

# **“He was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.” Acts 1:9**

**Sunday after the Ascension**

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**Ten o'clock**

**May 13, 2018**

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## **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Three Voluntaries”

William Croft

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “God Is Here Today”

C. Michael Hawn

God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,  
As certain as the morning sun that rises,  
As certain when I sing you’ll hear my song.

\* Opening Hymns: “How Firm a Foundation”  
“Here I Am to Worship”

**#427:1,2,5**  
**#567:1-2**

\* God’s Greeting

## **WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust.  
While we sing of your lordship over all creation,  
we have too often acted as though you are powerless  
in the face of today’s events.  
Help us to live with confidence in your presence today  
and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.**

Hymn of Assurance: “O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire”

**#828:1-3**

Assurance of Pardon

Ordination and Installation of Leanne Hendrikse to the office of Deacon

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Benefits of the Ascension  
Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer 49

**#213**

\* Song of Response: "He Is Lord"

#227:1,2,4

(Children may come forward during the last stanza)

## 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.**

Anthem: "God Is Gone Up with a Shout"

Healey Willan

Alleluia!

God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Christ hath ascended up on high, and hath led captivity captive.

Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

Oh, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with a voice of triumph!

For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great king over all the earth.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"

#209:1,2,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-11

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Sermon: **STILL NEAR**

Prayer of Application

## WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

\* Hymn of Response: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

#831:1-4

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Moment for Missions: Mark Wiersma

Offering for Mission Outreach

Offertory: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

T. P. Frost, G. Krapf

## GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “Glory Be to the Father”

#961

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

\* Postlude: “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise” [#209]

R. Dinda; B. Culli

Liturgist: Bailey Sarver

Preaching Pastor: The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Proclamation Team: Lynn Bardolph McBroom,  
Brian Netz, and Grace Spoelma

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for May 13, 2018**

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

*Morning worship:* On this Sunday after the Ascension, the Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Acts 1:1-11, "Still Near." Our Sanctuary Choir leads us in music.

*Evening worship:* Beverly Weeks preaches from Mark 3:1-6, "Holy Emotion or Hellish Passion: Rooting Out Anger."

### **WORSHIP Next Sunday, May 20 Pentecost**

*Morning worship:* The Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Acts 2:1-21, "Poured Out and Filled Up." We will present Bibles to our second-grade students who are finishing Worship Center and will now be joining older worshipers in the sanctuary. We will give blankets to our graduating high school seniors, and we will express our appreciation to volunteers in educational ministries of the church. The Sanctuary Choir will lead us in music, and the offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

*Evening worship:* Lisa Meyer will preach from Song of Solomon 8:6-7, "True Love." The offering will be for Exalta. We will gather in the sanctuary.

### **COUNCIL NEWS**

After an overwhelmingly positive vote from the congregation last Sunday, our Council met on Tuesday evening and extended a call to Brad Zwiers to serve as our Minister of Faith Formation. Give thanks to God for this development and pray for Brad and his wife Gwyn as they now consider this call. You can contact Brad and encourage him to accept our call at [brad.zwiers@gmail.com](mailto:brad.zwiers@gmail.com).

**Classis Grand Rapids East** will meet on Thursday, May 17 at Plymouth Heights CRC. Calvin Church delegates are Minister Rebecca Jordan Heys, Elder Walter DeBoer, and Deacon Tammy Baker. As part of the meeting, a special presentation will be given by Calvin College sociology professor Mark Mulder on "Congregations, Neighborhoods, Places." All are welcome to come at 6:45 PM for this valuable time of learning.

### **CHURCH FAMILY**

The flowers today are given with a grateful heart for the many mothers here today that have blessed their families in Christ's name, for the mothers that are no longer with us but whose memory lives in our hearts, for those expectant mothers so eager to share their love, and for those women that give of themselves to the dear children that they are blessed to know.

We are preparing blankets as gifts to our graduating high school seniors: Louisa Houskamp, Nick Overbeek, and Maria Poortenga. Please sign the fabric squares which will be included in these blankets. The blankets can be wrapped around these students as a token of Calvin Church's continued love and prayers for them. Thanks to Bailey Sarver, Judy Bode, and Sylvia Wevers for coordinating this gift.

**Bob Brummel** passed away on Wednesday, May 9. We pray for God's comfort for his wife Mary (district 2) and their family and friends. Funeral arrangements are forthcoming.

### **2018-2019 District Leadership Teams**

- 1: Elder Dan Hubka, Deacon Kathy Cok, Care Coordinator Ellen DeKoster
- 2: Elder Helen Bode, Deacon Corrin Meyer,  
Care Coordinator Laura Wiersma
- 3: Elder Ron Rozema, Deacon Sam Poortenga,  
Care Coordinators Melanie Burghgraef and Evonne Kok
- 4: Elder Suzi Steketee, Deacon Kris Bergh, Care Coordinator Sharon Hecker
- 5: Elder Shirley Lindquist, Deacon Bruce Tiejema
- 6: Elder Doug Poortenga, Deacon Kim Stapert,  
Care Coordinators Fay Bos and Jan Dykgraaf
- 7: Elder Dave Dykgraaf, Deacon Jesslyn DeBoer,  
Care Coordinator Marcia Huizinga
- 8: Elder Trudi Huizenga, Deacon Tammy Baker,  
Care Coordinators Judy Bode and Wanda Sytsma
- 9: Elder Rodger Rice, Deacon Nate Dierlam,  
Care Coordinators Julie DeKoster and Melanie Yff
- 10: Elder Linda Fridsma, Deacon Tom Prince,  
Care Coordinator Anjean Stegink

Calvin Church members can find your district number listed after your address in the church directory.

### **Administrative Elders, members of Executive Committee:**

Walter DeBoer, President of Council  
LeRoy Stegink, Clerk  
Dwight Baker, Vice-President and Chair of Elders

### **Administrative Deacons, members of Executive Committee:**

Cindy Brink, Treasurer  
Judy Stoner and Leanne Hendrikse, Deacon Officers

**THANK YOU**, Calvin Church, for teaching me Christ's love and introducing me to God's kingdom. You are invited to celebrate my graduation from high school at an Open House here at church from 12:00 – 3:30 PM next Saturday, May 19, in the Fellowship Hall and, weather permitting, patio. *Louisa Houskamp*

It has been my profound privilege and honor to have served Calvin Church as its director for Family Assistance during the past five years. Thank you also for the wonderful gifts, personal thank yous, and expressions of love. *Bobbie Talsma*

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

### **TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

2 - 4 year-olds	"The Lion's Den"	Melanie, Carolyn
Kindergarten	"The Good Shepherd"	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	"Philip Teaches in Samaria"	

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

### **BIBLES FOR CHILDREN GRADUATING FROM WORSHIP CENTER**

will be presented next Sunday, May 20. Children receiving Bibles are: Charlie Molenbeek, Molly Netz, Kate Rayburn, Luke Spoelma, Kate Triezenberg, Aubrey Visker, Lydia Visker.

## **MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS**

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

Jay discusses 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.

**REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT:** As Pastor Rebecca announced last week, on Wednesday night, May 16 at 11:30 PM we are again partnering with Bethany Christian Services to welcome a new refugee family at the airport. The Sangos, a young family of seven, comes to us from a refugee camp in Tanzania. Their ethnicity is Bembe/Bemba/Mbembe from the DR Congo from which they fled in 1996.

On Monday morning we plan to move our collection of furniture and household items from church to their new home. We need some volunteers to help with the move. We will meet at church beginning at 8:00 AM. We are asking that volunteers call Don Trap (616) 916-7867 today to confirm your availability and to update you on any last-minute changes to these plans.

Would you prayerfully consider joining our small committee to welcome and assist the refugees in their acclimation to a new culture? New refugees will immediately need assistance in many areas such as learning English, transportation to medical appointments and church, involvement in the community and much more. We also need more people to fill coordination roles

in these areas. With Bethany we have a 6-month commitment for each new family, but the friendship often lasts much longer. It is very rewarding to watch new refugees use their relationship with us to adjust to life in America. An orientation by Bethany for new and experienced volunteers is now being planned.

Thank you from the Calvin CRC Refugee Resettlement Committee.

**FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST:** A friendly welcome awaits Calvin Church Seniors who come to breakfast at Russ' Restaurant on 28<sup>th</sup> Monday morning ...that's tomorrow. Meet at 8:30 AM and order off the menu.

**BOOK CLUB** meets Monday, May 14 at 4:00 PM in the Lounge to discuss the book, "Lilac Girls" by Matha Hale Kelly.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Calvin church will be hosting Family Promise families June 3-10. All help is appreciated. The sign-up board is near the kitchen.

<b><i>Today, Sunday, May 13</i></b>	
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
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: A Faith Trail: From Swedish Lutheran to Christian Science to Mormon to CRC. Presenter: Jay Dahl Lindquist, Ph.D.
<b><i>Monday, May 14</i></b>	
8:30a	Friendship Breakfast at Russ'
10:30a	Global Gifts Board meeting in the Conference Room
4:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
7:30p	Men's Slow Pitch against Sherman Street in diamond 1
<b><i>Tuesday, May 15</i></b>	
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Deacons meet in room 1
7:30p	Council meets in Room 16
<b><i>Wednesday, May 16</i></b>	
2:00p	KidsHope Year-End Party in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Campus Elementary Spring Concert in the Sanctuary
<b><i>Thursday, May 17</i></b>	
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	Women's Softball against Oakdale Park on diamond 3
<b><i>Friday, May 18</i></b>	
8:30a	Senior Men's Bible Study
6:30p	St. Luke's Spring Gala in the Fellowship Hall
<b><i>Saturday, May 19</i></b>	
12:00p	Graduation Open House for Louisa Houskamp
4:30p	Benefit Choir Concert for Special Needs Education in the Sanctuary
<b><i>Next Sunday, May 20</i></b>	
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Glenn & Audrey Prince
	East Greeters: Wayne & Barb VanWylen
	Nursery Supervisor: Lindsay Molenbeek
	Nursery Helpers: Dan & Kim Spoelma
	Ella Jansen, Jake Noordewier
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lois Huisman
	Coffee Servers: DeKoster, Jansen
11:20a	Church School
3:30p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice committee meeting in the Lounge



## Calvin CRC's partners in Nigeria

Mark & Anne Wiersma-Lucasse  
Developing Nigerian Christian schools  
with Resonate Global Mission



Mark & Anne each lead Nigerian schools in different ways.

**Mark serves 5 wide-reaching Nigerian school associations,** each representing **100's of schools.** Practical workshops are producing remarkable results in classroom achievement, faculty cooperation, and staff who are merging personal faith with professional instruction.

*(In 20 nations, Educational Care models effective teaching methods with small group approaches to integrate biblical principles. Both seasoned staff and recent college grads alike practice new skills via tailored action plans for daily school work.)*

**Anne is finishing her 3<sup>rd</sup> year as Superintendent of Hillcrest School.** This is a thoroughly international Christian school, serving families of varied nationalities, missionaries, and other professions. All teachers are USA-certified. Hillcrest grads are scattering holistic light into Nigeria, Europe, North America, and Far East as they have for over 60 years.

### PLEASE PRAY

Please pray also for those we are training. Adjustment and learning curves are often steep for them.

### THANK YOU!

We're happy and thankful Calvin CRC is helping us invigorate Nigerian Christian schools. Nigeria is vast. Her influence is growing –and so is influence of Nigerian Christian schools **because of your prayerful support** for this work.

**Mark Wiersma** -Educational Care Specialist- Nigeria (Resonate)

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**Anne Wiersma-Lucasse** –Supt., Hillcrest School, Jos, Nigeria

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Prelude: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" [#223] Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Opening Prayer

\* God's Greeting

\* Opening Hymn: "Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord" #22:1-3

Hymnsing

Revised Common Lectionary Reading: Psalm 47 page 450

\* Hymn of Preparation: "Speak, O Lord" #755:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 3:1-6 page 814

Sermon:

**HOLY EMOTION OR HELLISH PASSION: ROOTING OUT ANGER**

Prayer of Application

\* Hymn of Response: "God, Be Merciful to Me" #623:1-3

\* Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed back cover of hymnal

Evening and Offertory Prayer

Presentation of Offerings

Offering for FISH

Offertory: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" [#521] Chuck Marohnic

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #964

\* Postlude: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" [#965] Janet Vogt

Preaching Pastor: Beverly Weeks

Pianist: Kenneth Bos