



*Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves
is heard in our land.*

SONG OF SONGS 2:12, NIV



**“My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and they follow me.”
John 10:27**

Eastertide

Ten o'clock

April 22, 2018

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Preludes: “Beautiful Savior” [#17]
“Pearly Gates of Joy”

T. Shaw; R. A. Spry; R. A. Hobby
Douglas E. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “We Will Follow” [LUYH #129]
Stanzas 1,2,3

arr. Dean McIntyre

Final stanza: In our church, Lord, we will follow Jesus.

* Opening Hymns: “Sing Praise to the Lord”
“Beautiful Savior”

#7:1-3
#17:1-4

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: "Come to the Savior Now"

#613:1,4

Assurance of Pardon

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Hymn of Response: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

#20:1,2,4

(children may come forward during this song)

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Message for Children

Anthem: "Share the Easter Joy"

Mark Patterson

Go tell the news of the risen Lord. Alleluia, lift up your voice.

Alleluia, Alleluia, go share the Easter joy.

Christ is risen from the grave, Alleluia.

Let the joyful song be raised, Alleluia.

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: "Speak O Lord"

#755:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: John 10:22-33

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Sermon: **THE SHEEP KNOW THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Tammy Baker

Offering for 70 x 7 Life Recovery

Offertory: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

arr. Peggy Beltcher

* Hymn of Response: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” #330:1-4
(Parents and former choristers are invited to join the children’s choir
in the front of the sanctuary during this hymn.)

* Benediction

* Choral Closing: “Look at the World” John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us:
Look at the world, and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
So many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,
Give us thankful hearts that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,
All things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winter’s cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season,
Till it is gathered to the Father’s fold.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty:
His is the earth, and his the heavens above.

* Postlude: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” [#965]
David N. Johnson; David Cherwien

Please be seated for a brief congregational meeting.

Liturgist: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Preaching Pastor: Brad Zwiers

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Cherub and Covenant Choirs, Junior Bells

Directors: Amy Netz, Maria VandenBosch, Melanie Tolsma

Accompanist: Nancy Triezenberg

Anthem Handbells: Annika Baker, Eleanor Hazenberg, Clara Tolsma

Calvin CRC Announcements for April 22, 2018

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: We 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 preaches from John 10:22-33, "The Sheep Know the Shepherd's Voice."

Evening worship: We welcome Beverly Weeks, who preaches from Isaiah 2:5-22, "Walking in the Light!" We gather in the sanctuary.

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

WORSHIP Next Sunday, April 29

Morning worship: We will celebrate the sacrament of communion and the Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Acts 8:26-40. The Allegro Ringers and Sanctuary Choir will lead us in music, and our offering will be for Global Gifts.

Evening worship: Our own Lisa Meyer will preach from 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, and some of our elementary and middle school students will present a drama about King David. Our offering will be for Wings of Mercy.

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 today, 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.

The Deacons and members of Calvin's Benevolence Committee would like to express our thanks to the congregation for your loving generosity toward the Benevolence fund on Maundy Thursday. Our balance is much healthier now thanks for your support. This gives us the opportunity to reach out in Christian love to help meet needs within our congregation and in our community. Thank you.

Our Minister of Faith Formation Search Committee worked diligently this winter and spring to seek interested and qualified persons, to interview several excellent candidates, and to prayerfully seek the Spirit's guidance for the leadership of Calvin Church. They are unified in their enthusiastic recommendation of Brad Zwiers for this position. The congregation will have an opportunity to hear Brad

preach and lead worship this morning. At 11:30, members of Calvin Church are invited to return to the sanctuary for a time of conversation with Brad. An information page about him is in your mailbox and on the TRIP table in the narthex. On Sunday, May 6, we will hold a brief congregational meeting inviting your vote on extending a call to Brad.

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.

Our sister **Marilyn Brumels** (district 2) died on Monday, April 16. We pray for the Lord's comfort for her family and friends in their grief, and we give thanks for the hope we have in the resurrection of Jesus. A memorial service will be held at Calvin Church on Saturday, April 28 at 11:00 AM with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Congratulations to **Kris Kamper** (district 8) and Jim Ippel, who were married on April 7. We pray for God's richest blessings in their 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 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 "The Man Who Took Seven Baths" Merri, Tyler

Kindergarten "Ascension"

1st & 2nd grade "Jesus Again Asks Peter to Follow Him"

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS: This Sunday marks the end of the choir season for the Covenant and Cherub choirs. The directors are grateful for the dedication of so many children who rehearse each week to prepare to lead worship at Calvin Church. We are grateful for the parents who faithfully bring their children to church on Wednesday nights and who support the choirs in many other ways. We would also like to extend a special thanks to our graduating 6th-grader: Grace Spoelma.

Grace has been a member of the choir since she was five years old. This year she was our "head chorister" and we are grateful for the leadership she demonstrated

in that role. Grace will now join the faithful group of former choristers who continue to be involved in the worship services at Calvin Church.

With gratitude to God, Maria, Amy, and Nancy

DERBY AND DOGS: On April 25, the Cadets and GEMS are hosting their annual hot dog dinner followed by a little friendly competition with the Derby races! Please come and enjoy dinner from 5:30-6:30, and then cheer on our Cadets and GEMS for the Derby races starting around 6:30. All are welcome!

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

NO ADULT EDUCATION TODAY: Renita Reed-Thomson, International Coordinator of Discipling Marketplace Leaders for International Christian Ministries (ICM) has agreed to come back this fall so that everyone may attend the time of conversation with Brad Zwiers today following the morning service.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Cloud Forest Conservation Trip
Presenters: Guatemala Group

Calvin members will share their experiences from their service trip to Guatemala. They were able to observe and assist Tara and Rob Cahill in their work of alleviating poverty in the rural Alta Verapaz region while protecting the forest through education and sustainable development. Please read Gord Bordewyk's article about the trip in the April *Courier* before coming to the class.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet this Wednesday, April 25 at 9:30 AM.

BLOOD DRIVE: Let's celebrate spring with the gift of life! Please consider participating in our spring blood drive on Wednesday, May 9, 2:30-7:30 PM. Call Michigan Blood at 1-866-642-5663 with any questions you may have about your eligibility to donate and email Judy Bode at judybode4@yahoo.com with your preferred time slot. Thank you!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCESS WALK FOR GOOD FOOD (formerly ACCESS HUNGER WALK): The 41st annual walk is set for Sunday, May 6. The walk begins at 2:30 PM from Park Church. Funds received from the walk assist twenty local agencies that support not only food pantries, but also gardening projects, gleaning and nutrition programs and food policy initiatives. Please respond generously when contacted by the Calvin CRC walking team or join us as a walker. For more information, contact Bob DeVries at bandjdevries@yahoo.com or 616-481-2546.

The Choral Scholars will present a concert on Sunday, May 6 titled, "An Eclectic Mass." The concert will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids at 3 PM and will include pieces by Mendelssohn, Elgar, Hogan, and more. No tickets required but a free-will donation will be taken.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, 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
11:30a	Congregational introduction to Brad Zwiers in the sanctuary
3:00p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
3:45p	Community Care / Social Justice Committee meeting in the Lounge
	<i>Tuesday, April 24</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Deacons meeting in Room 1
7:30p	Council meeting in Room 16
	<i>Wednesday, April 25</i>
9:30a	Women's Bible Study
5:30p	Derby and Dogs in the Fellowship Hall
6:15p	Allegro Ringers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, April 26</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Next Sunday, April 29</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Tim & Lindsay Molenbeek
	East Greeters: Brian & Amy Netz
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: James & Allyson Koeman
	Grace Poortenga, Carolyn Prince
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Doris Ridders
	Coffee Servers: DeKoster, Feenstra
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Cloud Forest Conservation Trip
	Presenters: Guatemala Group
	CYG year-end gathering

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