



**May 7, 2023**

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday  
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon  
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**“They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.” - Hebrews 11:13-14**

**Eastertide**

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**Ten o'clock**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: Four Preludes on “All Creatures of Our God and King” [#551]  
David N. Johnson; Rudolf Moser; Bernard Reichel; Gerald Kemner

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “My Lord, What a Morning” arr. Jason Krug

\* Opening Hymns: “All Creatures of Our God and King” #551:1-4  
“Come, All You People” #496:1-3

\* God’s Greeting

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, hear our prayer:

for the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;  
for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;  
for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;  
for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us.

**All: We pray for the courage to admit our fault,  
the strength to amend our actions,  
and the hope that your grace awaits us.  
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: “Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer” #660:1-2

Assurance of Pardon

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed front cover of hymnal

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

**#961**

## **GOD PROVIDES SERVANT-LEADERS FOR HIS CHURCH**

Words of thanks to retiring Elders, Deacons, and continuing Care Coordinators

Obligations and Vows

Charge to the Elders, Deacons, and Congregation

Prayer of Thanks and Dedication

(The children are invited forward before this prayer  
and will be dismissed before the anthem.)

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.**

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Anthem: “Wellspring of Life”

Jason Krug

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: “Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

**#754:1-4**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 23

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **FINAL RESTING PLACE**

Prayer of Application

## **WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: “You Are Our God; We Are Your People”

**#35:1-4**

\* Offertory Prayer for Benevolence: Cindy Lanning Burch

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “All Creatures of Our God and King”

**#551:6**

**Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,  
alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Sprit, Three in One:**

**O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Amen.**

\* Postlude: “I Will Sing My Maker’s Praises”

Ernst Pepping

Liturgist: Pastoral Intern Kelsey Bruinwood

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Allegro Ringers

Handbell Director: Stephanie Wiltse

Scripture Reader: Lisa Meyer

Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Brian Netz

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for May 7, 2023**

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

*Morning worship:* We install Elders and Deacons for a term of service. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys continues our series on Isaac, preaching from Genesis 23, and the Allegro Ringers lead us in ministry of music. This is their final Sunday leading us this season, and we thank them for generously using their gifts this year!

*Evening worship:* We will not meet for our usual first Sunday of the month prayer and singing in the Fellowship Hall. Instead, you are encouraged to worship God at the memorial service for Corrine Kass, which will be at 4:00 PM today at Calvin Church.

### **WORSHIP Next Sunday, May 14**

*Morning worship:* Rev. Brad Zwiers will conclude our series on Isaac with a sermon from Genesis 24. The Sanctuary Choir will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for Mission Outreach.

**Staff Notes:** Pastor Brad is on vacation through May 8.

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

Today, we install our new Council members. Deacons: Cindy Brink, Marissa Dierlam, and Mike TerBeek. Elders: Dan Bode, Philip DeJonge, Rick Feenstra, Roger Konyndyk, and Trudi Huizenga. We thank our retiring members: Mike Cok, Julie DeKoster, Lori Feenstra, Mark Hoekstra, Art Jongsma, Bruce Tiejema, and Kim Wierenga.

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

**FAMILY ASSISTANCE:** Our congregation and community would like to give a heartfelt thanks to Linda Fridsma for the time, dedication, and love that she has poured into the ministry of Family Assistance as the co-director over the past 5 years. Linda's commitment to Family Assistance has been absolutely essential for the flourishing of this beloved ministry of Calvin Church. In her time as co-director, Linda has often been the face of Family Assistance to our community; her warmth, know-how, and presence will be deeply missed. Thank you, Linda!

My family and I wish to thank all who expressed their concern, sympathy, and prayers in the recent illness and loss of Ruth. We are also thankful for her example of patience and tolerance. We especially thank those who participated in the funeral service and served food afterward.

*Ken Lobbes*

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

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** We will meet this Wednesday, May 3, at 2:30 PM in Room 1. We will be discussing chapter 9 from our study guide. Contact Pastoral Intern Kelsey (kbru207@calvinseminary.edu) with questions or if you would like a copy of the study guide.

**DISPLAY CASE:** In the front display case we have textiles, wood carvings, and a brass coffee set collected by Bert and Sally DeVries in Jordan.

**GALLERY WALL:** Check out the exciting plans for the northwest yard, which will be our Sacred Grounds garden, and the patio renovation scheduled for this year.

**SPRING GARDENING AND CLEAN-UP:** Grab your gardening gloves and spades and join us on Wednesday, May 10, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM to spruce up the church grounds. We will do light weeding, pruning, and perhaps some planting. Not a gardener? That's okay; join us and we'll show you what to do.

**RACE RELATIONS WORKSHOP:** Looking for a way to understand the complex reality of racism in the US? You can begin or continue your learning at the next Race Relations Workshop at Calvin CRC on May 18–19. The "Racism: Looking Back; Moving Forward" workshop will help us examine the reasons and motivations for creating, reinforcing, and maintaining laws and acts that lead to division and segregation. This workshop is free for Calvin Church members.

More information at: <https://network.crcna.org/topic/justice-inclusion/racial-reconciliation/us-anti-racism-workshop-racism-looking-back-moving>

Register at: <https://crcna.regfox.com/racism-looking-back-moving-forward-may-18-2023>

**TUITION SUPPORT FORMS** for the 2023-24 school year were due last week. If you have a late form or questions about the K-12 Christian education tuition support program, please talk to Lisa TerBeek today!

**LETTER ADVOCACY:** Your Community Care and Social Justice Committee is seeking your support! Our church community is a member of Together West Michigan (TWM), an interdenominational organization focusing on listening to neighbors and supporting their efforts to address issues of great concern to the neighborhood. Access to mental health services for the uninsured and underinsured has been identified as a major concern.

To address this concern, we are asking you to sign a letter requesting state legislators to support the dedication of five million dollars in the next state budget for graduate-level scholarships to persons going into the mental health field with the requirement that they serve a minimum of two years in the public health sector.

Information and signing tables will be available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall following the service. Karl Van Harn, a chaplain at Pine Rest and TWM member, will be available to answer questions.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Calvin is a support partner for Grace Episcopal Church during their week of hosting families participating in IHN/Family Promise program during their period of homelessness. We need volunteers to engage with families in activities on Saturday, June 10, between the hours of 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Usually, we have two-person teams that serve for a 2- or 3-hour shift. If you can help, please contact Don Trap.

**CREATION CARE:** The Eco Preserve of Calvin University is holding their native plant sale Saturday, May 13, from 10 AM to 4 PM. You can find information about the available plants and the sale at their website:

<https://calvin.edu/ecosystem-preserve/programs-events/native-plant-sale/>. If you are looking for native plants and/or would like to learn more about them, the website and the sale are two great places to do that.

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Help Wanted:** Dynamic Youth Ministries is looking for someone to clean our office once a week. Light cleaning with a flexible schedule at our new office located near the airport. Call for more information: 616-241-5616.

The **Access Walk for Good Food** will be held May 7-17. The goal is to raise \$90,000 to support 9 community organizations working to create a good food system for all. There will be an in-person kickoff event at Mulick Park on May 7,

from 2–4 PM, as well as an option to walk in your own neighborhood through May 17. There are many ways to participate: form a walk team, raise funds, volunteer, and promote the walk to others. You can find more information at [accessofwestmichigan.org/walk](http://accessofwestmichigan.org/walk).

**Classis GR East** is a founding member of Together West Michigan, formerly The Micah Center. On May 20, from 10-11:30 AM, we are presenting key policy proposals to our city and county leadership. We need 100 CRC members to show up and demonstrate that we care about the policy issues we have been working on together for a year now. We want our voice to be heard to fund the childcare millage, funding for low-income housing, resources for mental health, just to name a few. Register at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftEumQQts0-ql68ooibXH0dm2r33hBkPEZ-wuol-ZhrQMtQw/viewform> and invite others! For questions, email Andy Ryskamp at [andrewryskamp78@gmail.com](mailto:andrewryskamp78@gmail.com)

#### *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.
- 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/UCCblmHBbe8AlzEyQxUM1VjA>

# CALENDAR

	<i><b>Today, Sunday, May 7</b></i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Cindy Brink
	Nursery Volunteers: Kyle Heys, Aubrey Visker
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Jan Wilkins
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Faber
	Coffee Servers: Don and Karen Trap
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: Suzi Steketee
4:00p	Corrine Kass funeral
6:30p	CYG Bible Study
	<i><b>Monday, May 8</b></i>
6:00p	Benevolence Sponsored Financial Class
	<i><b>Tuesday, May 9</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
7:00p	Council transition
	<i><b>Wednesday, May 10</b></i>
2:30p	Women's Bible Study in Room 1
6:30p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
7:00p	78ers
	<i><b>Thursday, May 11</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i><b>Friday, May 12</b></i>
	Wedding Rental
	<i><b>Next Sunday, May 14</b></i>
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