



July 9, 2023

**"Come to me, all you that are weary and are
carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28**

Ordinary Time

Ten o'clock

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Prelude: "Two Prayers"

Craig Phillips; Leon Boëllmann

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: "Be Thou My Vision" [#859]

Text: Eleanor H. Hull, Mary
E.Byrne
Music: Russell Mauldin

* Opening Hymns: "To God Be the Glory"
"O Sing to the Lord"

#604:1-3
#493:1-3

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Almighty God,

There are many times we think we love you well.
But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart,
all our mind, and all our strength,
we confess that our love for you is a diluted love,
made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart.
Our love seems pure only for brief moments;
soon our affections are drawn away.
How easily our devotion dies.

All: Forgive us, O God.

**In deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you;
in grace rekindle our love for you
in seeking anew Jesus' love for us. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: "Spirit of the Living God"

#749:1-2

* Assurance of Pardon

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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* 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?

Congregation: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

Congregation: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Anthem: "The Story I'll Tell"

Alton Eugene, Benji Coward, Naomi Raine

The hour is dark and it's hard to see what you are doin'
here in the ruins and where this will lead.

Oh, but I know that down through the years I'll look on this moment
and see your hand on it and know you were here.

And I'll testify of the battles you've won, how you were my portion
when there wasn't enough, and I'll testify of the seas that we've crossed,
the waters you parted, the waves that I've walked.

Chorus

Singing oh oh oh my God did not fail, oh oh oh it's the story I'll tell

Singing oh oh oh I know it is well, oh oh oh it's the story I'll tell

Believing gets hard when options are few
when I can't see what you're doin' I know that you're provin'
you're the God who comes through. Oh, but I know that over the years
I'll look back on this moment and see your hand on it
and know you were here.

All that is left is highest praises, so sing hallelujah to the Rock of Ages.

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: “Seek Ye First”

#899:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mathew 11:25-30

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **THE LOAD IS LIGHT**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”

#690:1-3

* Offertory Prayer for Missions: Ron Rozema

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Praise and Thanksgiving”

#873:1, 3

**Praise and thanksgiving let everyone bring,
unto our Father for every good thing.
All together, joyfully sing!**

**May we go out from here sharing God’s love.
Help us in coming days our faith to prove.
All together, joyfully sing!
Amen.**

* Postlude: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” [#575]

Max Reger;
David Cherwien

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers
Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Organist: Kenneth Bos
Ministry of Music: Kendra Gontjes
Scripture Reader: Lisa Meyer
Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Steve Triezenberg

Calvin CRC Announcements for July 9, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Matthew 11:25-30, and we welcome Kendra Gontjes to lead us in ministry of music.

Evening worship: We gather in the Fellowship Hall for a service of singing and prayer. This informal time together includes song requests and prayer requests from the congregation.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, July 16, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Romans 8:1-11, and we will welcome Bill Bokhout to lead us in ministry of music. The offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

Evening worship: We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

SUMMER CHOIR IS COMING! Singers of all ages are welcome to be a part of this once-a-year event on Sunday, July 30. The choir will meet in the balcony at 9:00 to prepare two pieces for the 10:00 service that day. It would be wonderful to fill the balcony with singers for this service.

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 and help us out by adding your name to the laminated donation board in the Atrium if you are able. If you choose to contribute a food or drink donation, please put your donation(s) on the table just outside the kitchen door or in the refrigerator and label it PICNIC. Remember to turn in your registration form by today. Thank you and see you there!

REVISED DATE FOR CHURCH LUNCHEON: Please note that there will not be a Calvin Church potluck picnic on Sunday, July 23, as previously announced. This gathering has been changed to a Fall Kickoff Event, immediately following the morning service on Sunday, September 10. More details will follow in August. Mark your calendars now and save the date!

GALLERY ART: Enjoy the 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.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT

Classis Grand Rapids East seeks a Treasurer for a two-year renewable term. The position receives an honorarium and is an excellent opportunity to support the regional work of the church in a part-time capacity. If you are interested or know of someone to recommend, please contact Bob Arbogast at classisgre.clerk@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, July 9</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Kyle Heys
	Nursery Volunteers: Tamara Baker, Lucy Molenbeek
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Christine Coulter
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Tamara Baker
	Coffee Servers: Paul and Tanya Bulthuis
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Ed Tolsma
	<i>Tuesday, July 11</i>
	Family Assistance closed
	<i>Wednesday, July 12</i>
5:00-7:30p	Neighborhood Picnic
	<i>Thursday, July 13</i>
	Family Assistance closed
10:00a	Quilting Bee in Room 1
	<i>Next Sunday, July 16</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Mike TerBeek
	Nursery Volunteers: Dale Rosema, Lydia Tolsma
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Kathy Van Oss
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Alphenaar
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Wanda 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

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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