



**FOR I RECKON
THAT THE SUFFERINGS
OF THIS TIME
PRESENT
ARE NOT
WORTHY
TO BE COMPARED
WITH THE GLORY WHICH
SHALL BE REVEALED IN US.**

ROMANS 8:18

July 23, 2023

“But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.” - Romans 8:25

Ordinary Time

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers
Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Organist: Dorothy Frisch
Ministry of Music: Kathryn Becksvoort
Scripture Reader: Irene Konyndyk
Audio/Video: Sarah Frisch, Steve Triezenberg

Ten o'clock

July 23, 2023

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine” [#363] arr. Michael Hassell
“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” arr. Michael Hassell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Glory and Praise to Our God” text and music: Daniel Schutte
Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

We, the daughters and sons of God who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done in every heart that sings.

* Opening Hymns: “Gather Us In” **#529:1,2,4**
“Come, Christians Join to Sing” **#599:1-3**

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Wondrous God,
who sets suns and moons above us,
mountains and valleys beneath us,
and friends and strangers among us:

how often have we tried to hide from your presence,
how seldom we have looked for your creating face
and your fashioning hand!

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Wonderous God,
who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother,
and being found in human form
made the ultimate disclosure of yourself
in the face of Jesus Christ: how often we have forgotten you,
how seldom have we really loved and followed you.

All: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Wondrous God,
who pours out freely the Holy Spirit:
how often have we ignored your promptings,
how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Hymn of Confession: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

#638:1-4

Assurance of Pardon

CYG Service-Learning Trip Commissioning

* 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: "Give Me Jesus"

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Mark Hayes

Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world; give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world; give me Jesus.

You may have all this world, with its troubles and cares,
for of this I am sure, give me Jesus.

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 Life Flows On in Endless Song"

#443:1,2,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Romans 8:18-25

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Sermon: **EAGER LONGING**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

#772:1-3

Offertory Prayer for Community Care: Cindy Lanning Burch

* Benediction

* Doxology: "To God Be the Glory"

#956

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,

To God be the glory for the things he has done!

With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me.

To God be the glory for the things he has done!

Amen.

* Postlude: "Carillon Fanfare"

Paul Bryan

Calvin CRC Announcements for July 23, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Romans 8:18-25, and we welcome Kathryn Becksvoort to lead us in ministry of music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, July 30, 10 AM

Morning worship: Rev. Lisa Meyer will preach from Psalm 23, and the summer choir will lead us in ministry of music. The offering will be for Family Assistance.

Staff notes: Pastor Rebecca will be on vacation July 24-31.

COUNCIL NEWS

Mid-Year Giving Statements: please contact the office if you would like to receive a copy of your mid-year giving statement.

CHURCH FAMILY

Stefanie Leet and Brian Rikkers joyfully invite you to attend their wedding ceremony on Wednesday, August 2 at 4:00 PM at Calvin Church.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

On Monday, July 24, Pastor Brad, Betsy Plowman, and six of our high school students will head to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for a weeklong service-learning trip. Pray that God might show up in powerful ways, and that the group might grow in their understanding of how God's Spirit is working in communities around the world. Please pray also for safe travel! The group will return home late in the evening on July 30.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

FABULOUS COMMUNITY PICNIC: Despite the rain we had a great turnout of neighbors and congregation members and received positive comments from everyone. The fellowship hall was busy with music, animal balloons, conversations, door prize winners, face painters, children, and lots of food. The countless number of conversations between everyone started relationships with our neighbors. Welcoming neighbors without an agenda was perfect and reflects an important Biblical principle. We are so thankful for all the volunteers, the door prizes, and the donations of food and cash. We couldn't have done it without each of you. As we discuss and plan future events, we invite you to join us to plan, serve, or volunteer. We would love to have you. Talk to Jan Wilkins, Joanie Rosema, or Jesslyn DeBoer if interested.

Next Sunday, July 30th, is the day for our **Annual Summer Choir**. Everyone is invited to sing as part of the choir that morning. Rehearsal is at 9:00 in the balcony, and we would love to have dozens of singers of all ages.

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.

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 today, 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

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. 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>Today, Sunday, July 23</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: Rick and Lori Feenstra
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Graham Rayburn
	<i>Tuesday, July 25</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Thursday, July 27</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
10:00a	Quilting in Room 1
	<i>Next Sunday, July 30</i>
9:00a	Summer Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Curt Overbeek
	Nursery Volunteers: Amy Netz, Cindy Brink
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Natalie Poortenga
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Kristy Ippel
	Coffee Servers: Don and Karen Trap
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Phil DeJonge



Growing in DiscipleshipTransformed 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.
- 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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