



SECOND SUNDAY IN  
LENT

**March 8, 2020**

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

# “My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.” – Psalm 119:28

## Second Sunday in Lent

Liturgists: Dale Rosema, Rev. Brad Zwiens,  
and Pastoral Intern Lynette van de Hoef

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Grand Rapids Christian High School Chamber Chorale

Director: Candice Sytsma

Accompanist: Leah Ivory

Soloists: Paul VanderWoude, Ben Scofield

Scripture Reader: Kim Stapert

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Ten o'clock

March 8, 2020

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## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Three English Voluntaries”

H. Heron, J. James; W. Goodwin

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “A Festive Praise”

Ames

Glorious God, we sing of your love forever!

We will sing of your marvelous works!

We sing of your lavish beauty, and all that Thou hast created.

We sing of your love and grace that makes us free.

We sing how love has held us tightly, and feel your glory in our hearts.

We sing and hear sweet harmony ringing,

as music carries our souls to heaven.

This rhapsody echoes into eternity.

Great and glorious God, we will sing of your love forever!

We sing praise to God the Father!

We sing praise to Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

the blessed three in one! Almighty King, forever live in us.

We praise you, we bless you, adore you, glorify you. Alleluia, Amen!

\* Opening Hymn: “O God Beyond All Praising”

#557:1-3

\* God's Greeting

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,  
we confess that often we have failed  
to be an obedient people;  
we have not done your will;  
we have broken your law;  
we have rebelled against your love;  
we have not loved our neighbors;  
we have not heard the cry of the needy or oppressed.  
**Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Choral Song of Assurance: “Amazing Grace” [#691]

Forman

\* Lenten Hymn: “We Are People on a Journey”

#142:1,2

(Verse 1, responsive spoken interlude, verse 2.)

(Children may come forward during the second stanza.)

Walk, people of God! **Walk, people of God.**

With commitment and perseverance, **walk, people of God.**

With the strength of the Lord’s promises, **walk, people of God.**

Without stumbling or stopping, **walk, people of God.**

## 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/Call to Prayer: “Still with Thee”

Hagenberg

Still with thee, still with thee, when purple morning breaketh,

when the bird waketh and the shadows flee.

Fairer than the morning, lovelier than daylight,

dawns the sweet consciousness I am with thee.

Still with thee, still with thee.

When sinks the soul subdued by toil to slumber,

It's closing eye looks up to thee in prayer.  
The sweet repose beneath the wings o'ershading,  
but sweeter still to wake and find Thee there.  
Shall it be, when that bright morning breaketh,  
when the soul waketh and the shadows flee.  
Fairer than the morning, lovelier than daylight,  
shall rise the glorious thought to Thee:  
Still with thee, still with thee.  
When the bright morning breaketh and the soul waketh  
and life's shadows flee, I am with thee.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: "Spirit of the Living God"

#749:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 1:19-33

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **RESISTANCE TO THE DEMANDS OF LOVE**

Prayer of Application

### **WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\*Hymn of Response: "Ahead of Us, a Race to Run"

#870:1-2

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Moment for Missions

Offering for Mission Outreach

Offertory Anthems: "Baba Yetu, Kiagiri"

(Swahili adaptation of the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

"Nothin' Gonna Stumble My Feet"

I been a-walkin' with the Lord for many a day,

Tryin' to abide in the straight and narrow way.

But when my time on Earth is done and I hear my name

these weary feet are gonna run!

Not gonna stammer, not gonna trip, not gonna stumble,  
no I'm not gonna slip, no nothin' gonna stumble my feet  
when I go to walk that golden street.

Now the devil is a liar and a cheater too, and if he gets his way,  
he'll make a slider out of you.

But if you listen for the Spirit's voice in the moment of truth,  
He'll help you make the right choice.

(chorus) Not gonna waver, falter, sway, or fall, not gonna stumble at all!

(chorus) When I go to walk that golden street, not gonna stumble my  
feet!

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: "Glory Be to the Father"

#959

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.**

\* Choral Benediction: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you  
and give you peace. Amen.

\* Postlude: Toccata on "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

John Ferguson

## Calvin CRC Announcements for March 8, 2020

### WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

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

*Evening worship:* Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from Psalm 121, “Help,” and the offering is for Dégagé Ministries.

### WORSHIP Next Sunday, March 15, Third Sunday in Lent

*Morning worship:* Rev. Brad Zwiers will continue our seven deadly sins series with a sermon from 2 Kings 5:19b-27 on avarice. The offering will be for the ministry fund.

*Evening worship:* We will welcome Becky Tjapkes, who was our student pastor in the summer of 2017, to preach from 1 John 4:7-21, “Perfect Love.” Our high school and middle school youth will lead us in worship, including the Joyringers and the youth choir. The offering will be for the Easttown Community Association.

**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 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         |

**Staff notes:** Pastor Rebecca will be on vacation March 9-16. If you desire pastoral care during that time, please contact Pastor Brad, Pastor Jake, your district Elder, or the church office.

## COUNCIL NEWS

In light of the recent outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) we urge the congregation to take prudent steps to protect yourselves, your family, and your fellow congregants. The CDC suggests the following as everyday preventive actions:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol (we have placed additional dispensers around the church).

If further measures are advised by the CDC we will inform the congregation. As always, elbow bumps, fist bumps, or warm smiles are appropriate alternatives to a handshake when greeting and welcoming fellow congregants.

## CHURCH FAMILY

**David and Hiroko Sytsma**, our missionaries in Japan, ask for prayers as COVID-19 (coronavirus) has broken out in their region. Pray for health and peace for the Sytsmas and their community.

**Rich Herrema** (district 1) is experiencing weakness and is in the process of moving from his room in the Cook Center to a room in Raybrook Nursing #316 to receive more care.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

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| 2 - 4 year-olds           | “The Samaritan Woman at the Well” | Lisa T, Arie, Isaac |
| K - 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade | “Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene” |                     |

## MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Many thanks to those who provided food items and to the great number volunteers on Saturday morning. We prepped almost 600 supper sacks that will go home with children over spring break. Thanks also to Ben Nyhoff of Kids' Food Basket for helping us learn more about this impactful ministry.

*Today*—**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.

*Next Sunday*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Faith and Loss. Presenter: Chris and Julie Reuschel, Founders of Faith45

Everyone has a story, and often those stories include loss. In 2016 the Reuschels' story added a chapter they never anticipated when they lost their little girl at birth. Through all the pain and questioning, they were called to share their story and provide hope for others. Faith45 provides mentoring and memory boxes to those who experience miscarriage or infant loss, seeking to offer support in difficult times.

**BOOK GIVEAWAY:** Today, 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.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** All women are welcome to a time of conversation and discipleship on Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:00, in Room 1. This spring we will finish our two previous study guides, "Questions God Asks" and "Questions Jesus Asks." We will meet for the first time on March 18 to discuss "Why Are You Crying Out to Me?" from Exodus 14:5-25. Contact Pastor Rebecca or Sharon Hecker if you have questions or need a copy of the study guide.

**FESTIVAL CHOIR:** In this 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.

**LENTEN BREAKFAST REMINDER:** April 1 is the date; 9:30 the time. Come to remember our Lord's journey to the cross. Come to celebrate the victory of life we have in Christ. Come and fellowship with others as we enjoy good food.

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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). Calvin Church's own Clara Tolsma will dance in this production.

**LOOKIN' AT LEGACY PREVIEW DAYS:** Join us on Friday, March 13, from 9:00-10:00 AM. Are you or someone you know still trying to decide what class to put your child in for the coming school year? Are you trying to decide between preschool or Young 5's or between English or Spanish Immersion Kindergarten? Then this Preview Day is for you! This is a "walk-in" type preview where you and your child may come to see our Preschool, Young 5's, English Kindergarten, and Spanish Immersion Kindergarten "in action." You will have the opportunity to meet the teachers, observe the classroom and learn more about what Legacy has to offer for your child's first experiences in school! We also invite you to join us for worship before the preview time begins. Worship will begin at 8:15. Then you can stay to see the classrooms. Mark these dates on your calendar and explore Legacy! Wednesday, April 22, from 10:00-11:00 AM and Thursday, May 14, from 10:00-11:00 AM. Questions? Please contact Kim Zwylghuizen at 616-455-3860 or email her at [kimz@legacycs.org](mailto:kimz@legacycs.org).



## **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  
616-451-8467 Office@CalvinCRC.org www.CalvinCRC.org

<i>Today, Sunday, March 8, Second Sunday in Lent</i>	
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: Sytsma, Zwiers
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: How We Can End Homelessness Presenter: Rev. Leonard McElveen
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
<b><i>Monday, March 9</i></b>	
8:00a	Friendship Breakfast at Russ' on 28 <sup>th</sup> Street
10-12	Family Assistance
4:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
<b><i>Tuesday, March 10</i></b>	
9:30a	Family Assistance
7:30p	Mission Outreach Committee meets in the Conference Room
<b><i>Wednesday, March 11</i></b>	
4:00p	Cancer Support Group meets in the Conference Room
5:30p	Joyringers
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Heys)
	Allegro Ringers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
<b><i>Thursday, March 12</i></b>	
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
<b><i>Friday, March 13</i></b>	
8:00a	Senior Men's Bible Study
<b><i>Next Sunday, March 15, Third Sunday in Lent</i></b>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Bob & Lynn McBroom
	East Greeters: Corrin & Lisa Meyer
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: Brian & Jackie Noordewier, Ella Jansen
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Crothers, Jansen
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Prelude: "In Death's Strong Grasp the Savior Lay"	G. Boehm
Welcome and Opening Prayer	
* God's Greeting	
* Opening Hymn: "At the Name of Jesus"	<u>#220:1-4</u>
Hymnsing	
Evening Psalm: Psalm 134	page 501
* Hymn of Preparation: "To the Hills I Lift My Eyes"	<u>#331:1-2</u>
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Reading: Psalm 121	page 498
Sermon: <b>HELP</b>	
Prayer of Application	
* Hymn of Response: "Beautiful Savior"	<u>#17:1-4</u>
* Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed	back cover of hymnal
Evening Prayer and Offertory Prayer	
Presentation of Offerings	
Offering for Dégagé Ministries	
Offertory: "In Death's Strong Grasp"	J.S. Bach
* Benediction	
* Doxology: "To God Be the Glory"	<u>#956</u>
* Postlude: "To Thee We Render Thanks and Praise"	J.S. Bach

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Brad Zwiers  
Pianist: John Tiemstra