



**April 16, 2023**

**“Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.” – Genesis 21:19**

**Eastertide**

**\* Please stand in body or in spirit**

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**Ten o'clock**

**April 16, 2023**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: Preludes on “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” [#184]

David Lowe, Michael Burkhardt, Healey Willan

“Rejoice, O Pure in Heart” [#353]

Arthur Messiter, arr. Duane

Funderburk

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Resound and Rejoice”

Jason W. Krug

\* Opening Hymns: “Come to Us, Beloved Stranger”

**#207:1-3**

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

**#206:1,3,5**

\* God’s Greeting

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**All: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave  
and crowned him Lord of all.**

**We confess that we have not bowed before him  
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.**

**We have gone along with the way of the world  
and failed to give him glory.**

**Forgive us and raise us from sin,**

**that we may be your faithful people,**

**obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Hymn of Assurance: “Give Thanks to God for All His Goodness” #196:1,2

\* Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 45

Leader: How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

**All: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death,  
so that he might make us share in the righteousness  
he obtained for us by his death.**

**Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.**

**Third, Christ’s resurrection is a sure pledge  
to us of our blessed resurrection.**

\* Song of Response: “He Is Lord” #227:1-4

(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.**

Anthem: “Easter Declaration”

Jason W. Krug

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: “This Joyful Eastertide” #202:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 21:8-21

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **SEEN AND HEARD**

Prayer of Application

**WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: “Lift High the Cross”

**#264:1,2,4,5**

\* Offertory Prayer for the Ministry Fund: Mark Sytsma

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “Lift High the Cross”

**#264:7**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.  
So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory!  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name. Amen.**

\* Postlude: “Lift High the Cross” [#264]

David Cherwien

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Preacher: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Allegro Ringers and Church Orchestra

Handbell Director: Stephanie Wiltse

Orchestra Director: Amy Netz

Scripture Reader: Kyle Heys

Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Brian Netz

**Calvin CRC Announcements for April 16, 2023**

**WORSHIP Today, 10 AM**

*Morning worship:* We resume our series from the book of Genesis, exploring the promise risked and the promise kept in the life of Isaac. Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from Genesis 21:8-21, and the Allegro Ringers and orchestra lead us in music.

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

## **WORSHIP Next Sunday, April 23**

*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Genesis 21:22-34, and the offering will be for House of Prayer.

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

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-Jongen is filling in. The office will be open Monday – Thursday, 9:00-3:00.

Pastoral Intern Kelsey Bruinwood is preaching at Third Christian Reformed Church in Kalamazoo this morning.

## **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**

**John VanLaar** (district 4) was hospitalized last week due to weakness and shortness of breath. He's gaining strength well in the hospital, so please pray that this trend continues. May God bring healing and strength to John.

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

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Join us for coffee, cookies and conversation tomorrow! We meet in the Atrium from 1-3pm. Our next meeting will be May 15.

**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 a variety of small toys and family board games that Campus School 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. We are looking forward to growing the spare change once again. Keep on dropping!

**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.

**SPRING FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** will be held at Calvin Church on Sunday, April 23, immediately following the congregational meeting. Members of all ages are invited to attend. A flyer with an RSVP is in your mailbox with more details.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** We will meet this Wednesday, April 19, at 2:30 PM in Room 1. We will be discussing chapter 5 from our study guide. Contact Pastoral Intern Kelsey (kbru207@calvinseminary.edu) with questions or if you would like a copy of the study guide.

**FAMILY ASSISTANCE** has served a record number of people each month of 2023, and we have a need for new or gently used wash cloths and bath towels (hand towels are not needed). Thank you for thinking of us!

**Gardeners and Flower Lovers:** Spring has sprung, and you no doubt will be purchasing plants and supplies in the coming weeks. This year, use TRIP if you patronize Ludemas, Huizenga Brothers, Flowerland, or any of the many other retailers in town. Let Donna know what you need, and she can probably have it by Wednesday.

**BLANKET EXERCISE**, Friday, April 28, (4 - 6 PM) at Calvin Church. The Blanket Exercise is a great opportunity for participants to 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. Registration is free for Calvin Church members.

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.

**CREATION CARE:** Earth Day is coming up on Saturday, April 22! How are you going to celebrate God’s creation of our planet? Billions of people around the globe pause to care for the planet on this day. We have special reason to do so because we are followers of the God who created it. You will find 8 celebratory suggestions in your mailboxes.

## CALENDAR

	<i><b>Today, Sunday, April 16</b></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
	<i><b>Monday, April 17</b></i>
1:00p	Fellowship Hour in the Atrium
6:30p	Sacred Grounds meets in the Atrium
	<i><b>Tuesday, April 18</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i><b>Wednesday, April 19</b></i>
2:30p	Women’s Bible Study in Room 1
6:00p	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Bell Room
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i><b>Thursday, April 20</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i><b>Next Sunday, April 23</b></i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Gwen Hendrikse
	Nursery Volunteers: Dale Rosema, Abi Lizewski
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Julie DeKoster
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## **Growing in Discipleship ... ...Transformed for Ministry**

### **Welcome to Calvin Church**

#### *In Worship:*

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- The prayer of confession is from The Worship Sourcebook.
- Reprint and streaming licenses are One License A-730126, CCLI#2532147, and CSPL#175060.
- Our Easter banner represents our joy in our Lord's resurrection. The purple conveys the reality of Christ's royalty; the blackness, symbolic of his death, moves from the outside easing into light, symbolizing life out of death. It is a promise fulfilled, giving us reason for hope in the truth of eternal life.
- 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: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Monday—Thursday  
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