



April 9, 2023

Church office hours: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Monday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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“Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.” – Matthew 28:5-6

Easter Sunday

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Kelsey Bruinwood, Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Ministry of Music: Festival Choir

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Trumpets: Jonathan Karnes and Jonathan Faucher

Trombones: Aaron Hettinga and Ben Huisman

Handbells: Tamara Baker, Lisa Meyer, and Elly Nyhof

Hallelujah Chorus Director: Amy Netz

Scripture Reader: Bob Houskamp

Audio/Video: Brian Netz, Steve Triezenberg

Ten o'clock

April 9, 2023

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Awake, Thou Wintry Earth”

“O Sons and Daughters” [#190]

“Easter Carillon”

J.S. Bach, arr. Roberta Bitgood

Michael Bedford

Robert J. Powell

Call to Worship: “Hail Thee, Festival Day”

Text: trans. from *Venantius Fortunatus*

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Hal H. Hopson

Hail thee, festival day! The day that is hallowed forever,

day when the Lord arose, breaking the bonds of death.

See how the beauty of earth, reborn, blossoms forth from the winter.

See how it speaks of life, God’s new life to the world.

Let all the earth sing for joy: today the Lord has triumphed.

Nations give ear and be glad; Christ is alive! Sing for joy!

Easter Greeting

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation:

O Father God of the risen Christ,
in whose resurrection we find new life,
send your Spirit to dwell among us in this day of worship.
O risen Christ, Son of the Father,
may we hear your word of peace today.
O Spirit of the living God,
teach us once more to live in the power of Christ's resurrection,
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

- * Opening Hymns: "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

#199:1-3

#182:1-5

- * God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.

**All: Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

- * Assurance of Pardon

- * Hymn of Assurance: "Refuge and Rock"

#194:1,5

- * Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed front cover of hymnal

- * Song of Response: "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"
(Children may come forward during this hymn.)

#179:1,2,4

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.

Anthem: "Christ Is Risen"

Text: I Corinthians 15:20,21,53,55

Music: Paul Sjolund

Christ is risen!

Now is Christ risen from the dead

and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death,

by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption,

and this mortal must put on immortality.

O death, where is thy sting?

O grave, where is thy victory?

Christ is risen!

Now is Christ risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever

Amen.

* Hymn of Preparation: "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

#184:1,2,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **FEAR AND GREAT JOY**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Offertory Prayer for Missions: Ron Rozema

* Hymn of Response: "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" **#185:1-5**
(During this hymn, those wishing to join the choir for the
Hallelujah Chorus may proceed to the front of the sanctuary.)

* Benediction

* Choral Closing: "Hallelujah," from *Messiah*
Text: Revelation 11:15, 19:6, 19:16
Music: George Frideric Handel
Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!
The kingdom of this world
is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ,
And he shall reign forever and ever.
King of kings and Lord of lords, hallelujah!

* Postlude: "Toccata," from *The Fifth Symphony* Charles-Marie Widor

Calvin CRC Announcements for April 9, 2023

WORSHIP Today, Easter Sunday, 10 AM

Morning worship: We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Matthew 28:1-10 and the Festival Choir and brass quartet lead us in music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, April 16, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: We will resume our series from the book of Genesis, exploring the promise risked and the promise kept in the life of Isaac. Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Genesis 21:8-21 and the Allegro Ringers and orchestra will lead us in music. The offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

Evening worship: We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for worship, including celebration of the Lord's Supper and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaching from John 20:19-31.

Sermon series: Over the next five weeks, we will finish our series on Isaac, exploring how God's promises in scripture are for us today.

April 16: Pastor Brad preaches from Genesis 21:8-21

April 23: Pastor Rebecca preaches from Genesis 21:22-34

April 30: Pastor Rebecca preaches from Genesis 22

May 7: Pastor Rebecca preaches from Genesis 23

May 14: Pastor Brad preaches from Genesis 24

Staff Notes: Kim Fredricks is on vacation April 10-28. Beth Schoone-Jongene is filling in. The office will be open Monday – Thursday, 9:00-3:00.

COUNCIL NEWS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: We will hold a brief congregational meeting after the morning worship service on April 23 to approve a slate of new Elders and Deacons. The nominees for Elder: Dan Bode, Philip DeJonge, Rick Feenstra, Trudi Huizenga, and Roger Konyndyk. The nominees for Deacon: Cindy Brink, Marissa Dierlam, and Mike TerBeek.

CHURCH FAMILY

A great big thank you for all of the prayers, cards, and words of encouragement during these last few weeks! The love of our Calvin Church family was a blessing to Rick and me.

Lori Feenstra

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE: April brings new life with spring and a blessed season for Easter celebrations. Please consider giving life back with a gift of a blood donation this Wednesday from 2:30-7:30 in our own Fellowship Hall. Blood donation really does save lives at our area hospitals. The need is real and remains urgent. We have a slow sign-up once again and have room for 20 more donors. You may email Judy Bode to reserve your time slot or sign up online.

https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/132602

KIDSHOPE: It is back! The Coins for Campus bottle is back in the Atrium for your loose change. We are excited to report that after counting and rolling all the change, there was approximately \$700. (and yes, we did this by hand) We were able to purchase for Campus School a variety of small toys and family board games that students could win as prizes at Family Fun Night. Earnestine Mays, the KSSIV director, reported that a great time was had by all and that all the prizes were a huge hit. Campus School is very grateful for the investment of Calvin CRC in their school community. Thank you Calvin Church! We are looking forward to growing the spare change once again. Keep on dropping!

COURIER: The deadline for the May issue of the Courier is April 15. This is the last issue of the season, as we do not publish during the summer months. Be sure to share what your committee or ministry has been doing all year or what you hope to accomplish during the summer months. Send entries to Doris Rikkers, dridders@aol.com.

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.

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. A flyer with a RSVP is in your mailbox with more details.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We will meet this Wednesday, 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.

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

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, Easter Sunday, April 9</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
	<i>Tuesday, April 11</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	Executive Committee meeting in the Conference Room
7:30p	Elders meeting in the Atrium
	<i>Wednesday, April 12</i>
2:00p	Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall
2:30p	Women’s Bible Study in Room 1
6:00p	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:30p	Orchestra rehearsal
7:00p	78ers meet in the Catacomb
	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i>Thursday, April 13</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
10:00a	Quilting Bee in Room 1
6:30p	Education Committee meeting in the Atrium
	<i>Saturday, April 15</i>
9:00a	Rental in Room 1
	<i>Next Sunday, April 16</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Maria Knapper
	Nursery Volunteers: Yvonne Triezenberg, Natalie Poortenga
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Mike TerBeek
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Mary Brummel
	Coffee Servers: Paul and Tanya Bulthuis
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: LeRoy Stegink
5:00p	Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
6:30p	CYG Bible Study in the Catacomb