

**“They look on the outward appearance,  
but the Lord looks on the heart.”**

## **1 Samuel 16:7**

### **Ordinary Time**

This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper; a gracious gift that God provides to Christ’s body, the church. All who have been baptized into Christ, and who desire to honor him with grateful and obedient living, are invited to participate in this sacrament discerning that this bread and cup are signs and seals of God’s love for us and that we who participate are members of Christ’s body.

*We use gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.*

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**Ten o’clock**

**September 2, 2018**

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### **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Concerto in D Major I. Allegro”

Antonio Vivaldi

Welcome and Announcements

\* Opening Hymns: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”  
“We Will Extol You, God and King”

**#538:1-4**  
**#562:1,2,4**

\* God’s Greeting

### **WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us our sins, O Lord.

Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,  
the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,

our secret and our whispered sins,

our presumptuous and our careless sins,

the sins we have done to please ourselves,  
and the sins we have done to please others.

Forgive us the sins that we know,

and the sins that we know not.

**Forgive them, O Lord,**

**forgive them all because of your great goodness.**

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

Hymn of Confession: “Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart” **#618:1,3,5**

Assurance of Pardon

\* Song of Response: “You Shall Love the Lord” #724:1-3  
(Children may come forward during the singing of this song.)

## 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: “By Grace We Have Been Saved” #675:1-3,5

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Corrin Meyer

Offering for Safe Haven Ministries

Offertory: “Concerto in D Major II. Cantabile” A. Vivaldi

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 7:1-23 page 818

Sermon: **DIGESTIVE THEOLOGY**

Prayer of Application

## CHRIST WELCOMES US TO HIS TABLE

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving #810

\* Passing of the Peace

Thanks be to God: Christ makes us one.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(God has given us his peace and we are invited to offer that peace to one another. Many people do this by shaking hands, but if for any reason you would rather not shake hands, you are encouraged to pass the peace with a smile and a nod; as you say, “The peace of Christ be with you.”)*

Invitation

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

**#810**

Hymn of Response: “Remembering with Love and Hope”  
(Offering for the Benevolent Fund)

**#809:1-5**

## **GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow”

**#965**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen**

\* Postlude: “Concerto in D Major III. Allegro Spiritoso”

A. Vivaldi

Liturgist: Brad Zwiers  
Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys  
Organist: Kenneth Bos  
Ministry of Music: Amy Netz  
Scripture Reader: Steve Triezenberg

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for September 2, 2018**

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

*Morning worship:* We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, and the Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Mark 7:1-23, “Digestive Theology.” Amy Netz leads us in ministry of music.

*Evening worship:* There is a combined worship service with several congregations from our Classis at Woodlawn Christian Reformed Church in the Calvin College Chapel at 5:00 PM. The offering is for God’s Kitchen. Nursery is provided. Rev. Mike Abma preaches “Handling the Beautiful Book with Wisdom,” from Proverbs 8:22-36.

## **WORSHIP Next Sunday, September 9**

*Morning worship:* Brad Zwiers will preach from Isaiah 35, and the Sherman Street Quartet will lead us in ministry of music. We will commission Lynette van de Hoef as our student pastor, and the offering will be for Mission Outreach.

*Evening worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Mark 7:24-30, and the offering will be for Home Repair Services.

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

This week we remember the gift of a beautiful heart given by Emily to Judy Bode five years ago. The flowers today are in memory of Emily, and in honor of her family, who gave this most precious gift of life.

**Marian Heerema** (district 7) was transferred this past week to Raybrook 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Nursing for a time of rehabilitation. She is in room #333 phone 649-6662.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**GAMES NEEDED:** The Wednesday night dinner group is planning to provide the children in grades Pre-K – 6 with some games to be used in the fellowship hall before choir, GEMS, and Cadets. Donations of any table-top games, board games, or lawn games like beanbag toss would be greatly appreciated. The games will be locked in a storage area at church between scheduled dinners. Donations can be brought to the church office any time before September 26. Questions can be directed to Nancy Triezenberg at: [gtriezen@comcast.net](mailto:gtriezen@comcast.net).

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

*Next Sunday*—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Real Opportunities for Criminal Justice Reform in Michigan. Presenter: David LaGrand, State Representative.

This presentation will give a brief overview of criminal justice realities in Michigan, pointing to the state's biggest problems and pointing out how the state is different from other states and from common narratives such as those found in the documentary "13<sup>th</sup>" and the book *The New Jim Crow*. The presentation will then lay out six avenues for big reforms that could be accomplished in the next five years and which need public support.

**MINISTRY KICK-OFF SUNDAY** is scheduled for September 9 after the morning service. Ministry Committee Chairs take note, and everyone mark your calendars for this upcoming event. If you have any questions you can contact Kathy Cok.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSALS** will begin on Wednesday, September 12. We welcome anyone who loves to sing to join us! The choir meets weekly at 7:30 PM and sings for approximately three services each month.

**FISH FOR MY PEOPLE:** FISH day for Calvin Church is Monday, September 10. Volunteer drivers can expect a call on Friday, September 7 if you are needed. With thanks.

**FAMILY ASSISTANCE NEEDS SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEERS:**

Families in our city and neighborhood face several times of the year where need is the greatest. School has just begun and so many of these children need uniforms or shoes, so they can attend classes. These items are expensive and so we receive many orders asking for help. This season will extend until the middle of November when children will be in great need of winter coats and boots. If you don't usually volunteer at FAB, please consider helping just for this season. An hour (or more) of your time will be very much appreciated. We are open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-3 and will be open on Wednesday evenings when family suppers are held. We also plan to be open at least one Saturday a month (dates and hours to be announced in next week's bulletin). Thank you for anything you can do.

**COLLEGE LUNCHESES:** Calvin Church is hoping to host meals for college students one Sunday a month in the Catacomb, following the AM worship service. We'll hold these meals potluck style. If you would like to contribute a dish for any or all of these meals, please contact Pastor Brad: [bzwiers@calvincrc.org](mailto:bzwiers@calvincrc.org)

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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*To Classis GR East churches, from A. Mulder, Stated Clerk:*

**Why do some Christians affirm same-sex marriage?** While adhering to the CRC's official position regarding homosexuality, more than two years ago Classis Grand Rapids East commissioned a study on *The Biblical and Theological Support Currently Offered by Christian Proponents of Same-Sex Marriage* and posted the report on its website for study and discussion. Realizing that many leaders and members are not familiar with the report, Classis will host a presentation on **Thursday, September 20, 2018, 7 to 9 PM, at Shawnee Park CRC**, to be led by members of the study committee. Congregational leaders and other interested persons are invited to attend and are encouraged to read the report in advance at [classisgreast.org](http://classisgreast.org)

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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# CALENDAR

	<i><b>Today, Sunday, September 2</b></i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Elaine Bardolph and Evie Westmaas
	East Greeters: Warren & Joanne Boer
	Nursery Supervisor: Lindsay Molenbeek
	Nursery Helpers: Mike & Kathy Cok
	Erin Hubka, Clara Tolsma
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Rosema, Hubka
	<i><b>Monday, September 3, Labor Day</b></i>
	Office closed
	<i><b>Tuesday, September 4</b></i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:00p	Building & Grounds committee meeting
	Executive meeting in the Conference Room
7:30p	Elders meeting in Room 16
	<i><b>Thursday, September 6</b></i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
	<i><b>Friday, September 7</b></i>
8:30a	Seniors Men's Bible Study in the Atrium
	<i><b>Next Sunday, September 9</b></i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Walt & Jesslyn DeBoer
	East Greeters: Fay Bos, Cindy Lanning Burch
	Nursery Supervisor: Rachel Rayburn
	Nursery Helpers: Mike & Lisa TerBeek
	Ethan Baker, Bobby Houskamp
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Tammy Baker
	Coffee Servers: Bulthuis, Burghgraef
11:30a	Ministry Kick-off in the Fellowship Hall
	Adult Education: Real Opportunities for Criminal Justice Reform in Michigan. Presenter: David LaGrand