



**“I do not call you servants any longer...  
but I have called you friends.”**

**John 15:15**

**Eastertide**

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**Ten o'clock**

**May 6, 2018**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Allegro”

Charles Stanford

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Introit Prayer”

Trudi Huisman Huizenga

Holy Father, loving Savior, blessed Spirit hear us.

Be among us, lead and guide us. May we ever feel you near us.

Bless our worship; keep your promise. As your children, feed us.

Through your word and spirit's presence, O refresh us for your service.

Amen.

\* Opening Hymns: “One People, Here, We Gather”

[#243:1-4](#)

“They'll Know We Are Christians”

[#256:1-3](#)

\* God's Greeting

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you**

**with our whole heart and mind and strength.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**

**help us amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be,**

**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Assurance “God Is So Good”

#777:1-4

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

front cover of hymnal

## **GOD PROVIDES SERVANT-LEADERS FOR HIS CHURCH**

Words of thanks to retiring Elders, Deacons, and continuing Care Coordinators

Obligations and Vows

Charge to the Elders, Deacons, and Congregation

Prayer of Thanks and Dedication

(The children are invited forward before this prayer,  
and will be dismissed during the song of response.)

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.**

\* Song of Response: “All Are Welcome”

#269:1,4,5

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Anthem: “Alleluia! O Praise the Lord Most Holy” Johann Sebastian Bach

Alleluia! O praise the Lord most holy, Lord most high!

He is worthy to receive power, wealth, and glory,

Wisdom, might, and honor, blessing now and evermore.

For he is the true and righteous Lord of all in heaven and earth.

King of kings and Lord of lords, we do worship at your throne.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: “Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”

#121:1,2,4,5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 15:12-17

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Sermon: **WE ARE CALLED FRIENDS**

Prayer of Application

## WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

\* Hymn of Response: “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna”

**#204:1-3**

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Steve Triezenberg

Offering for Baxter Community Center

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

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

**#256:4**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,**

**And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,**

**And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us all one.**

*Refrain*

**And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,**

**Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

\* Postlude: “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” [#540]

K. Norris, T. Flynn

*Please be seated for a brief congregational meeting.*

Preaching Pastor: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reader: Julie DeKoster

### **Calvin CRC Announcements for May 6, 2018**

#### **WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM**

*Morning worship:* The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from John 15:12-17, “We Are Called Friends.” Our Sanctuary Choir leads us in music, and we install Elders and Deacons for a term of service. The Elders being installed are Dave Dykgraaf, Dan Hubka, Rodger Rice, and LeRoy Stegink, and Deacons are Jesslyn DeBoer, Nate Dierlam, Tom Prince, and Bruce Tiejema. Deacon Leanne Hendrikse will be installed next week Sunday. We also extend our thanks to retiring Elders Mark DeKoster, Bob DeVries, Donna Houskamp, and Don Trap, and Deacons Dan Bode, Lois Huisman, Graham Rayburn, Mark Sytsma, and Steve Triezenberg.

*Evening worship:* The Rev. Arianna Tolsma preaches from Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, “Our Intimate God.”

## **WORSHIP Next Sunday, May 13**

*Morning worship:* On this Sunday after Ascension Day, the Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Acts 1:1-11, “Still Near.” Our Sanctuary Choir will lead us in music, and the offering will be for Mission Outreach.

*Evening worship:* Beverly Weeks will preach from Mark 3:1-6, “Holy Emotion or Hellish Passion: Rooting Out Anger.” The offering will be for FISH.

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

We will have a brief congregational meeting after the morning worship service today. The purpose of the meeting is two-fold: Calvin Church members will be invited to extend our gratitude to Bobbie Talsma as she retires from her role as Director of Family Assistance and we will vote by ballot on extending a call to Brad Zwiers to serve as our Minister of Faith Formation.

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

Many thanks to the pastoral staff and those who sent get well wishes as Roger was recovering from his back surgery. The Lord has blessed the healing and recovery so much! Blessings to you all! *Roger and Ruth Westrate*

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

### **TLC and CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:**

2 - 4 year-olds	“The Three Men in the Furnace”	Kara, Annika
Kindergarten	“Baptism”	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	“Peter Heals a Lame Man”	

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:* Whither, or wither, the Republican Party? Presenter: Doug Koopman.

The presentation covers the structure of government and political parties in the U.S.A., the Christian traditions that help explain and encourage work in these systems, the coalition-type nature of party politics and those that make up the GOP, the pending choices facing the national party establishment with an “uninvited guest” as president and party leader, and what citizens choosing to involve themselves in party politics can make of it.

*Next Sunday—ADULT EDUCATION:* A Faith Trail: From Swedish Lutheran to Christian Science to Mormon to CRC. Presenter: Jay Dahl Lindquist, Ph.D.

Jay will discuss his life as a follower of Jesus Christ. The trail goes from baptism as an infant in the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chicago through his mother’s choice to join the Christian Science faith, then his conversion to Mormonism and finally his faith commitment to the “Way” as espoused in the Christian Reformed denomination. He will devote a goodly

share of the presentation to his recollections of the twenty years spent as an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, also known as the Mormon Church.

**COLLEGE AND CAREER:** The Doug and Anne Poortenga family will host lunch in their home this Sunday morning after church. Their address is 547 Kent Hills Rd NE.

**FISH FOR MY PEOPLE:** The next date for Calvin Church participation in the FISH program is Tuesday, May 8. Our volunteers are appreciated and can expect to receive a call on Monday, May 7 if their services are needed. It would be helpful if you let Ken Lobbes know if you will not be available on May 8.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet this Wednesday, May 9 at 9:30 AM. This will be our last meeting of the spring session. We will discuss Psalm 62 and the spiritual discipline of solitude.

**BLOOD DRIVE THIS WEDNESDAY:** To make this drive successful, we still need at least twenty more donors. Please consider this giving opportunity and email Judy Bode with your time preference between 2:30 and 7:30 PM. Many thanks!

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet on Wednesday, May 9 at 4:00 PM in the Conference Room.

**SEVERE WEATHER POLICY:** Calvin CRC meetings, activities, and worship services will be automatically cancelled if any of the following weather advisories are still in effect for **Kent County** within one hour of scheduled events: Tornado Watch, Tornado Warning, or Severe Thunderstorm Warning. If a Tornado Watch or severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued after a worship service or meeting has begun, the service or meeting will continue. If a Tornado Warning sounds during worship services or meetings, the congregation will immediately take shelter in the basement until the warning clears.

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ACCESS Walk for Good Food:** Today is the date of the walk! All funds raised go to support local food pantries for food assistance as well as initiatives to create sustainable solutions to hunger in Kent County. Please consider supporting your Calvin CRC walking team: Harvey Kiekoover, Jim Grayson, and Bob De Vries. Checks should be made out to ACCESS of West Michigan.

**The Choral Scholars** will present a concert today 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.

**Church of the Servant**, 3835 Burton St. SE, invites you to a thought-provoking and inspiring Biologos event on Saturday, May 19, from 6:30 to 8:15 PM. This free event features leading pastor and author John Ortberg and evolutionary biologist Sarah Bodbyl Roels. Together, the two will explore science, Christianity, and the compelling harmony they each have found between God's Word and God's Works.

## CALENDAR

<i>Today, Sunday, May 6</i>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Brian & Jackie Noordewier
	East Greeters: Bob & Beth Schoone-Jongen
	Nursery Supervisor: Christine Coulter
	Nursery Helpers: Jan Wilkins, Cindy Brink
	Tyler Koeman, Arie TerBeek
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Mary Brummel
	Coffee Servers: Bulthuis, Netz
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Whither, or wither, the Republican Party? Presenter: Doug Koopman
<i>Tuesday, May 8</i>	
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:00p	Council Transition for Elders, Deacons, and Care Coordinators
<i>Wednesday, May 9</i>	
9:30a	Women's Bible Study in Room 1
2:00p	Blood Drive in the Narthex
4:00p	Cancer Support Group in the Conference Room
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir ( <i>note early start</i> )
<i>Thursday, May 10</i>	
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
<i>Next Sunday, May 13</i>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Curt & Gwen Overbeek
	East Greeters: Doug & Anne Poortenga
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Stapert
	Nursery Helpers: Tom & Laura Prince
	Bobby Houskamp, Lydia Tolsma
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Suzi Stekete
	Coffee Servers: Rosema, Burghgraef
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## **Growing in Discipleship ... ...Transformed for Ministry**

### **Welcome to Calvin Church**

#### *In Worship:*

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- Our Easter banner represents our joy in our Lord's resurrection: the purple conveys the reality of Christ's royalty; the blackness, symbolic of His death, moves from the onset easing into light, symbolizing life out of death. It is a promise fulfilled, giving us reason for hope in the truth of the eternal life to come.
- 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-2<sup>nd</sup>: 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](http://www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch)
- All of our ministries are described in the colorful folders at the Information Desk near the nurseries.

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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