

HOPE



does not put us to shame,
because God's love has
been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who
has been given to us.

Romans 5:5

June 18, 2023

“But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:8

Ordinary Time

Ten o'clock

June 18, 2023

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Variations on “Hallelujah, Hallelujah” (Psalm 117)

Michael Bedford; Robert Lind

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “God, You Call Us to This Place” [#531] Text: Delores Dufner
Music: Jakob Hintze

* Opening Hymns: “I Love Your Church, O Lord”
“We Are Your People”

#247:1-3

#248:1-4

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.

**All: Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

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

* Song of Response: "Glory Be to the Father" #961
(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: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Text: Civilla D. Martin

Music: Hal H. Hopson

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home,
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he;

Refrain

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see;

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free;

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: “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

#369:1,3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-11

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **LIVING LOVED**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Father, Long Before Creation”

#687:1-4

* Offertory Prayer for the Ministry Fund: Gwen Overbeek

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

#965

**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.**

* Postlude: “Toccata”

Matthias Weckmann

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Ministry of Music: Rachel Quillian

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Scripture Reader: Kyle Heys

Audio/Video: Brian Netz

Calvin CRC Announcements for June 18, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Romans 5:1-11, and we welcome Rachel Quillian to lead us in ministry of music.

Evening worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from Exodus 19:1-9, and we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, June 25

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Matthew 10:26-39. Kathleen Pool will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for Community Care.

Staff notes: Pastor Rebecca will be on vacation June 19-July 3.

CHURCH FAMILY

Marian Beltman (district 3) passed away on Monday, June 12. Together with her family and friends, we mourn her death and celebrate her life in the hope of Christ's resurrection. A visitation was held at Calvin Church on Thursday, June 15. A memorial service is planned for July.

Sally deVries (district 6) tested positive for Covid-19 on Friday, June 9, with mild symptoms and was isolated in her room. While isolated, she fell again and dislocated her hip in the process. It was her right hip, the one most recently replaced. Sally was taken to Blodgett, where doctors had to surgically manipulate the hip back into place. The surgery went well, and Sally is now recovering at Raybrook rehabilitation. Please pray fervently for Sally's recovery, and for her family as they care for her.

On behalf of **Dan & Judy Bode** and the extended family, we would like to thank the staff and members of Calvin Church for your outpouring of love and concern following Helen's sudden recent death. Your prayers and cards and words of kindness have blessed each of us.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: From June 19-August 24 the church office will be open Monday-Thursday, 8AM-3PM.

GALLERY ART: Enjoy the new exhibit of MaryLou Wilkins' watercolor paintings. Dragonflies, butterflies, and waterlilies are some of her favorite things to paint.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE: Calvin Church is looking for a new director or co-directors for the Family Assistance program. Due to the retirement of current co-director Linda Fridsma and a new full-time job for co-director Rachel Rayburn, the program needs new leadership to keep this vital ministry running. Applicants should have a heart for the ministry and the people it serves. Applicants should possess good people, communication, and organizational skills and should be proficient in Word and Excel. The position includes a stipend. Interested individuals are asked to contact Elder Dan Bode (616) 318-2058 or email dan@thearchitecturalgroup.com. Interested individuals should contact Dan by June 30, 2023.

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC: Please join us in celebrating community with our neighbors on Wednesday, July 12, from 5:00 to 7:30 PM, rain or shine. There will be something for everyone, all free and all fun: a picnic dinner, live music, door prizes, community helpers with their cool vehicles, and picture books for every child. Check your mailboxes for registration, more information, and ways you can donate and volunteer. Hope to see you there!

SCRIPTURE READERS: Would you like to contribute to the worship life of Calvin Church by reading Scripture during Sunday morning worship? We are putting together the next reader schedule and would love to add some more voices to the rotation. Contact Kim or Pastor Rebecca if you are willing. All ages are welcome.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Join us for coffee, cookies, puzzles, games, and conversation June 19 in the Atrium from 1-3 PM. Our next meeting is August 21.

HOLLYHOCK LANE PARADE: Show support for our Calvin Church neighborhood by joining our group participating in the Hollyhock Lane parade! It's on Tuesday, July 4, at 8:30 AM. Bob Houskamp's '56 Chevy and Sufi Stoner's red Volkswagen will be the "float," and you can participate by donating candy in the box in the Atrium, or by walking/biking/rolling in the parade. On July 4, you're welcome to gather for coffee and pastries at 939 Giddings at 7:30 AM or meet us by the cars at Calvin and Alexander at 8:00 AM.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, June 18</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Merri Ezinga
	Nursery Volunteers: Dwight Baker, Jenna Buist
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Kathy Cok
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Wanda Sytsma
11:30a	Worship Committee meets in the Lounge
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Bruce Van Oss
5:00p	Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
	<i>Monday, June 19</i>
1:00p	Fellowship Hour in the Atrium
	<i>Tuesday, June 20</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Thursday, June 22</i>
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10:00a	Quilting Bee in Room 1
	<i>Next Sunday, June 25</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Corrin Meyer
	Nursery Volunteers: Cindy Brink, Allory Netz
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Sue Keegstra
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Karen Bordewyk
	Coffee Servers: Rick and Lori Feenstra
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	Calvin host for St. Luke: Mark Sytsma



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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.
- Our Ordinary Time Banner represents how our faith is fed by streams of living water, rooted on the everlasting rock of God's love, preparing us to branch out in service for his kingdom.
- Large-print resources are available at the Information Desk.
- Our facility is equipped with the Loop hearing system.



For Children:

- Infant and toddler nurseries are available.
- 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
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel: youtube.com/@calvincrc/streams

Summer Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Monday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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