

**“As you have sent me into the world,
so I have sent them into the world.”**

John 17:18

Ordinary Time

Ten o'clock

October 14, 2018

Welcoming Music in the Atrium

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “All Creatures of Our God and King” [#551]

G. Krapf; A. Lovelace; L.K. Neff; W. Held

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Share God’s Love”

Mark Patterson

Praise the Lord, you people of God.

Children’s voices will join in the song.

Share God’s joy; Share God’s love.

* Opening Hymns: “All Creatures of Our God and King”
“We Are Called”

#551:1-3

#296:1-3

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you; you call, but we do not follow;
you command, but we do not obey; you bless us, but we do not thank you.

Please forgive and help us.

Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others;
you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us;
you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

Please forgive and help us.

Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own;
you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor,
but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them;
you suffered and died for the sake of all, but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

Please forgive and help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Confession: “Remember Not, O God”

#632:1-3

Assurance of Pardon

While it is true that we have sinned,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God’s love in Jesus Christ.
To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: “Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling”
(children may come forward)

#615:1-3

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: “Bwana Asifiwe” (Praise the Lord)

traditional Swahili

Bwana, bwana, bwana asifiwe. Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord in the heavens. Praise the Lord for the Lord is good.

Praise the Lord. Praise God’s name.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation.

Oh, my soul praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: “Abide with Me”

#466:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 17:13-26

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Sermon: **THE MISSION OF GOD**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “For the Healing of the Nations” #289:1,2,4
(The choir will sing stanza 1 first; then the congregation will sing stanzas 1, 2, and 4.)

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Moment for Missions

Offering for Mission Outreach

Offertory: “I Love to Tell the Story” [#262]

Robert Hobby

* 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: “Postlude in F”

Alexandre Guilmant

Liturgists: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys and Lynette van de Hoef

Preaching Pastor: Brad Zwiers

Handbells: Joyringers

Joyringers Director: Melanie Tolsma

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Cherub, Covenant, and Sanctuary Choirs

Soloist: John Tiemstra

Trio: Lane Molenbeek, Molly Netz, Hannah Triezenberg

Chimes: Ethan Baker, Allory Netz

Percussion: Julie Bowden, Kim Stapert, Chris Walstra

Scripture Reader: Bob Houskamp, Jr.

Calvin CRC Announcements for October 14, 2018

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Brad Zwiers preaches from John 17:13-26, “The Mission of God.” Our Joyringers brighten our Atrium with music before the service, and the Covenant, Cherub, and Sanctuary Choirs will lead us in the ministry of music. Missions giving pledge forms will be received today.

Evening worship: We welcome Keith and Laura Jensen, former missionaries to China, to share from John 9:1-12, “Jesus, the Light of the World.”

WORSHIP Next Sunday, October 21

Morning worship: Our middle school and high school youth will lead our time of worship, and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, which is the youth group theme verse for this year. The offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

Evening worship: Brad Zwiers will preach from Hebrews 4:14-5:10, and the offering will be for Global Gifts.

COUNCIL NEWS

Classis Grand Rapids East is meeting this Thursday, October 18, at the Calvin Seminary auditorium. Calvin Church delegates are Pastor Rebecca Jordan Heys, Elder Rodger Rice, and Deacon Kathy Cok. The main agenda item will be the examination of Pastor Brad and one other candidate for ministry. This is Pastor Brad's final step towards ordination as a Minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church. Calvin Church members are welcome to attend to support Pastor Brad. The examinations begin at 6:00 PM.

CHURCH FAMILY

Dot Duthler (district 2) had a fall and broke her femur. She had surgery on Sunday and is now recovering at Blodgett Hospital.

MaryAnn Walters (district 1) had a fall and broke her femur. She had surgery on Tuesday.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

TLC and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

2 - 4 year-olds

“God Gives Us Homes”

Kim, Carolyn

K - 2nd grade

“Abram and Sarai”

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 and MISSIONS LUNCHEON:** Continuing our Mission Emphasis celebration, please don't prepare lunch! Attend the Missions Luncheon today, at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Renita Reed will give a brief presentation on her work with International Christian Ministries, followed by our luncheon of chicken *and* chicken strips!

Next Sunday—**ADULT EDUCATION:** The Struggle for Control of Jerusalem (Jerusalem: The Golden City and the Contested City). Presenter: Bob DeVries

President Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel once again shows what a flashpoint Jerusalem has become in Israeli-Palestinian relations. Why and how has Jerusalem become such a flashpoint? What are the possible repercussions of the President's decision about Jerusalem for the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and for regional political dynamics? What is the significance of the UN vote to condemn the US decision on Jerusalem?

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We will meet on Wednesday, October 17, at 9:30 AM to discuss Psalm 51 and the spiritual discipline of confession. Study guides are available at the table in the Narthex. Contact Pastor Rebecca or Sharon Hecker with questions.

FAMILY SUPPER: A light supper will be provided at church on October 17 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. A donation from each family will cover the cost of the meal. Vandenberg and Triezenbergs will serve food from 5:00-6:30.

COURIER ARTICLES: Articles for the November *Courier* are due to Clare Walhout (clarewalhout@gmail.com) or Wally Bratt (wally.bratt@gmail.com) by Saturday, October 20.

BLOOD DRIVE: Our approaching blood drive for October 24 (2:30 - 7:30) has 5 people signed up. Would you consider joining our efforts? Please phone or email Judy Bode with questions or to donate. Many thanks!

SAFE CHURCH: Our Safe Church Policy has been significantly updated. Because of this, all those age 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. All trainings will be held in Room 16 and will last about 30 minutes. Training dates are:

Sunday, October 21 at 9:15 AM

Sunday, October 28 at 11:30 AM

Please inform the office if you are unable to attend any of these sessions.

FOOD TRUCK: Calvin CRC is again sponsoring a food truck on Thursday, October 25, at 1250 Sigsbee Street SE. Food distribution will take place beginning at 4:00 and ending around 6:00, depending on how many people come and how long the food lasts. Volunteers are needed and can come by 3:45 to help with set up. If you are willing to help with this event, please email Kathy Cok at mkcok@comcast.net. The Ministry Committee thanks you in advance for your service.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

All One Body invites you to continue the conversation around the place of LGBT Christians in the church, with renowned Christian author Justin Lee speaking on "Changing Hearts and Minds with Grace." The event takes place at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, October 16, at Sherman Street Christian Reformed Church, 1000 Sherman St SE, Grand Rapids, MI. Admission is free.

The Calvin College Alumni Choir, under the direction of interim conductor Randy Van Wingerden and accompanied by Dr. Kenneth Bos, will present their fall concert "All That Hath Life and Breath" on Saturday, November 10, at 8 PM in the Covenant Fine Arts Center Auditorium at Calvin College. The concert will include music both familiar and new, from the Renaissance to the present and representing many genres. Tickets are not required, but a free will offering will be taken. Seating is first come, first served, with a reserved section for patrons. If you have a question or would like to become a patron, email alumnichoir@calvin.edu.

	<i>Today, Sunday, October 14</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Bob & Lynn McBroom
	East Greeters: Corrin & Lisa Meyer
	Nursery Supervisor: Christine Coulter
	Nursery Helpers: Karen Trap, Cheri Swets Ella Jansen, Jacob Noordewier
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Doris Ridders
	Coffee Servers: Crothers, Schoone-Jongen
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Missions Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
	<i>Tuesday, October 16</i>
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Deacons in Room 1
	<i>Wednesday, October 17</i>
9:30a	Women's Bible Study meets in Room 1
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:30p	Joyringers
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir (Meyer) Allegro Ringers
7:00p	GEMS, Cadets, and 78ers
7:30p	Sanctuary Choir
	<i>Thursday, October 18</i>
9:00a	Take Charge meeting
9:30a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Eastown Basketball
	<i>Next Sunday, October 21</i>
9:30a	Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
9:40a	Atrium Greeters: Tim & Lindsay Molenbeek
	East Greeters: Brian & Amy Netz
	Nursery Supervisor: Kim Wierenga
	Nursery Helpers: Dale & Joanie Rosema Tyler Koeman, Morgan Burghraef
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Lois Huisman
	Coffee Servers: Vanderhill, Koeman
11:20a	Church School
11:30a	Adult Education: The Struggle for Control of Jerusalem. Presenter: Bob DeVries
	Worship Committee meets in the Lounge
	Congregational Care Committee meets in the Prayer Room
12:00p	District 3 Luncheon in the Narthex
3:30p	Light of Christ Community meets in the Fellowship Hall
3:45p	Community Care/Social Justice Committee meets in the Lounge

Church office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon
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