020**

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

# “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

## 2 Corinthians 10:17

### First Sunday in Lent

This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, a gracious gift that God provides to Christ’s body, the church. All who have been baptized into Christ and who desire to honor him with grateful and obedient living are invited to participate in this sacrament, discerning that this bread and cup are signs and seals of God’s love for us and that we who participate are members of Christ’s body.

*We use gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.*

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**Ten o’clock**

**March 1, 2020**

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### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Johann Walther

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “We Love the Place, O God”

Henry L. Jenner

We love the place, O God, wherein your honor dwells;  
The joy of your abode all earthly joy excels.

We love the house of prayer wherein your servants meet;  
For you, O Lord, are there your chosen ones to meet.

Lord Jesus, give us grace on earth to love you more,  
In heaven to see your face, and with your saints adore.

\* Opening Hymn: “As the Deer”

**#503**

\* God’s Greeting

### WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Lenten Hymn: “We Are People on a Journey” #142:1,3  
(Choir sings verse 1; Congregation joins on responsive spoken interlude and verse 3.)  
Walk, people of God! **Walk, people of God.**  
With almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, **walk, people of God.**  
With quiet piety and confidence in the Lord, **walk, people of God.**  
With humility, boasting in the Lord, **walk, people of God.**

## WE PROFESS OUR FAITH

Profession of Faith: Grace Poortenga

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

\* Hymn: “My Soul Finds Rest” #370:1-3  
(Supporters and children through 4th grade may come forward.)

Message for Children (Prayer for our newest professing member)

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.**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: “In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified” #861:1-4  
(sung a capella)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 page 787  
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **IMAGE IS EVERYTHING**

Prayer of Application

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Gord VandenBerg

Offering for Community Care Variance

Offertory: “Blessed Assurance” [#363]

Daryl Hollinger

# CHRIST WELCOMES US TO THE TABLE

## The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \* Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(God has given us his peace and we are invited to offer that peace to one another. Many people do this by shaking hands, but if for any reason you would rather not shake hands, you are encouraged to pass the peace with a smile and a nod, as you say, "The peace of Christ be with you.")*

## Invitation

### *Distribution Anthem 1*

"Eat This Bread"

Jacques Berthier

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Christ and never be hungry,  
trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

Christ is the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father.

Our ancestors ate manna in the desert,  
but this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat his flesh and drink his blood, and Christ will raise you up on the last day.

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life.

### *Distribution Anthem 2*

"As Water to the Thirsty"

David Haas

As water to the thirsty, as beauty to the eyes,  
as strength that follows weakness, as truth instead of lies,  
as songtime and springtime and summertime to be,  
so is my Lord, my living Lord, to me.

Like calm in place of clamour, like peace that follows pain,  
like meeting after parting, like sunshine after rain,  
like moonlight and starlight, and sunlight on the sea,  
so is my Lord, my living Lord, to me.

As sleep that follows fever, as gold instead of grey,  
as freedom after bondage, as sunrise to the day,  
as home to the traveler and all we long to see,  
so is my Lord, my living Lord, to me.

## Prayer

## WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Hymn of Response: “What Wondrous Love”  
(An offering is received for Benevolence.)

#146:1-4

\* Benediction

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

#964

**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, amen.**

\* Postlude: “O Day of Peace”

Charles Callahan

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers  
Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys  
Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos  
Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir  
Accompanist: Lisa Meyer  
Violinists: Julie Bowden, Sarah Colago  
Scripture Reader: Bob Houskamp, Jr.

## Calvin CRC Announcements for March 1, 2020

### WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

*Morning worship:* On this first Sunday in Lent, we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We hear the profession of faith of Grace Poortenga. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 on the deadly sin of vainglory.

We sing "In Our Lives, Lord" without accompaniment this morning as our participation in "A Cappella Sunday," encouraged by The Center for Congregational Song on the first Sunday in Lent. This practice connects us with times in the church's history when singing was done with voices alone, and it helps us "sing a new song to the Lord" (Psalm 96:1) by doing something outside our typical practice.

*Evening worship:* We welcome Rev. Bob Arbogast to lead us in worship. Bob is the pastor of Celebration Fellowship, a Christian Reformed congregation that worships inside the Bellamy Creek and Handlon correctional facilities ([www.celebrationfellowship.org](http://www.celebrationfellowship.org)); he preaches from Matthew 3:13-17, "The Voice."

### WORSHIP Next Sunday, March 8

*Morning worship:* We will continue our series on the seven deadly sins as Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Deuteronomy 1:19-33 on the sin of sloth. We will welcome the Grand Rapids Christian High School Chamber Chorale to lead us in worship, including Calvin Church members Bobby Houskamp and Grace Poortenga. The offering will be for Missions.

*Evening worship:* Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Psalm 121, "Help," and the offering will be for Degage Ministries.

Lent Series: Our morning sermons during the season of Lent are structured around the seven deadly sins, and sermon titles are taken from the chapters of *Glittering Vices* by Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung. Upcoming sermons:

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| March 15 | Avarice: I Want It All<br>Pastor Brad preaches from 2 Kings 5:19b-27                       |
| March 22 | Anger: Holy Emotion or Hellish Passion?<br>Pastor Rebecca preaches from Ephesians 4:25-5:2 |
| March 29 | Gluttony: Feeding Your Face and Starving Your Heart<br>Pastor Brad preaches from Psalm 34  |
| April 5  | Lust: Smoke, Fire, and Ashes<br>Pastor Rebecca preaches from 1 Corinthians 6:12-20         |

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

The Sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Vonnie Poortenga, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother. *Jim Poortenga and the Poortenga family*

Please join us in a celebration of **Marian Beltman's** 100 years, well-lived and counting. There will be an open house for her on Saturday, March 7, from 1:30 to 3:30 at the Raybrook DeVos Center (2121 Raybrook St, GR) 1st floor dining room. Pictures and memories are encouraged.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

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

2 - 4 year-olds "The Widow's Offering" Lisa T., Arie, Isaac

K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade "Jesus Dies and God Makes Jesus Alive Again"

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

*Today*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** "A long journey afoot": T. S. Eliot's Spiritual Pilgrimage. Presenter: David Huisman, Professor Emeritus of English at GVSU and past Secretary of the International T. S. Eliot Society

Raised a Unitarian in St. Louis, T. S. Eliot, the most influential and controversial poet and literary critic of the twentieth century, eventually became a British subject and an Anglo-Catholic. Focusing on two recent books, we will trace this journey and the growing awareness that his "conversion" in 1927 was anything but the abrupt abandonment of the role of spokesman for post-war disillusionment and unbelief that many disappointed readers of his poem *The Waste Land* had assigned him.

*Next Sunday*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** How We Can End Homelessness  
Presenter: Rev. Leonard McElveen, Vice-President of Ministry & Outreach, Mel Trotter Ministries

Rev. McElveen will describe the current state of homelessness and some of its causes. He will describe the mission of Mel Trotter to end homelessness and give us ideas of what we can do as a church and as individuals to end homelessness.

**BOOK GIVEAWAY:** Today and next Sunday, our church library is having a giveaway of books that have recently been taken out of circulation. Please feel free to take as many as you would like.

**FAMILY SUPPER:** A light supper will be provided at church on March 4 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. VandenBergs and Graysons will serve food from 5:00-6:30.

**FESTIVAL CHOIR:** As we enter the season of Lent, we look forward to the celebration of Easter which will follow. Our Festival Choir and Allegro Ringers will lead an Easter Festival Service on April 19, which is the second Sunday of Eastertide. Festival Choir rehearsals will be on one Tuesday, March 31, and two Wednesdays, April 8 and 15, all at 7:30 PM. We invite all interested singers to join the choir in singing at this special service.

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Vaping Panel: The New Look of Nicotine.** Could you spot an e-cigarette if you saw one? Do you know the health risks associated with using e-cigarettes? And how do you talk with your child about vaping? Michigan Public Health Consultant Carolyn Chaudhary will present the answers to these questions and more at the Grand Rapids Christian High School Garage, Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 PM.

**H.I.S. Dance Ensemble** presents *Red* on Saturday, March 14, at 1:00 and 4:30 PM at the DeVos Center for Arts and Worship (2300 Plymouth Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506). The Ensemble has chosen to use *Red* as an opportunity to promote awareness of children who do not have access to education. An opportunity will be given for guests to donate to The Amar Project (rebuilding schools in Syria destroyed by ISIS); those who choose to do so may have their photo taken with Red and her friends after the 4:30 PM performance. Tickets are available online at [www.hisdance.org](http://www.hisdance.org).



	<b><i>Today, Sunday, March 1, First Sunday in Lent</i></b>
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Bert & Sally DeVries
	East Greeters: Nate & Marissa Dierlam
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: Bob & Donna Houskamp, Bobby Houskamp
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Kristy Ippel
	Coffee Servers: Feenstra, Trap
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: T. S. Eliot's Spiritual Pilgrimage. Presenter: David Huisman
	Safe Church Team meets in the Conference Room
3:00p	Colossian Way "Human Sexuality" meets in Room 1
5:00p	Colossian Way "Politics" meets in Room 1
	<b><i>Monday, March 2</i></b>
10-12	Family Assistance
	<b><i>Tuesday, March 3</i></b>
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:00p	Executive Committee meets in the Conference Room
6:30p	Building & Grounds Committee meets in the Lounge
7:30p	Elders meet in Room 16
	<b><i>Wednesday, March 4</i></b>
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Joyringers
6-8p	Family Assistance
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Lizewski)
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	78ers, Cadets, GEMS
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<b><i>Thursday, March 5</i></b>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<b><i>Next Sunday, March 8, Second Sunday in Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins</i></b>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Roger & Judy Faber
	East Greeters: Ray & Jeannine Lanning
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Stapert
	Nursery Helpers: Brian & Amy Netz, Clara Tolsma
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Tammy Baker
	Coffee Servers: Crothers, Zwiers
11:20a	Church School
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3:00p	Colossian Way "Human Sexuality" meets in Room 1
5:00p	Colossian Way "Politics" meets in Room 1
4:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
6:30p	CYG meets in the Catacomb



## **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 black dominating our Lenten banner symbolizes the death of our Lord, the red expresses Christ's suffering, and the branch represents his crown of thorns. These symbols are not meant to be concerned only with death and suffering. The thorny branch is white and flowering to indicate that from suffering triumph will come, and the red orb symbolizes Christ's victory. Just as the sun illumines, quickens, and comforts, so Christ as the "Son of Righteousness" gives new life to his own.
- 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.
- K-2<sup>nd</sup>: After the Children's Message the Children's Worship ministry meets downstairs in Rooms 11 & 13 until the conclusion of worship. Parents meet their children there following the service.
- 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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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Prelude: "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

\* God's Greeting

\* Opening Hymn: "Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus" **#210:1-4**

Hymnsing

Revised Common Lectionary reading: Psalm 29 page 438

\* Hymn of Preparation: "Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak" **#754:1-3**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:13-17 page 784

Sermon: **THE VOICE**

Prayer of Application

\* Hymn of Response: "Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering" **#113:1-3**

\* Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed back cover of hymnal

Evening Prayer and Offertory Prayer

Presentation of Offerings

Offering for Family Promise

Offertory: "It Is Well with My Soul" Ron Loree

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" **#944:1-2**  
(concluding with sung "Amen")

\* Postlude: Voluntary on "Lobe den Herren" [#575] Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Bob Arbogast  
Pianist: Lisa Meyer