

**“He who is faithful and just will forgive us our
sins.”**

1 John 1:9

Ordinary Time

Ten o'clock

September 16, 2018

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “What God Ordains Is Always Good”

J. Walther, J. P. Kellner

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Spirit, Open My Heart”

Traditional Irish Melody

Refrain

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving, Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that’s kind and tender.

All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.

In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.

In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

* Opening Hymns: “Now with Joyful Exultation”

#512:1-4

“It is Good to Sing Your Praises”

#513:1-3

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession: 1 John 1:5-10

Sung Prayer of Confession: “Remember Not, O God”

#632:1-3

Assurance of Pardon: I John 2:1-2

* Affirmation: The Forgiveness of Sins

#678

* Song of Response: “Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

#516

(Children may come forward for during 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.

Anthem: "The Time for Turning"

arr. Craig Courtney

To everything a season, to everything a time;

A moment to move forward and leave the past behind.

As summer turns to autumn and bids farewell to spring,

There comes a time for turning to every living thing.

The breezes change direction, the geese turn homeward bound.

The leaf turns from its clinging and falls upon the ground.

The flower turns from blooming to slumber in the snow.

And so to all a season, a time for letting go.

Now is the time for turning and this the place to start;

For yielding to the yearning, for changing of the heart;

A moment to surrender the things we should release;

Forgive and find forgiveness, and in forgiveness peace,

And in forgiveness, peace.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: "O God, My Faithful God"

#646:1-4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:5-2:2

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Sermon: **SAY YOU'RE SORRY**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

615:1-3

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Leanne Hendrikse

Offering for the Ministry Fund

Offertory: "Kyrie"

François Couperin

* Benediction

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

P. Post; H. Rohlig

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Jay Lindquist

Scripture Reader: Mark DeKoster

Calvin CRC Announcements for September 16, 2018

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys continues our series on the Christian spiritual disciplines with a sermon from 1 John 1:5-2:2 on the discipline of confession. Jay Lindquist leads us in ministry of music.

Evening worship: We welcome our friends from St. Luke AME Zion Church to join us for a time of worship and fellowship here at Calvin Church. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys gives a homily, and Rev. Dwight Guttridge leads prayer and liturgy.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, September 23

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Psalm 35, and Lynn McBroom will lead us in ministry of music. We will recognize Abuse Awareness Sunday. The offering will be for the Micah Center.

Evening worship: Brad Zwiers will preach from 1 Peter 4:12-19, and the offering will be for the Pine Rest Assistance Fund.

Staff notes: Pastor Brad is on vacation September 12-16.

CHURCH FAMILY

Dan and Judy Bode (district 8) invite the congregation to the wedding ceremony of **Amanda** to Mike Davidson this Saturday, September 22 at 3:30 PM, at Calvin Church.

Marian Heerema (district 7) is grateful to have returned home to her and Jake's apartment this past week.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds "I Can Pray"

Melanie, Tyler

K - 2nd grade "Listening to One of God's Stories: The Light"

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

WORSHIP CENTER begins this morning. Children in grades K-2 will be dismissed after the children's message to participate in their own worship downstairs. Parents are invited to attend the first class to ease their child's anxiety (if there is any) and to become (re)acquainted with the Worship Center. Parents should plan to pick their children up from the WC classrooms each Sunday at 11:15, unless the children have permission to come upstairs on their own. We're looking forward to another year of leading the children in worship!

CHURCH SCHOOL 3RD THROUGH 8TH: Classes meet in room 4 for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, and room 6 for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Our teachers this coming year are Mike TerBeek and Dan Spoelma for our 3rd through 5th class, and Donna Houskamp and Ed Tolsma for our 6th through 8th class.

CATECHISM 9TH THROUGH 12TH: Our high school class will meet together in the Catacomb from approximately 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM. Our teachers this year will be Arianna Tolsma and Lisa Meyer.

JUNIOR BELLS: We are beginning a new group of ringers! We need eleven new ringers, 3rd-6th grade! Rehearsal is September 19 at 5:30-6:15 for the Bell Peal at Music Dedication service September 30. Please contact Melanie Tolsma at edmeltolsma@yahoo.com.

JOYRINGERS: 7th-12th grade we need 2-3 ringers. If you would like to join a great group, we would love to have you ring with us! If you've played piano, a band or orchestra instrument, or sung in a choir, you can ring bells. We need your hands! Please contact Melanie Tolsma at edmeltolsma@yahoo.com.

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.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Today—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Putting an End to Domestic Violence.

Presenter: Kent Bosma, Safe Haven Director of Development.

Safe Haven Ministries began in 1990 when six CRC churches (including Calvin CRC) saw the need to provide help and safety for women and children experiencing domestic violence. What started as an emergency shelter with four rooms has grown into a comprehensive domestic violence agency. Join us to learn about the extensive impact of domestic violence, how Safe Haven Ministries serves our community. We meet downstairs in Room 1.

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** Unaccompanied Children in West Michigan: How Bethany Christian Services is Helping

Presenter: Kathy Van Oss, LMSW, Bethany Christian Services Refugee Foster Care Licensing Supervisor

The news is full of stories of families and unaccompanied children coming across the border from Central America and about the wall that President Trump wants to build to keep them out. Why are these unaccompanied children leaving their homes and taking this dangerous journey across the border and what happens when they arrive in foster homes in West Michigan? Kathy Van Oss will explain how Bethany Christian Services is providing homes for these youth and how you can help. We meet downstairs in Room 1.

KIDSHOPE: Thank you to those who signed up last Sunday to provide goodies for our teachers and staff at Campus School this school year. It's a wonderful way for our congregation to show our support for them in this small way. We have three more spaces on the list to be filled.

Goodies may consist of baked goods, cheese and crackers, or cut up fruit with dip. The Goodie Baker list is located on the table on the west side in the narthex near the double doors to the atrium. Thank you in advance for supporting the KidsHope ministry in this way.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Save the dates: we will meet for six weeks beginning Wednesday, October 3 at 9:30 AM. We'll be led by Pastor Rebecca in a continued discussion about biblical texts related to the spiritual disciplines. All women are welcome to join!

SAFE CHURCH: Our Safe Church Policy has been significantly updated. Because of this all adults (ages 18 and older) who teach or volunteer in programs involving our nursery through high school age children will be required to attend a training session this year. Trainings will be held four times in October. Dates will be finalized in the next few weeks and will appear in the bulletin.

DISTRICT 3 FRIENDS: Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 21 at 12:30 PM. We'll enjoy brunch/lunch food and renew relationships at church. Looking forward to seeing you then! Ron Rozema, elder; Sam Poortenga, deacon; Evonne Kok, care coordinator.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, September 16 Family Promise begins</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Gary & Melanie Burghgraef
	East Greeters: Tom & Laura Prince
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Brian & Jackie Noordewier
	Jacqueline Lanning, Carolyn Prince
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Kristy Ippel
	Coffee Servers: Crothers, Koeman
11:20a	Church School and Catechism
11:30a	Adult Education: Putting an End to Domestic Violence Presenter: Kent Bosma, in Room 1
	<i>Tuesday, September 18</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
10:30a	Global Gifts Board meeting in the Conference Room
6:30p	Deacons meet in Room 1
7:30p	Personnel Committee meeting in the Conference Room
	<i>Wednesday, September 19</i>
5:30p	Junior Bells
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir
	Allegro Ringers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, September 20</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Easttown Basketball
	<i>Friday, September 21</i>
8:30a	Senior Men's Bible Study in the Atrium
	<i>Saturday, September 22</i>
3:30p	Amanda Bode and Mike Davidson wedding
	<i>Next Sunday, September 23</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Gord & Karen Bordewyk
	East Greeters: Mark & Julie DeKoster
	Nursery Supervisor: Christine Coulter
	Nursery Helpers: Mark & Sue Hoekstra
	Isaac Hubka, Annika Baker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lori Feenstra
	Coffee Servers: Schoone-Jongen, Sytsma
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: Unaccompanied Children in West Michigan Presenter: Kathy Van Oss, in Room 1
3:30p	Light of Christ Community in the Fellowship Hall