

Calvin Christian Reformed Church



February 28, 2016

**Worship Services
10 AM and 5 PM**

“Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.” Isaiah 55:1

Third Sunday of Lent

Ten o'clock

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Prelude: Preludes on “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” Janet Linker; Sam Batt Owens

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Come Away from Rush and Hurry” Natalie Sleeth

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God’s peace;

From our vain ambition’s worry, come to Christ to find release.

Come away from noise and clamor, life’s demands and frenzied pace;

Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God’s grace.

Come, then, children, with your burdens—life’s confusions, fears, and pain.

Leave them at the cross of Jesus, take instead his kingdom’s reign.

Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—he alone will satisfy.

All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

* Opening Hymns: “As the Deer Pants for the Water”

#332:1-3

“Beneath the Cross”

#825:1-3

* God’s Greeting

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Lenten Prayer (based on Psalm 19)

God, your glory fills the heavens
and all that you have made bears your mark.

Rachel Hubka

We pray for this creation:
we ask forgiveness for the ways in which we have disfigured it;
we pray for those who cannot enjoy
the warm sun or the cool night,
those who are imprisoned or alone,
those who are ill or infirm,
those who mourn.

Use all of us, our hearts, our hands,
to bring your wondrous power into their lives.

Let us glorify you, O God.

Silence

God, your perfect law protects and revives us
and your way enlightens and enlivens us.

Louisa Houskamp

We pray for all the peoples of this world,
people hungry for order and safety, warmth and shelter,
women and men who lay down their lives to keep their neighbors safe,
and those who lead our nations, cities, and towns.
Help us unearth this treasure of justice and equality
and bring it to all the world.

Let us glorify you, O God.

Silence

Hear these and all our prayers, great God.

**Let the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our Rock and our Redeemer.**

Hymn of Confession: "God, Be Merciful to Me"

#623:1-2

Assurance of Pardon (from Psalm 63)

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

PRAISE AND PRAYER

* Hymn of Response: "Come to the Water"

Choir sings verse 1; congregation sings verses 2-4

(Children may come forward during the singing of this song.)



O let all who thirst, let them come to the
 And let all who seek, let them come to the
 And let all who toil, let them come to the
 And let all the poor, let them come to the



wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,
 wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,
 wa - ter. And let all who are wea - ry,
 wa - ter. Bring the ones who are la - den,



let them come to the Lord: with - out mon - ey,
 let them come to the Lord: with - out mon - ey,
 let them come to the Lord: all who la - bor,
 bring them all to the Lord: bring the chil - dren



with-out price. Why should you pay the price,
 with-out strife. Why should you spend your life,
 with-out rest. How can your soul find rest,
 with-out might. Ea - sy the load and light:



ex - cept for the Lord?
 ex - cept for the Lord?
 ex - cept for the Lord?
 come to the Lord.

Children's Message (from Genesis 21:8-20)

Anthem: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Terre Johnson

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
 While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;
 Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!
 Other refuge have I none: hangs my helpless soul on thee;
 Leave, ah! Leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Cover thou my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.
 Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
 Let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.
 Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;
 Spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity. Jesus, lover of my soul.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

PREPARATION AND PROCLAMATION

* Hymn of Preparation: “Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer”

#660:1-3

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Karen Bordewyk

Offering for Grand Rapids Christian Schools Tuition Support Fund

Offertory: “I Cry to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ”

J.S. Bach

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55

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Sermon: **Quenched**

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

425:1,2,4

* Benediction

* Doxology: “God of Grace and God of Glory”

#926:1-2

**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.**

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!

From the fears that long have bound us

**Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

Amen

* Postlude: “Voluntary in B^b Major”

James Hook

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos
Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir
Accompanist: Lisa Meyer
Scripture Presentation: Joy-Elizabeth Lawrence

Calvin CRC Announcements for February 28, 2016

WORSHIP Today, February 28, The Third Sunday in Lent

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Isaiah 55, "Quenched." We welcome Joy-Elizabeth Lawrence, a biblical storyteller, former Calvin Theater staff member and current Calvin Seminary student, to lead us in scripture recitation.

Evening Worship: Our 7th-12th grade youth lead us in worship and we enjoy fellowship over a pasta dinner. Members of the youth group give a reflection on Psalm 23, and the youth choir sings. Our offerings are for Guiding Light Mission, with an additional opportunity to give to cover the cost of the meal.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, March 6, The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Morning worship: We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. Our offerings will be for Holland Home Foundation and Benevolence.

Evening worship: We will host a combined service featuring the Jubal Brass. Directed by Dr. Mark Taylor, the Jubal Brass will play several numbers on their own as well as leading our congregational singing. Pastor Rebecca Jordan Heys will serve as liturgist, and a time of refreshments and fellowship will follow the service. Nursery care will be provided. The offering will be for Jubal Brass.

Staff Notes: This week Pastor Doug will be on vacation, including the funeral for his mother in Sarasota, Florida tomorrow, Feb 29. We thank the congregation for so many cards and supportive expressions of sympathy and condolences. You are a blessing to us, *Doug & Cathy*

CHURCH FAMILY

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by her family in remembrance of Vonnie Poortenga who passed away on February 25, 2015.

With praise and thanksgiving, the following birthdays will be celebrated during the month of March.

3/1 Eleanor Zwier (87), Loren Rupke (86)

3/4 Marian Beltman (96)

3/7 Don Pruis (86)

3/8 Celia Steele (85)

3/9 David Tuuk (90)

Dave TeBos (district 13) had successful surgery at Blodgett for a partial bowel obstruction.

Shirley Weersing (district 11) has been dealing with back pain due to a compression fracture of the spine.

Kaye VanderWerp (district 2) has moved from Fulton Manor to Raybrook Assisted Living: DeVos, room #242, cell phone: 901-2214

Simone Gibson (district 10) has a new home phone 616-855-1935.

Sincere thanks to everyone at Calvin Church for all your thoughts and prayers. Your cards, gifts of food and love mean so much to us. All of these expressions of love give us encouragement to face each day. God has blessed us with your friendship and we are so very thankful. In Christ's love, *Ruth and Rodg Rice*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 2/28 Natalie Poortenga (10!)

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds	"Ten Men Who were Very Sick"	Kim, Sam, Erin
Kindergarten	"Jesus and Bartimaeus"	
1 st & 2 nd grade	"Too Afraid to Follow Jesus"	

Worship Center children are encouraged to continue their giving for missions and to bring their offerings for Family Assistance each Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL: 3RD through 12th grade classes meet as regularly scheduled today.

CYG: Please plan to be at church tonight by your designated time, either 3:30 or 4 PM to set up and finalize our preparations for the youth-led service. Thanks to all for your help and support with setting up, participating in the service, preparing the food, and cleaning up.

FEEDING AMERICA FOOD TRUCK SERVICE PROJECT: 7th through 12th graders and families: You are welcomed to serve those in need in our neighborhood by volunteering at from 9:45 to 12 PM this Saturday **MARCH 5** at the Feeding America food truck that our church is sponsoring. Location of the truck will be at Sigsbee School on Fuller. Dress warm, and come to help serve others who have less than we do! RSVP to Char by tomorrow if you are able to volunteer.

LOFT at CALVIN COLLEGE: The Calvin Youth Group has been invited for a night of pizza and then worship at the LOFT service in the chapel at Calvin on Sunday, **MARCH 6** from 6:30 to 9:15 PM. Join us for an evening as we learn more about Calvin College and their LOFT worship service for students, staff and the community.

78ERS MOVIE NIGHT: Youth and friends are welcomed! We will be meeting Wednesday night, **MARCH 9**, at the home of our two college leaders who live at 2850 Vassar SE, in Grand Rapids. Parents may drop you off after 6:20 PM, and pick you up again at 8:30 PM.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE: The Grand Valley Blood Center appreciates all the folks who gave or attempted to give blood at last week's blood drive, many of whom celebrated significant milestone amounts that night: Don Ekdorn (8 gallons), Doug Ezinga, Merri Ezinga, John Hedrick, Bob Houskamp (11 gallons), Donna Houskamp, Sue Keegstra (6 gallons), Cindy Burch (8 gallons), Ken Lobbes, Dick Padgett, Cheryl Swets, Wanda Sytsma, Ed Tolsma, and Jane VanZytveld (2 gallons). Our next scheduled blood drive will be on Wednesday, April 27.

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Topic: Climate Change and the CRC
Presenter: Steve Mulder

In 2012, our Synod said that Climate Change is real, largely human-caused, a serious threat to our planet, and an ethical, justice, and religious issue. They called on congregations and individual members to speak out, model ethical behavior, advocate for public strategies, and respond with compassion and generosity to those impacted. In 2015, the denomination launched the Climate Witness Project. Nearly 200 denomination members across North America (including 9 from Calvin Church) agreed to support the CRC's delegation to the recent COP-21 conference in Paris. We have learned a lot through this process. We are now entering the second phase of the project. At this meeting, we will review where the denomination has been on Climate Change and seek your input on where we should go next.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Topic: Finding Your Way through the Bible. Presenter: Doris Ridders

Reading through the entire Bible or even the Bible narrative storyline from beginning to end is a goal we often set for ourselves but rarely achieve. There's hope, however. **The Wayfinding Bible** and the reading plans it contains make it easy to find and follow the Bible narrative. In this session we'll explain how and where the prophets, the heralds of both good and bad news, fit into the storyline and lives of God's people.

COFFEE GROUNDS TODAY: Specialty coffees and hot chocolate will be served after the morning worship in the Fellowship Hall. Donations are accepted and will be used to defray costs.

COMMUNITY CARE/SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE will meet at 3:45 PM in the lounge today.

YOUTH-LED SERVICE AND DINNER: All members and visitors are welcome TO JOIN US tonight for a youth-led worship service and pasta dinner, beginning at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall. For our meditation this evening, several of our youth will be sharing a reflection of how Psalm 23 has affected their life. The meal will be provided and gluten-free options will be available.

LENT SCRIPTURE READING THIS WEEK:

Monday 2/29: Psalms 60-64

Tuesday 3/1: Psalms 65-68

Wednesday 3/2: Psalms 69-71

Thursday 3/3: Psalms 72-74

Friday 3/4: Psalms 75-77

Saturday 3/5: Psalm 78

WEDNESDAY, March 2: A light supper will be provided at church for young adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. A suggested donation from each family will cover the cost of the meal. Food will be served from 5:00-6:30 PM, and nursery care will be provided from 5:30-7:00 PM.

GLOBAL GIFTS has a couple of important reasons to celebrate! Not only are we beginning our 30th year in business but we are doing so in a new space, one that is much better fitted for our current needs. To celebrate these events, we are having an Open House on Tuesday, March 8 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Come, celebrate with us, and see the “new store” for yourselves. Refreshments will be served and you have a chance to win a beautiful gift. No RSVP’s necessary, stop by and stay as long as you want. You have been an important part of Global Gift’s history and the party wouldn’t be the same without you!

PANCAKES FOR CAMP: The proceeds of our next Pancake Brunch Fundraiser, to be held following the worship service on March 13, will go toward our plans for our summer children’s ministry program. We are considering hosting either Spring Hill Day Camp at Calvin Church or a VBS program as we have in previous years. Because of budget reduction, we are seeking to raise enough funds to be able to host one of these ministries this summer.

LENTEN BREAKFAST: Reserve March 23 at 9:30 AM for the Lenten Breakfast. ALL are invited. This is a time for reflection, remembering and celebration for what our Lord has done. Judy Bode will speak and we’ll sing a song she has written. Also invite family, friends and neighbors. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

SERMONS ON THE WEB: We have sermons on our www.calvincrc.org website for you to listen to and/or download. Click on *online sermons and media* near the top of the screen to access by year and month.

CALENDAR

<i>Today, Sunday, February 28</i>	
8:30a	Education committee meeting in the catacomb
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Roger & Ruth Westrate
	East Greeters: Irene Wiersma and Fay Bos
	Nursery Supervisor: Christine Coulter
	Nursery Helpers: Brian & Amy Netz
	Jacob Noordewier, Aubrie Cok
	Parking Attendant: Dave Dykgraaf
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Rosema, DeKoster
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Climate Change and the CRC Presenter: Steve Mulder
	Congregational Care committee meeting
	Worship committee meeting
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice committee in the lounge
4:00p	JoyRingers practice
4:40p	Parking Attendant: Gary Burghgraef
<i>Tuesday, March 1</i>	
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:00 p	Building and Grounds committee meeting
6:30p	Evangelism committee meeting
7:30p	Elders meeting
<i>Wednesday, March 2</i>	
5:00p	Family Supper
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (snack: Spoelma)
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	GEMS and Cadets
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
<i>Thursday, March 3</i>	
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
	Music and Motion in the fellowship hall and lounge
9:30a	Family Assistance
7:00p	Eastown Basketball
8:00p	Calvin Church basketball
<i>Friday, March 4</i>	
7:30a	Senior Men's Bible Study

	<i>Saturday, March 5</i>
9:45a	Feed America Food Truck at Sigsbee School
	<i>Next Sunday, March 6</i>
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9:40a	Atrium Greeters: David & Sarah Williamson
	East Greeters: Dan & Melanie Yff
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: Jim & Linda Fridsma
	Tyler Koeman, Clara Tolsma
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7:00p	CYG at Calvin College Loft

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The CRC has announced the launch of a new **Digital Library** to provide its churches and members with free online access to hundreds of Faith Alive titles—including curricula, Bible studies, and more. As part of this pilot program, you and everyone in our church can have convenient access to these resources anytime, from anywhere, on any web-connected device.

To ensure a smooth rollout, users will be phased in on a first-come, first-served basis beginning in April. Anyone who attends a Christian Reformed Church is encouraged to sign up now to be notified, by email, when they can access the library. Visit crcna.org/Library to get all the details and to sign up.

The Digital Library is powered by ministry share support—funding provided by all CRC churches in their ministry work together around the globe and here at home.

You are invited to “Welcoming Refugees: Do Unto Others” Hear stories from local refugees, resettlement agencies, and government officials about how you can make Grand Rapids a welcoming community for people fleeing terrorism. Come Tuesday, March 8, at 7 PM, to Cathedral Square-Catholic Information Center, 360 Division South, 2nd floor, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Enter the parking ramp from Wealthy Street to park for free. Seating is limited. RSVP: Call 616-459-7267 or email register@catholicinformationcenter.org.

