



April 15, 2018

Worship Services 10AM and 5 PM

**“... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, meekness, and patience.”
Colossians 3:12b**

Eastertide

Liturgist: Bailey Sarver
Preaching Pastor: The Rev. Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.
Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos
Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir
Accompanist: Lisa Meyer
Scripture Reader: Rachel Hubka

Ten o'clock

April 15, 2018

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Preludes on “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” [#521]
Mark A. Radice; Dennis Janzer; Kenneth Kosche

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Come, All You People” [LUYH #496] Alexander Gondo
Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come now and worship the Lord.
Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
Come now and worship the Lord.
Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
Come now and worship the Lord.

* Opening Hymns: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” **#521:1-3**
“Oh, How Good is Christ the Lord” **#192**

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Confession: “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” **#638:1-4**

Assurance of Pardon

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: "O God, You Are My God" (Sung twice) #743

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: "The Never-Ending Song of Praise" Ed Harris

All through the day and through the night the never-ending song goes on,
Holy, holy Lord, God Almighty, may your kingdom come.
Glory and honor be to him, seated on the throne most high,
Thanks be to him who reigns forever, he who will never die.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God Almighty King,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, they never cease to sing.
Power, glory, honor unto you, O Holy Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: "How Shall the Young Direct Their Way" #720:1-4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4, 12-14 page 957

Sermon: **CLOTHED WITH HUMILITY**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "Spirit of the Living God" #749:1-2

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Steve Triezenberg

Offering for Ministry Fund

Offertory: Blessed Jesus, at Your Word [#763] R. Thompson; M. Reger

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Song of Hope”

#941:1-2

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way.
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

Refrain

**Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all.
Working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.**

**God will be our shepherd as we go our way
And will not forsake us when we go astray.
Even though the load of life is hard to bear,
We must not forget that God is always there.**

Refrain

**Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all.
Working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.
Amen.**

* Postlude: “Capriccio”

Johann Jakob Froberger

Calvin CRC Announcements for April 15, 2018

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: We welcome the Rev. Neal Plantinga, who preaches from Colossians 3:1-4, 12-14, “Clothed with Humility.”

The Worship Committee is soliciting song suggestions from our young people to use in our worship services. This morning we will be singing #521, which was requested by Annika Baker.

Evening worship: The Rev. Laura Smit preaches from Ephesians 5:21-6:24, “Supple Strength.” We gather in the Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, April 22

Morning worship: We will welcome Brad Zwiers, a candidate for ministry in the Christian Reformed Church and our search committee's recommendation for our Minister of Faith Formation. He will preach from John 10:22-33, "The Sheep Know the Shepherd's Voice." Brad is a graduate of Western Theological Seminary and has served as a Christian high school chaplain. The offering will be for 70X7, the prison and re-entry ministry organization that includes Criminal Justice Chaplaincy.

Evening worship We will welcome Beverly Weeks, who will preach from Isaiah 2:5-22, "Walking in the Light!" The offering will be for the Easttown Community Association.

Staff News: Pastor Rebecca is on study leave today and will be back in the office later this week. She is in town and can be contacted in case of emergency.

Pastor Jake will be on vacation April 16-30. If you desire pastoral care during that time, please contact your district Elder, Pastor Rebecca, or the church office.

COUNCIL NEWS

Our new council term begins in May, and there will be openings for four Elders and five Deacons. The following persons have agreed to serve as Elder: Dave Dykgraaf, Dan Hubka, Rodger Rice, LeRoy Stegink. The following persons have agreed to serve as Deacon: Jesslyn DeBoer, Nate Dierlam, Leanne Hendrikse, Tom Prince, Bruce Tiejema. At a congregational meeting after the morning worship service on April 22, members of Calvin Church will be invited to vote to approve this list of names. New Elders and Deacons will be installed on Sunday, May 6.

CHURCH FAMILY

The flowers in the sanctuary today have been given by **Marcia and Cornie Huizinga** (District 7) in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on April 18.

Congratulations to **Kris Kamper** (district 8) and Jim Ippel, who were married on April 7. We pray for God's richest blessings in their new marriage.

Congratulations to **Simone Gibson** (district 4) and Dan Kimball, who were married on April 14. We pray for God's richest blessings in their new marriage.

We are so overwhelmed with the generosity and love of Calvin Church after the sudden death of Stan. All the cards, prayers, and offers of support have meant so much to us. We are so blessed to be part of this wonderful church family. Thank you for everything. *KaraMarie Lizewski, Abigail, Jeremiah, LydiaGrace, Dick and Jan Wilkins, Kim, Lee and Nico Wierenga*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds "Jars of Oil"

Merri, Tyler

Kindergarten "The Parable of the Great Pearl"

1st & 2nd grade "Jesus Appears to the Disciples by the Sea"

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

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** The Struggle for Control of Jerusalem

Presenter: Bob DeVries. President Trump's recent decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel once again shows what a flashpoint Jerusalem has become in Israeli-Palestinian relations. Why and how has Jerusalem become such a flashpoint? What are the possible repercussions of the President's decision about Jerusalem for the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and for regional political dynamics? What is the significance of the recent UN vote to condemn the US decision on Jerusalem?

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Discipling Marketplace Leaders: Church-based Business as Mission. Presenter: Renita Reed-Thomson, International Coordinator of Discipling Marketplace Leaders for International Christian Ministries (ICM). We are called to be the Church from Monday to Sunday. Discipling Marketplace Leaders is a ministry for churches who desire to see the world transformed. Join us to learn how this ministry is being implemented in West and East Africa.

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

THE COVENANT AND CHERUB CHOIRS will be finishing their season next week Sunday, April 22, with the traditional singing of "Look at the World." Parents of choristers and former choristers are invited to join us for this anthem. Parents will rehearse with the choirs at 9:00 AM on Sunday morning, April 22. Please plan to join your sons and daughters at that time. All former choristers may join us after the last hymn that morning. See you all there!

THE COMMUNITY CARE/SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE will meet at 3:45 pm on Sunday, April 22 in the Lounge.

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, April 15</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Bert & Sally DeVries
	East Greeters: Ray & Jeannine Lanning
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Julie DeKoster, Karen Trap
	Louisa Houskamp, Natalie Poortenga
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Crothers, Koeman
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: The Struggle for Control of Jerusalem Presenter: Bob DeVries
6:30p	CYG in the Catacomb
	<i>Tuesday, April 17</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, April 18</i>
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Mrs. VandenBosch)
	Allegro Ringers
7:00p	78ers year-end party
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, April 19</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Friday, April 20</i>
8:30a	Senior Men's Bible Study in the Atrium
	<i>Next Sunday, April 22</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Bob & Lynn McBroom
	East Greeters: Corrin & Lisa Meyer
	Nursery Supervisor: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Helpers: Tom & Gwen Hendrikse
	Grace Spoelma, Jacqueline Lanning
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lori Feenstra
	Coffee Servers: Schoone-Jongen, Sytsma
11:20a	Church School
	Congregational Care meeting in the Lounge
11:30a	Adult Education: Discipling Marketplace Leaders: Church-based Business as Mission. Presenter: Renita Reed-Thomson
3:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
3:45p	Community Care / Social Justice Committee meeting in the Lounge

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neland Avenue Christian Reformed Church (940 Neland Ave SE) invites you to join us on Monday, April 16 at 7 PM, to hear author and Calvin alumna **Ruth Everhart** discuss her book *Ruined*, the 2017 *Christianity Today* book of the year in the memoir division. Come to the Neland Activity Center (on the lower level of the church) to hear Ruth explain why we are not what happens to us. Guests and visitors are welcome to attend! If you have questions, call the church office at 616-245-0669.

Young Organist Competition: On Monday, April 16 at 7:30 PM at First (Park) Congregational Church, the Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be holding the annual Annamae Rotman Competition for Young Organists. Four young organists will be competing and will also lead the audience in hymn singing.

Join Baxter Community Center for our annual Fix Up Day! Starting at 8 AM on Saturday, April 21, volunteers will start a fun-filled day of cleaning, fixing and simply enjoying community. A complimentary lunch will be served at 12 noon. Visit www.wearebaxter.org/fixupday for more information and to sign up. 935 Baxter SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506 (616) 456-8593.

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, Forrest, 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.

ATTENTION ALL FISHERMEN: The Calvinist Cadet Corps is hosting its sixteenth annual fishing tournament to raise funds to support its ministry – helping boys grow spiritually in all areas of life. The fishing tournament will be held on Saturday, June 2 at Gun Lake State Park in southwest Michigan. For more information, call the Corps office at 616-241-5616 ext. 4, or check out the Cadet website under the “Events” tab. Everyone is welcome! Registration forms are available from your Cadet club’s head counselor, or you can register at our website: www.CalvinistCadets.org. Lunch will be served at noon. Join us for a fun-filled day!