

I KEEP ASKING THAT  
THE GOD OF OUR  
LORD JESUS CHRIST,

*the glorious Father,*  
MAY GIVE YOU THE

*Spirit*  
*of wisdom*  
*and revelation,*

SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW HIM BETTER.

I PRAY ALSO THAT THE

*eyes of your heart*  
*may be*  
*enlightened*

IN ORDER THAT  
YOU MAY KNOW

*the hope*  
TO WHICH HE  
HAS CALLED YOU,  
*the riches*

OF HIS GLORIOUS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS,  
AND HIS INCOMPARABLY

*great power*  
FOR US WHO  
*believe.*

Ephesians 1:17-19 NIV

May 21, 2023

# **“God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.” - Ephesians 1:20**

**Sunday after the Ascension**

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**Ten o'clock**

**May 21, 2023**

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## **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: Partita on “Jesus Shall Reign” [#219]

Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” [#224]

Text: Charles Wesley

Music: John Darwall, arr. Jonathan Wilcocks

\* Opening Hymns: “God Is Here”  
“Jesus Shall Reign”

**#246:1-4**  
**#219:1-3, 5**

\* God’s Greeting

## **GOD WELCOMES US IN BAPTISM**

The Sacrament of Baptism

God’s Invitation and Promises

Response of Faith

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

front cover of the hymnal

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

**#961**

(Children may come forward during this hymn.)

Baptism of Veda Bode-Davidson

Congregational Pledge

Baptismal Hymn: “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

**#20:1-4**

# GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Word of Thanks to Youth and Children's Ministry Leaders

Presentation of Bibles to Second Grade 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

Anthem: "May I Love You, Lord"

Text: Richard Leach

Music: Roy Hopp

May I love you, Lord, with all my heart;  
may I claim you as the center of my life.  
Loving you, I am whole; heart and mind, strength and soul.  
May I love you, Lord, with all of my heart.

May I love you, Lord, with all my soul;  
thanking you for giving me the breath of life.  
When my soul is on fire, when I cool and I tire:  
may I love you, Lord, with all of my soul.

May I love you, Lord, with all my mind;  
not content to cling to childish words and ways.  
When we love what is true, we are led home to you.  
May I love you, Lord, with all my mind.

May I love you, Lord, with all my strength;  
strength to serve all those you call me to serve:  
those I meet every day, those who seem far away;  
may I love you Lord, with all of my strength.

May I love you, Lord, heart and mind, strength and soul.  
May I love you, Lord.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23

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Sermon: **GIFTS AND POWER**

Prayer of Application

**WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**#223: 1-4**

\* Offertory Prayer for the Ministry Fund: Graham Rayburn

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

**#946:1-2**

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.**

**In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.**

**Go, my children, with my blessing; you are my own.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him,  
saw his glory.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Amen.**

\* Postlude: “Two Short Preludes in C”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Pianist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Steve Triezenberg

Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Sarah Frisch

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for May 21, 2023**

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

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

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

### **WORSHIP Next Sunday, May 28, Pentecost**

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*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from 1 Corinthians 12:1-13, and Kurt and Dorothy Frisch will lead us in ministry of music. The offering will be for Community Care.

### **COUNCIL NEWS**

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In our continued discernment as leaders about how best to welcome LGBTQ+ people into the life of Calvin Church, the Council has developed a document called "Loving and Learning Together." This document does not represent a policy of Calvin Church, but a posture to encourage dialogue as a congregation. You will find a letter explaining more and the document itself in your church mailbox. If you need a copy mailed to you, please contact the church office.

### **CHURCH FAMILY**

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The floral arrangement today is in thankful recognition of Harvey Kieover's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. His family is inviting the congregation to celebrate God's goodness in his life as you enjoy a piece of cake with them in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

**Helen Bode** (district 5) fell in her home Tuesday afternoon. She sustained a serious head injury and passed away Tuesday evening, surrounded by her loving family. Please pray earnestly for **Dan and Judy Bode** (district 8), and for all of Helen's family and friends. Upon hearing this tragic news, we cling to our Lord who calls us his own in life and in death. We will share information about funeral arrangements as they are available.

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

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**THANK YOU:** A huge thank you to all of the volunteers in our youth and education ministries at Calvin Church. It's hard to comprehend the amount of time spent by volunteers who serve this community of God's people, especially when life seems busier than ever. Please know the blessing you are to the people you serve in God's name. Thank you!

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

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**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, or pass the word on to anyone you think may be interested in this position.

**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.

# CALENDAR

	<i><b>Today, 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
	<i><b>Monday, May 22</b></i>
6:00p	Benevolence Financial Class in the Atrium
7:00p	Zuni Ambassadors meeting in Room 16
	<i><b>Tuesday, May 23</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
4:00p	Community Care-Social Justice committee meeting at Family Assistance
	<i><b>Thursday, May 25</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
10:00a	Quilting Bee in Room 1
	<i><b>Next Sunday, May 28</b></i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Tom Prince
	Nursery Volunteers: Cindy Lanning Burch, Hannah Triezenberg
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Barb Hoekwater
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Julie DeKoster
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Gwen Overbeek



## **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 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)

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