



FIFTH SUNDAY
In Lent

March 18, 2018

Worship Services: 10 AM and 5 PM

**“Whoever does not carry the cross
and follow me cannot be my disciple.”**

Luke 14:27

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Ten o'clock

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “French Suite #2 in C Minor”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Jig on Morning Song” [#132]

Sondra Tucker

* Opening Hymns: “God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”
“Meekness and Majesty”

#432:1,4,5
#157:1-3

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession (from Psalm 139):

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

try me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Lenten Hymn of Assurance: “Behold the Lamb of God”

#110:1,14

Verse 1: Choir, Verses 10 and 11: Readers, Verse 14: Congregation

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

#443:1,4

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

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: "Blessed Assurance"

arr. John Atteberry

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

ending 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: "Christian Hearts in Love United"

#727:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 14:25-33

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Sermon: **A LOVE/HATE RELATIONSHIP**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "Give Me Jesus"

#423:1-4

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Graham Rayburn

Offering for Ministry Fund

Offertory: "Offertory Anthem"

Craig Courtney

* Benediction

* Doxology: "In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified"

#861:1,4

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;

In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;

In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

Amen.

* Postlude: "In My Beloved God"

Dietrich Buxtehude

Preacher: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Allegro Ringers

Director: Stephanie Wiltse

Oboist: Nancy Summers

Mezzo-Soprano: Stephanie Wiltse

Lenten Readers: Jacqueline Lanning, Morgan Burghgraef

Scripture Reader: Kyle Heys

Calvin CRC Announcements for March 18, 2018

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Luke 14:25-33, "A Love/Hate Relationship." The Allegro Ringers, oboist, Nancy Summers, and mezzo-soprano, Stephanie Wiltse lead us in the ministry of music.

Evening worship: Our middle school and high school youth leads us in a time of worship, and invite you enjoy ice cream and fellowship with them afterwards. Bailey Sarver brings the message and the Youth Choir and Joyringers lead in music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, March 25, Palm Sunday

Morning worship: We will remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Mark 1:1-11 and our Covenant and Cherub Choirs will lead us in music. The offering will be for Interfaith Hospitality Network/Family Promise.

Evening worship: The Rev. Karl Van Harn will lead our time of worship. Our offering will be for Dégagé Ministries.

Thursday, March 29, Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM worship: We will celebrate the Lord's Supper and the Sanctuary Choir will lead us in a Tenebrae service of prayer and song.

WORSHIP Friday, March 30, Good Friday

Ecumenical Good Friday Service: You are warmly invited to an ecumenical Good Friday service that will take place at noon, March 30 at Central Reformed Church (10 College Ave. NE). Worshipers from churches all over Grand Rapids will gather for a time of word and song, prayer and silence, reflection and praise. Dr. Laura Smit, Professor of Religion at Calvin College, will offer a message based on Luke 23:26-43. We hope you can join us for a reflective hour at the foot of the cross.

CHURCH FAMILY

We wish to thank all those who prayed, sent cards and offered other support during Jay's recent open heart surgery and recovery. The Calvin Church family certainly has been there with us during this challenging time. God is good!

Jay & Shirley Lindquist

We pray for **Les Ippel** (district 10) and **Kris Kamper** (district 8) after the death of Les' daughter and Kris' soon-to-be-sister-in-law, Mary Beth Carew, on March 10. A memorial service was held at Calvin Church yesterday.

Bob Brummel (district 2) moved this past week to Clark at Keller Lake.

Chris Eksom (district 4) remains at Blodgett Hospital.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds "The Prophet Elijah" Cheri, Erin

Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade "Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene"

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

CHILDREN'S ADVENT AND LENT BANNER: During Advent and Lent, the children will be led to their own worship time with our Christ candle banner. The fabrics and colors remind us of "waiting" and "royalty" as we long for our Lord, the King of Kings. The Light is an important theme in Worship Center. We light the Christ candle each week before reading scripture—to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and his word is a lamp in the darkness. At times, we also light a candle for each child to remind us that we are to let our lights shine for Jesus. Notice the light of the banner is going out in all directions—the Holy Spirit is active in each of us and throughout the entire world. We are grateful once again to Judy Bode for the lovely banner and to Dan Bode for the pole and stand thoughtfully constructed from one of our former church pews.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** For Better, For Worse: Stories of the Wives of the Early CRC Pastors. Presenter: Janet Sjaarda Sheeres

The lives of the CRC pastors have been well documented and written about. However, the stories of the wives of these pastors have been sadly ignored in the history writings of the church. In her recently published book *For Better, For Worse*, Janet Sheeres has brought some of these women out of obscurity and describes their challenges and living conditions. Many of these stories played out in Grand Rapids and West Michigan.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** High Five for Francis: Assessing Five Years of Pope Francis After His Election. Presenter: Rev. René Constanza, CSP [Congregation of St. Paul's, known as Paulist Fathers]

On March 13, 2013, Jorge Cardinal Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, Argentina was elected the new spiritual leader of more than a billion Roman Catholics in the world. March 2018 marks five years since Cardinal Bergoglio became Pope Francis. The presentation will focus on five areas that Pope Francis has addressed that will likely be his legacy, while giving a snapshot of the unique imprint of his personality and spiritual journey.

ADULT EDUCATION RECORDINGS: Chris Walstra will record sessions of Adult Education if you notify him the week before the session you would like on DVD. Currently, there are recordings of February 4 – Gary Schmidt and Mary Anne Walters on *Orbiting Jupiter* and February 25 – Bill Hoogstra and Julie DeKoster on *Outdoor Education*. If you would like a copy of a recording, either see Chris in person or email him at cjw44@students.calvin.edu

COURIER ARTICLES: Articles for the April *Courier* are due to Clare Walhout (clarewalhout@gmail.com) or Wally Bratt (wally.bratt@gmail.com) by Tuesday, March 20.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We will meet on Wednesday, March 21, 9:30-11:00 AM to discuss Matthew 6:5-15 and the spiritual discipline of prayer.

SOUP SUPPER: CYG Soup Supper will be Wednesday, March 21 from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. All are welcome! Come to enjoy a delicious meal and to contribute financially to the CYG Serve trip this summer. If you have questions or would like to contribute soup, send Bailey an email at calvin youthline@calvincrc.org.

LENTEN BREAKFAST is March 28 at 9:30 AM. Come and enjoy fellowship, music, meditation, and food. An invitation has been extended to St. Luke AME to join us. Invite family, friends, and neighbors. For reservations: sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex, church office: 616-451-8467, or Gert Bokhout: 616-460-6002, gbokhout@comcast.net by March 26. A free-will donation to cover expenses and support Family Assistance will be accepted.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE received a “King’s Bounty” of seasonal clothing from thrift shops including New2You. We need your help to size, fold, and stock shelves. We served over 4,500 people in 2017 and continue serving agencies and schools who have clients desperately in need. Please lend us your time from 9 AM - Noon or 1 PM-3 PM on Tuesday and Thursday and let’s get the clothing where the need is greatest. The coffee pot is ready and a warm welcome awaits you. Thanks!

CALVIN FAMILY ASSISTANCE will close for Spring Break during the week of April 1st. We will re-open, Tuesday, April 10, from 9 AM to 3 PM.

ATTENTION WOMEN SOFTBALL PLAYERS: Please confirm with Kim Spoelma ASAP if you intend to play this upcoming season. She needs to know if we will have enough to field a team. You can email, call, or text kimspoelma@yahoo.com, 616-644-5856.

Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

- The black dominating our Lenten banner symbolizes the death of our Lord. The red expresses Christ’s suffering; the branch is a symbol of 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-2nd: 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
- All of our ministries are described in the colorful folders at the Information Desk near the nurseries.

| <i>Today, Sunday, March 18, Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> | |
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| 9:30a | Prayer Time (Prayer Room) |
| 9:40a | Atrium Greeters: Gord & Karen Bordewyk |
| | East Greeters: Fay Bos and Cindy Lanning Burch |
| | Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg |
| | Nursery Helpers: Cindy Lanning Burch, Merri Ezinga Nick Overbeek, Nathan Baker |
| 11:15a | Library Volunteer: Barb Hoekwater |
| | Coffee Servers: Vanderhill, Netz |
| 11:20a | Church School |
| 11:30a | Adult Education: For Better, For Worse: Stories of the Wives of the Early CRC Pastors Presenter: Janet Sjaarda Sheeres |
| <i>Tuesday, March 20</i> | |
| 9:30a | Family Assistance |
| 6:30p | Deacons in Room 1 |
| 7:30p | Council in Room 16 |
| <i>Wednesday, March 21</i> | |
| 9:30a | Women's Bible Study in Room 1 |
| 5:00p | Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall |
| 5:30p | Junior Bells |
| 6:15p | Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Netz) |
| | Allegro Ringers |
| 7:00p | GEMS, Cadets, 78ers |
| 7:30p | Sanctuary Choir |
| <i>Thursday, March 22</i> | |
| 9:00a | Take Charge meeting |
| 9:30a | Family Assistance |
| 6:30p | Eastown Basketball |
| <i>Next Sunday, March 25, Palm Sunday</i> | |
| 9:30a | Prayer Time (Prayer Room) |
| 9:40a | Atrium Greeters: Gary & Melanie Burghgraef |
| | East Greeters: Walt & Jesslyn DeBoer |
| | Nursery Supervisor: Lindsay Molenbeek |
| | Nursery Helpers: Dwight & Tammy Baker Tyler Stafford, Maria Poortenga |
| 11:15a | Library Volunteer: Kris Kamper |
| | Coffee Servers: Rosema, Hubka |
| 11:20a | Church School |
| 11:30a | Adult Education: High Five for Francis: Assessing Five Years of Pope Francis After His Election. Presenter: Rev. René Constanza |
| 3:00p | 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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