

“He has been raised; he is not here.”

Mark 16:6

Easter Sunday

Ten o'clock

April 1, 2018

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “This Joyful Eastertide”
“Alleluia”

Jan Bender
J. S. Bach

Easter Greeting:
Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Easter Reading: Luke 24:1-9

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Jesus, Our Lord, Is Risen Today”
Jesus, our Lord, is risen today, Hallelujah!
Death could not hold him, as he did say, Hallelujah!

Melchior Vulpius

* Opening Hymns: “Low in the Grave He Lay”
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

#186:1-3
#182:1-5

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to make use new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (from 1 Corinthians 15)

Hymn of Assurance: "Behold the Lamb of God"

#110:1,14

Verse 1: Choir, Verse 13: Reader, Verse 14: Congregation

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: "In Christ Alone"

#770:1-4

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: "Rejoice, Rejoice This Easter Morn"

Michael Larkin

Rejoice, rejoice this Easter morn, all heaven and earth are singing,

"The grave is empty, Jesus lives, for us new life is bringing."

For death has died on Easter day, let all on earth and heaven say

That, "Jesus is risen from the dead, Alleluia!"

To the tomb came the women early that day,

And found the stone had been rolled away,

Amazed were they when the angel said,

"Why seek the living among the dead?"

Death, O death, where is your sting?

All praise to our risen Lord and King,

Who endured the cross and the grave

For all who believe to redeem and save!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: "This Joyful Eastertide"

#202:1-3

Verse 1: Congregation

Added Verse: Choir

Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river;

Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,

Our faith would be in vain. But now has Christ arisen.

Verses 2,3: Congregation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-8

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Sermon: **RESURRECTION IN A TIME OF FEAR**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Kim Stapert

Offering for Safe Haven Ministries

Offertory: “Trumpet Voluntary on ‘Christ the Lord Is Risen Today’”

John G. Barr

* Hymn of Response: “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

#185:1-5

(During this hymn, those wishing to join the choir for the
Hallelujah Chorus may proceed to the front of the sanctuary.)

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

* Benediction

* Choral Closing: “Hallelujah,” from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord

And of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.

King of kings and Lord of lords, hallelujah!

* Postlude: “Toccata,” from “The Fifth Symphony”

Charles-Marie Widor

Liturgist: Bailey Sarver

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Sanctuary Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Trumpets: David Kinsey, David Fetterman, and Dan Christensen

Timpani: Chris Walstra

Hallelujah Chorus Director: Stephanie Wiltse

Scripture Reader: Gert Bokhout

Lenten Reader: Carolyn Prince

Calvin CRC Announcements for April 1, 2018

WORSHIP Today, Resurrection Sunday 10 AM

Morning worship: On this Easter Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Mark 16:1-8, and our Sanctuary Choir leads us in music, including Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." All those who wish to join are welcome.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, April 8

Morning worship: We will welcome the Concert Choir from Wheaton Academy to lead us in worship. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will continue our series on the Christian spiritual disciplines with a sermon from Deuteronomy 11:18-21 on the discipline of study. The offering will be for Mission Outreach.

Evening worship: We will welcome Beverly Weeks to lead us in worship with a sermon from Isaiah 1. The offering will be for the Pine Rest Assistance Fund.

CHURCH FAMILY

The Rev. John Timmer, an emeritus pastor of Woodlawn CRC, died March 24. John is brother-in-law to **Bill Smit** and uncle to **Jane and Laura Smit** (district 10). We express our condolences.

We would like to thank everyone for your care and support as you walked the path with us over the many weeks of Bob's hospitalizations, surgeries, and care needs. We have been very blessed by your kindness. *Bob and Mary Brummel*

Thank you for your loving care given to me while at Breton Rehab. So much love through visits, flowers, cards, phone calls, and especially prayers. It was needed and appreciated. *Win Miersma*

We were overwhelmed with the cards, flowers, and other acts of love from our Calvin Church family following the death of our beloved daughter and sister, Barb. Thank you. We felt lifted up and so loved.

John & Bernie Hedrick, Cindy Lanning Burch

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

CLASS SCHEDULES: *Today and April 8:* TLC, Children's Worship Center, and Church School classes do not meet. TLC children may attend nursery or the sanctuary for worship. Busy bags are on the picket fence in the Atrium. Bulletins for older children are in the holder in the Narthex.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Even Border Walls Need Gates
Presenter: Daniel Miller. When it comes to immigration policy, it wouldn't be much of an exaggeration to say that the United States is schizophrenic—sometimes it wants them to come, sometimes it wants them to leave, and sometimes it wants both things at the same time. And always there is a reluctance to acknowledge how much the U.S. itself is responsible for their presence here.

VISUAL ARTS: The exhibition hanging in the atrium gallery celebrates Jesus' life on earth seen through the eyes and imagination of artists. Using a wide variety of media, artists from ten countries picture Christ's earthly life. These artworks come together to offer the viewer a rich experience of seeing afresh Jesus' life and mission. An article will be in the May *Courier*.

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We'll gather this week Wednesday, April 4 from 9:30-11:00 AM. We'll study our lesson that was postponed from a couple weeks ago on the spiritual discipline of prayer from Matthew 6:5-15.

COLLEGE AND CAREER: Pastor Rebecca and Kyle have graciously offered to host lunch at their home on Sunday, April 8. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to Bailey at calvinyouthline@calvincrc.org by noon on Thursday, April 5.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Safe Haven Ministries has been helping women and children find freedom from domestic violence since 1990. That help is provided through Ramoth House (our emergency shelter), support groups, individual case management, and education of our community about prevention. Safe Haven has been able to do this important work because God has provided partners who care. Your church is part of that. Now we have some exciting news to share. An anonymous donor has generously provided a matching gift. Any gifts received from new donors, increased gifts from current donors, and any gifts from donors who renew their support (gave previously, but not this year or last year) between March 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018 will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000. **We need your help to meet this match!** If you have questions or would like to send a gift, please contact Kent Bosma at 616-452-6664 or kbosma@safehavenministries.org, or go to www.safehavenministries.org/support

The Micah Center is hosting a meeting at Servant's Community Church, 53 Deloney Ave, SW, on Tuesday, April 3, from 7-9 PM. Representatives from the Westside Collaborative will tell about their work to organize cooperation among community organizations and groups on the Westside and address issues of

concern together. For more information e-mail micahcenter@gmail.com or find The Micah Center on Facebook.

CALVIN ALUMNI CHOIR CONCERT: In her final concert as the Music Director of the Calvin Alumni Choir, Pearl Shangkuan will lead the choir in a signature program of choral music through the ages filled with joy, grace and hope. Works by Bach, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Gjeilo, Forrester and more will be featured, along with beautiful arrangements of beloved hymns. The world premiere of a new commission of two Fanny Crosby hymns entitled “Beyond the River” and arranged by Calvin graduate and faculty member Sean Ivory will be a special highlight. Come join this celebration of song on Sunday, April 29 at 3 PM at First United Methodist Church. Tickets are available through the Calvin College Box office.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Resurrection Sunday, April 1</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Nate & Marissa Dierlam
	East Greeters: Mike & Kathy Cok
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: Dave & Becky Baker
	Erin Hubka, Clara Tolsma
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Karen Bordewyk
	Coffee Servers: All Fellowship Committee members
	<i>Wednesday, April 4</i>
9:30a	Women’s Bible Study in Room 1
	<i>Friday, April 6</i>
8:30a	Senior Men’s Bible Study in the Atrium
	<i>Next Sunday, April 8</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Steve & Ellen DeKoster
	East Greeters: Mark & Julie DeKoster
	Nursery Supervisor: Melisa Hubka
	Nursery Helpers: Bob & Donna Houskamp
	Jacob Noordewier, Morgan Burghgraef
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Tammy Baker
	Coffee Servers: Bulthuis, Vanderhill
11:30a	Adult Education: Even Border Walls Need Gates. Presenter: Daniel Miller
12:00p	College and Career Lunch at Pastor Rebecca and Kyle’s home
3:30p	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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