



**April 2, 2023**

**Palm Sunday**

# **“Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey.” – Matthew 21:5**

## **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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 serve gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.*

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**Ten o’clock**

**April 2, 2023**

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

Prelude: Three Preludes on “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” [#145]

David Cherwien; Neil Harmon; Michael D. Costello

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “When His Salvation Bringing”

Text: John King

Music: Berthold Tours

When his salvation bringing, to Zion Jesus came,  
the children all stood singing, “Hosanna!” to his name.  
Nor did their zeal offend him, but as he rode along  
he let them still attend him and smiled to hear their song.

And since the Lord retaineth his love for children still,  
though now as king he reigneth on Zion’s heavenly hill,  
we’ll flock around his banner, who sits upon his throne,  
and cry aloud, “Hosanna to David’s royal son!”

For should we fail proclaiming our great redeemer’s praise,  
the stones, our silence shaming, would their hosannas raise.  
But shall we only render the tribute of our words?  
No; while our hearts are tender, they too shall be the Lord’s.

\* Opening Hymns: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”  
“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

**#146:1,3,4**

**#149:1,2,4**

\* God’s Greeting

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city  
that later rejected you,  
we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's,  
that our faith is often more show than substance,  
that our hearts are in need of cleansing.

**All: Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.  
Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are,  
trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken,  
to welcome our praises, and to receive us as our own. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: "Rebuke Me Not in Anger, Lord"

**#150:1,5,6**

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

\* Song of Response: "Glory Be to the Father"

**#961**

(Children may come forward during this hymn.)

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

### Message for Children

### 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.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: "Rejoice, O Zion's Daughter"

**#151:1-4**

### Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **THE KIND OF KING WHO RIDES A DONKEY**

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.**

**CHRIST WELCOMES US TO THE TABLE**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

With joy we praise you, gracious God,  
for you have created heaven and earth,  
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us –  
even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whose grace we may triumph over temptation,  
follow in the way of humility,  
be more fervent in prayer, and be more generous in love.  
Therefore, we join our voices  
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper  
the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross  
by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world.  
In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again,  
we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:  
**Christ has died!**  
**Christ is risen!**  
**Christ will come again!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray,  
that the bread which we break  
and the cup which we bless  
may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
Grant that, being joined together in him,  
we may attain to the unity of the faith  
and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf,  
and these grapes from many hills into one cup,  
grant, O Lord, that your whole church  
may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.  
Even so, come Lord Jesus!

\* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**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.")*

Institution and Invitation

Distribution Anthem: "Do This in Remembrance of Me"      Text: I Corinthians 11  
Music: Larry Visser

On the night he was betrayed, Christ took bread  
and, when he gave thanks, he broke it and said,  
"This is my body, which is for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper Christ took the cup,  
the new covenant in his blood; he poured it and said,  
"This is my blood, poured out for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

Prayer

## WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

\* Hymn of Response: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

**#145:1-2**

\* Offertory Prayer for Benevolence: Mark Hoekstra

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

**#145:3**

**“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of Heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.  
Amen.**

\* Postlude: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” [#146]

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Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Kelsey Bruinwood and Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Gert Bokhout

Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Sarah Frisch

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for April 2, 2023**

### **WORSHIP Today, 10 AM**

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

*Evening worship:* We 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.

### **WORSHIP Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7 PM**

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*Evening worship:* We will gather in the sanctuary for a Tenebrae service of shadows. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and then the Festival Choir will lead us with song and scripture reading as we contemplate our Lord's death.

### **WORSHIP Easter Sunday, April 9**

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*Morning worship:* We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Matthew 28:1-10 and the Festival Choir and brass quartet will lead us in music. The offering will be for Missions.

**Staff notes:** Pastor Kelly is on vacation March 30 - April 8.

### **COUNCIL NEWS**

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At their March meeting, the Elders received the membership of Stephanie Leet from Calvary CRC in Holland. We welcome Stephanie, who joins her fiancée Brian Ridders here at Calvin Church. The Elders approved the membership transfer of Tom and Laura Wiersma to LaGrave Ave CRC, and removed the membership of Kyle Cok at his request due to his active involvement at Ada Bible Church. We pray for God's blessing on these siblings in Christ in their new congregations.

### **CHURCH FAMILY**

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**Joanne Boer** (district 3) peacefully slipped into the arms of Jesus, her Lord and Savior, Tuesday, March 28. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 1 at 11:00 AM at Calvin Christian Reformed Church with Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys officiating. Friends may meet with the family prior to the service from 9:30 - 11 AM at the church.

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

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**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!

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

**Families enrolling in Christian Education K-12** for the 2023-24 school year: Tuition support forms are available in the church office. Please submit forms to Lisa TerBeek by April 23. Lisa is happy to answer any questions about the program.

**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 Wednesday evening 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.

**INSTRUMENTALISTS**, please consider joining the Calvin Church orchestra for the Eastertide service on April 16. We will rehearse Wednesday, April 12 from 6:30-7:30 PM. Contact Amy Netz (amy.netz@gmail.com) for more info and music.

**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:** We will not be meeting this week but will pick up again on April 12 at 2:30 PM in Room 1. We will be discussing chapter 3 from our study guide. Contact Pastor Kelsey (kbru207@calvinseminary.edu) with questions or if you would like a copy of the study guide.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Our spring Blood Drive is Wednesday, April 12, from 2:30-7:30 in the church narthex. We invite you to join us in an opportunity for fellowship, food, and community service. If you have never donated, please call or email me and I will answer any questions you have. One poke, one hour, and one pint. We need 25 more donors to make this a successful event. Judy Bode  
To reserve your time slot or sign up online:  
[https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/132602](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/132602)

**BLANKET EXERCISE**, April 28, 2023 (4 - 6 PM) at Calvin Church. The Blanket Exercise is a great opportunity for participants to walk and experience the history of relationships between Europeans, including the Christian Reformed Church Mission in the Southwest, and the Indigenous nations who inhabit the southern part of Turtle Island, now called the United States of America. It helps participants understand why it is important to know our history and how to take steps toward reconciliation and new relationships.

See more information here - <https://www.crcna.org/BlanketExercise>

Register here: <https://crcna.regfox.com/the-blanket-exercise-calvin>



**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. During the month of April we are collecting 18” twin size air mattresses, twin size bed linens, pillows, blankets, comforters, bathroom rugs, shower curtains, towels, soap, shampoo, body wash, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Items may be put on the table near the Fellowship Hall.

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**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.

# CALENDAR

	<i><b>Today, Palm Sunday, April 2</b></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
	<i><b>Monday, April 3</b></i>
3:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
	<i><b>Tuesday, April 4</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i><b>Wednesday, April 5</b></i>
5:30p	CEDT meeting in Room 1
7:00p	Festival Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i><b>Thursday, April 6</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
7:00p	Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary
	<i><b>Easter Sunday, April 9</b></i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Karen Trap
	Nursery Volunteers: Curt Overbeek, Molly Netz
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Donna Houskamp
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Alphenaar
	Coffee Servers: all committee members
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Kim Wierenga



## **Growing in Discipleship ... ...Transformed for Ministry**

### **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-2<sup>nd</sup>: 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](http://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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