



**July 16, 2023**

# **“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” -Romans 8:1**

## **Ordinary Time**

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys  
Preacher: Rev. Brad Zwiers  
Organist: Kenneth Bos  
Ministry of Music: Bill Bokhout  
Scripture Reader: Steve Triezenberg  
Audio/Video: Brian Netz, Sarah Frisch

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**Ten o'clock**

**July 16, 2023**

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## **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: Variations on “Open Now Your Gates of Beauty” Austin C. Lovelace;  
Jan Bender; Jacob B. Weber

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Open Now Your Gates of Beauty”

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, trans. Catherine Winkworth

Music: Joachim Neander

Open now your gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty  
waits for him who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
filled with solace, light, and grace!

Speak, O God, and I will hear you,  
let your will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near you  
while you will your people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows,  
here is balm for all our woes.

\* Opening Hymns: “God’s Glory Fills the Heavens”  
“Jesus Christ Is with Us”

**#719:1-3**  
**#600:1,3,4**

\* God’s Greeting

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God, we bow before you and confess  
that like foolish children we have rebelled against you  
and our own true home.**

**We have wandered far away,  
seeking gratification for our desires.**

**We have wasted your good gifts in self-indulgent living.**

**We have sought sustenance amidst alien places.**

**Forgive us: cleanse us, that by your forgiving love  
we are able to find the way back to our true home.**

**Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

**#615:1,3**

\* 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?

**All: The Lord be with you.**

Children: And also with you.

**All: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

Anthem: “Shall We Gather at the River”

Text: Robert Lowry

Music: arr. Shawn E. Okpebholo

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

At the smiling of the river, mirror of the Savior’s face,  
saints, whom death will never sever, lift their songs of saving grace.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

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: "Ancient Words"

**#762:1-2**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1-11

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT**

Prayer of Application

## **WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

\* Hymn of Response: "Ahead of Us, a Race to Run"

**#870:1-2**

\* Offertory Prayer for Ministry Fund: Graham Rayburn

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"

**#938**

**My friends, may you grow in grace  
and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.**

**My friends, may you grow in grace  
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.**

**To God be the glory, now and forever,  
now and forever, amen.**

**To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.**

\* Postlude: "Praeludium in D"

Josef Seger

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for July 16, 2023**

### **WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM**

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*Morning worship:* Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from Romans 8:1-11, and we welcome Bill Bokhout to lead us in ministry of music.

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

### **WORSHIP Next Sunday, July 23, 10 AM**

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*Morning worship:* Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Romans 8:18-25, and we will welcome Kathryn Becksvoort to lead us in ministry of music. The offering will be for Community Care.

**Staff notes:** Pastor Kelly will be on vacation July 15-23.

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

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**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.

**FAMILY ASSISTANCE UPDATE:** Normally summer is a slower time for Family Assistance, but not this year. This June we provided clothing for 365 people, more than double the number of people served (173) in June 2022.

Even though Family Assistance was closed for orders during the first two weeks of July, more than twenty of our faithful volunteers came in to help sort, size, and shelve the backlog of donated clothing that had accumulated. New 2 You thrift store is one of our partners. Each week we receive two shipments of clothes from them; these are surplus or overstocked items that New 2 You cannot use.

Looking for a way to help? Our current need is for new or used boys shoes in sizes 10, 11, 12, 13, and 1.

**FAMILY ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR:** 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](mailto:dan@thearchitecturalgroup.com).

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

**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!

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**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](mailto:classisgre.clerk@gmail.com).

The Calvinist Cadet Corps is hosting its **9th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot**. The event will be held on Saturday, August 19, at the Blendon Pines Gun Club in Zeeland, Michigan. For more information, call the Corps office at 616-241-5616 ext. 1, or check out the Cadet website under the “Events” tab. Everyone is welcome. Registration forms are available on our website: [www.calvinistcadets.org](http://www.calvinistcadets.org). Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM. Join us for a fun-filled day. If you can’t make it out for the event, but still want to be involved, sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information on giving, contact Kim at the Corps office number listed above, or find information on our website on the event page.

# CALENDAR

	<i><b>Today, Sunday, July 16</b></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
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Donna Houskamp
5:00p	Worship in the Fellowship Hall
	<i><b>Tuesday, July 18</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	Deacons meet in the Atrium
7:00p	Council meets in the Atrium
	<i><b>Thursday, July 20</b></i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i><b>Saturday, July 22</b></i>
9:00a	Rental in Room 1
	<i><b>Next Sunday, July 23</b></i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Gary Burghgraef
	Nursery Volunteers: Merri Ezinga, Molly Netz
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Sue Keegstra
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Mary Brummel
	Coffee Servers: Don and Karen Trap
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Graham Rayburn



## **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 Prayer of Confession is from *A New Manual of Worship: New Edition*, by John E. Skoglund and Nancy E. Hall, Judson Press, 1993.
- 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](http://www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch)
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel: [youtube.com/@calvincrc/streams](http://youtube.com/@calvincrc/streams)

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