



**FROM ONE GENERATION  
TO THE NEXT  
GENESIS 24**

**May 14, 2023**

**“Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master  
Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love  
and his faithfulness toward my master.”  
Genesis 24:27**

**Eastertide**

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Kelsey Bruinwood and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Choir Director: Amy Netz

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Donna Houskamp

Audio/Video: Sarah Frisch, Steve Triezenberg

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**Ten o'clock**

**May 14, 2023**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Let All Things Now Living” [#5]

George Lachenauer; David Cherwien; Wayne L. Wold

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “O Come, Let Us Worship”

Text: Psalm 95:6-7

Music: Richard Shephard

Oh come, let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For this is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture,  
and the sheep of God's hand.

\* Opening Hymns: “Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace”

**#7:1,2,4**

“Let All Things Now Living”

**#5:1-2**

\* God's Greeting

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Through the blood of Christ Jesus, our Lord,  
we have redemption, forgiveness of sins.  
The riches of God's grace have been poured out upon us.

**All: Praise be to our God,**

Leader: who has chosen and made us his own.

**All: Praise be to our God,**

Leader: who forgives and cleanses us.

**All: Praise be to our God,**

Leader: who blesses us beyond our imagination!

\* Hymn of Assurance: "Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine"

**#363:1-3**

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

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

**#961**

**GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Words of Gratitude and Blessing to Pastoral Intern Kelsey Bruinwood

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: "Let the People Praise Thee"

Text: Psalm 67  
Music: Walter Pelz

Let all the people praise thee, O God,  
O let the nations be glad and sing for joy;  
for thou shalt judge the people righteously,  
and govern the nations upon earth.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us,  
and cause his face to shine upon us,  
that thy way may be known upon the earth,  
thy saving health among all nations.

Then shall the earth yield her increase,  
and God, even our own God, shall bless us.  
God shall bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Let all the people praise thee, O God!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession followed by 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: "I Will Be Your God"

**#40:1-3**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 24:1-21; 61-67

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Sermon: **LOVE THAT IS SHOWN**

Prayer of Application

### **WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: "Be Thou My Vision"

**#859:1-4**

Moment for Missions: Tara Cahill of Community Cloud Forest Conservation

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**#964**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen, amen.**

\* Postlude: "Toccata and Fugue in C"

Johann Ferdinand Norbert Seger

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for May 14, 2023**

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

*Morning worship:* Rev. Brad Zwiers concludes our series on Isaac with a sermon from Genesis 24. The Sanctuary Choir leads us in ministry of music.

## **WORSHIP Next Sunday, May 21, 10 AM and 5 PM**

*Morning worship:* On this Sunday after Ascension Day, Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Ephesians 1:15-23. We will celebrate the sacrament of baptism for Veda Bode Davidson, daughter of Amanda Bode and Mike Davidson. We will present Bibles to our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students, who are completing their time in Worship Center, and the offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

*Evening worship:* We will welcome seminarian Rachel de Jong to bring us God's Word, and we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

**Sally DeVries** (District 6) had a fall and fractured her hip. She had partial hip replacement surgery this past Wednesday. Pray for a smooth recovery for Sally.

On Monday, May 8, **Jim Fridsma** (District 4) had surgery to remove excess eyelid tissue in order to improve his vision. He is healing well, but recovery is slow. In order to have this surgery and a couple of other procedures in the past few weeks, Jim also had to suspend his headache medications and is having severe headaches. Next week he will have to begin again the process of determining the correct dosage for him. Please pray for continued healing and endurance.

**Marian Beltman** (District 3) has recently entered into hospice care. Marian remains strong and healthy, but please pray for continued strength in this season.

**Lois Posthuma** (District 1) has returned home after her hospitalization last week. Thanks be to God! Please pray for healing and strength as she recovers at home.

To Calvin CRC Church with a big heart. We, the Board of Directors of House of Prayer, would like to extend our thanks and gratitude for all the beautiful donations that were very much needed and the monetary gift as well. May God continue to shower his blessing upon you and your families.

*Sincerely, Evangelist Laura Ewing-Schmus*

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

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Join us for coffee, cookies, and conversation tomorrow in the Atrium from 1-3 PM. Our next meeting will be June 19.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR:** We are seeking qualified candidates to fill our newly created Children's Ministry Coordinator position. In this 10-hour per week position, the Children's Ministry Coordinator will foster an atmosphere of welcome for our youngest members (newborn through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) as well as oversee and coordinate children's ministries. To learn more about the position and see the full job description, visit the Calvin Church website. Please email your cover letter and resume to Suzi Steketee, Chair of the Education Committee (sjstek3@gmail.com) by June 5, 2023.

**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.

**The Community Engagement Discovery Team (CEDT)** invites you to be on your feet, praying for our neighbors. All are welcome for a neighborhood walk on Thursday, May 18, at 10 AM. We'll meet at church and walk for a few blocks around the neighborhood. We'll talk as we walk, and we may stop and pray together as the Spirit leads us. We're committed to prayer and to growing in love for our community together.

**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.

**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 616-916-7867, [kdtrap@comcast.net](mailto:kdtrap@comcast.net).

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT**

**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> For questions, email Andy Ryskamp at [andrewryskamp78@gmail.com](mailto:andrewryskamp78@gmail.com)

	<i><b>Today, Sunday, May 14</b></i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Julie DeKoster
	Nursery Volunteers: Leanne Hendrikse, Lydia Visker
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Lori Feenstra
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Beth Schoone-Jongen
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Marlene Vanderhill
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Bruce Van Oss
	<i><b>Monday, May 15</b></i>
1:00p	Fellowship Hour in the Atrium
6:00p	Benevolence Financial Class in the Atrium
	<i><b>Tuesday, May 16</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	Council meets in the Atrium
	<i><b>Thursday, May 18</b></i>
8:00a	Racism Workshop
9:00a	Family Assistance
10:00a	Neighborhood Prayer Walk
	<i><b>Friday, May 19</b></i>
8:00a	Racism Workshop
	<i><b>Saturday, May 20</b></i>
9:00a	Rental in Room 1
	<i><b>Next Sunday, May 21</b></i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Donna Houskamp
	Nursery Volunteers: Kathy Cok, Hazel Nunn
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Amy Netz
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Suzi Steketee
	Coffee Servers: Bob and Beth Schoone-Jongen
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: Tom Hendrikse
1:30p	St. Luke Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
6:30p	CYG Year-end Party



## **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 Assurance of Pardon is from *The Worship Sourcebook*.
- The 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: [youtube.com/@calvincrc/streams](http://youtube.com/@calvincrc/streams)

Church office hours: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday  
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