



March 26, 2023

“Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries.” – 1 Corinthians 4:1

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Kelsey Bruinwood,
Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys, Rev. Lisa Meyer
Preaching Pastor: Rev. Brad Zwiers
Organist: Kenneth Bos
Junior Bells Director: Melanie Tolsma
Cherub Choir Director: Amy Netz
Covenant Choir Director: Maria VandenBosch
Ministry of Music: Junior Bells, Cherub and Covenant Choirs
Accompanist: Lisa Meyer
Scripture Reader: Ali Buist
Audio/Video: Sarah Frisch, Steve Triezenberg

* Please stand in body or in spirit

Ten o'clock

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Variations on “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” [#239] Paul Lindsley Thomas
“The Strife is O’er” [#185] arr. by Jason Krug

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Sing Alleluia to the Lord” based on Psalm 33
Text and music by Terry D. Taylor

Sing alleluia to the Lord. Sing alleluia to the Lord above.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia to the Lord.

Lift up your songs of praise. Give God your best always.
God’s love is strong and true and fills all the earth.
Our hearts are filled with joy. Our hope is in God.

* Opening Hymns: “In Christ Alone”
“Ten Thousand Reasons”

#770:1-4
#559:1-3

* God’s Greeting

GOD WELCOMES US IN BAPTISM

Baptismal Anthem: “Beautiful Savior” [LUYH #17]

arr. Rob Roy Peery

The Sacrament of Baptism

God’s Invitation and Promises

Response of Faith

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

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* Song of Response: “Glory Be to the Father”

#961

(Children may come forward during this hymn.)

Baptism of Emilia, Luke, and Joel Schipper

Congregational Pledge

Blessing for Children

Leader: People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

All: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

All: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

* Baptismal Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

#348:1-3

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: “Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness”

#766:1,2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:21-4:7

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **MYSTERIOUS GRACE**

Prayer Response: Psalm 131

Leader: O LORD, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things too great
and too marvelous for me.

**All: But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.
O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time on and forevermore.**

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Song of Response: “Amazing Grace”

#691:1,2,4,5

Offertory Prayer for Community Care: Graham Rayburn

Choral Closing: “Look at the World”

John Rutter

(Former choristers and parents are invited to join the choir.)

Look at the world, everything all around us:
Look at the world, and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
So many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,
Give us thankful hearts that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,
All things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river, field and plain.
Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season,
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty:
His is the earth, and his the heavens above.

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

#946:1,2

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing; you are my own.**

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him,
saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Amen.

* Postlude: "Lord Jesus, We Give Thanks to Thee" Wilhelm Friedemann Bach

Calvin CRC Announcements for March 26, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from 1 Corinthians 3:21—4:7, and we celebrate the sacrament of baptism for Emilia, Luke, and Joel Schipper, children of Lisa and Dale Schipper. The children's choirs and bell choir lead us in music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Lent

Morning worship: On Palm Sunday, Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will wrap up our Lent sermon series on humility and preach from Matthew 21:1-11. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The offering will be for Benevolence.

Evening worship: We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a service of singing and prayer. This informal time together includes song requests and prayer requests from the congregation.

CHURCH FAMILY

85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:	4/6 Don Oosterhouse (92)
4/16 Jake Heerema (86)	4/19 John VanderPloeg (95)
4/24 Miriam DeLange (89)	4/29 Bette Frieswyk (88)
4/30 Barb Hoekwater (90) and Hap Hecker (88)	

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in celebration and gratitude for the blessings we receive through our children's choirs. Thank you to all the children who participate and all who patiently led them.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:	4/8 Rowan Wierenga (4)
4/11 Olivia Coulter (9)	4/14 Jacob and Andrew Brink (14)
4/30 Molly Netz (13)	

SPRING BREAK: CYG will not meet on April 2 or 9 due to spring break and Easter. We'll be back at it on April 16!

THE COVENANT AND CHERUB CHOIRS are finishing their season today, with the traditional singing of “Look at the World.” Parents of choristers and former choristers are invited to join us for this anthem. All former choristers may join us during the last hymn that morning. See you all there!

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

Festival Choir is not just for Christmastime! This season our Festival Choir will participate in a Tenebrae Service on Maundy Thursday, April 6, as well as in our Easter morning service on April 9. We will rehearse on three Wednesday evenings (March 22 and 29 and April 5) at 7:00 PM. Please consider singing with the choir for all or some of these rehearsals and for our Holy Week services.

SAVE THE DATE: A Spring fellowship luncheon will be held at Calvin Church on Sunday, April 23, immediately following the morning worship service. Members of all ages are invited to attend. Watch for a flyer in your mailbox on Easter Sunday with more details. Mark your calendars now for this upcoming time of fellowship.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY: All women are invited to a time of fellowship and studying God’s Word together. We will meet on Wednesday afternoons: March 29, April 12, 19, 26, May 3, and 10. We begin at 2:30 and wrap up by 4:00. This spring we’ll be diving into Psalms and our habits of prayer through a study on praying the Psalms. Sign up at the table in the Narthex or let Pastor Kelsey (kbru207@calvinseminary.edu) know if you need a study guide or have questions.

HOT DOGS AND DERBY CARS: You are invited to join the CadGEMS this Wednesday, March 29, for a hot dog cookout and derby car races. Dinner begins at 6 PM, and the races will begin after we eat. Come ready for good food, cool car designs, and fast races!

TEA SETS: Our church owns a collection of retired tea sets, and these dishes are available to our members on a first-come, first-served basis. Teapots and cups are displayed in the case by the Nursery and in the Conference Room by the offices. Wrapping supplies are in the bins under the table. Dishes remaining after April 1 will be donated to Breton Woods.

In the **DISPLAY CASE** is a sampling of teapots that were used when Calvin Church had tea parties. These get-togethers were organized and hosted by Fran Baker for the women and girls of the church.

BLOOD DRIVE: Our spring Blood Drive is fast approaching; Wednesday, April 12, from 2:30-7:30 PM in the church narthex. Your willingness to donate definitely saves lives and we are privileged to participate in this mission as a church body. You may email Judy Bode to reserve your time slot or sign up on line https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/132602.

The House of Prayer offers safe, long-term housing for men and women who have struggled with addiction and incarceration. The Grand Rapids' House of Prayer is located in our neighborhood – at 1314 Sigsbee SE. See the flyer in your mailbox for details on how you can help with this ministry.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Classis Grand Rapids East, as founding member of Together West Michigan is inviting you to attend the annual Delegate Assembly, rescheduled for April 15. We will be receiving an in-depth look at the recommendations being formed from the five research teams: housing, childcare, immigration/refugee care, community safety, and mental health access. A link to further details is on the Calvin Church website at the bottom of the homepage. The gathering will be on Saturday, April 15, 10:00-11:30 AM, at First Community AME Church, 500 James Street SE. You are welcome whether you have been to a TWM event before or not.

	<i>Today, Sunday, March 26</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Tom Hendrikse
	Nursery Volunteers: Kathy Van Oss, Lydia Tolsma
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Tamara Baker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Julie DeKoster
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Art Jongsma
3:30p	CYG activity
5:00p	Book Group: <i>I'm Still Here</i> meets in the Atrium
	<i>Tuesday, March 28</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, March 29</i>
2:30p	Women's Bible Study meets in Room 1
6:00p	Hot Dog Dinner and Pinewood Derby Races in the Fellowship Hall
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	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Bell Room
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i>Thursday, March 30</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
10:00a	Quilting Bee in Room 1
	<i>Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, April 2</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Dale Rosema
	Nursery Volunteers: Kim Wierenga, Lydia Visker
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Curt Overbeek
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Tamara Baker
	Coffee Servers: Dale and Joanie Rosema
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Tom Hendrikse
5:00p	Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall



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Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- Reprint and streaming licenses are One License A-730126, CCLI#2532147, and CSPL#175060.
- The black dominating our Lenten banner symbolizes the death of our Lord, the red expresses Christ's suffering, and the branch is a symbol of his crown of thorns. These symbols are not meant to be concerned only with death and suffering. The thorny branch is white and flowering to indicate that from suffering triumph will come, and the red orb symbolizes Christ's victory. Just as the sun illumines, quickens, and comforts, so Christ as the "Sun of Righteousness" gives new life to his own.
- Large-print resources are available at the Information Desk.
- 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 in the nursery prior to the morning worship.
- K-2nd: 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.

Fellowship and Information:

- Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the morning service.
- "Like" us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCblmHBbe8AIzEyQxUM1VjA>

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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