



**TAKE HEART;
IT IS I,**

**DO NOT BE
AFRAID**

MATTHEW 14:27

August 13, 2023

**“But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said,
‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’”
- Matthew 14:27**

Ordinary Time

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers
Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Organist: Bruce Klanderman
Ministry of Music: Stephanie Wiltse
Scripture Reader: Bob Houskamp
Audio/Video: Brian Netz, Steve Triezenberg

Ten o'clock

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” Carson Cooman
Partita on “Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten” was commissioned by Bruce Klanderman. Today, the prelude will include three of the four movements: *Ostinato marcato*, *Bicinium*, and *Guigue-Finale*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “O Sabbath Rest by Galilee” Text: John Greenleaf Whittier;
Music: REST; Frederick C. Maker
O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above!
There Jesus met you prayerfully: the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of your word, let us, like them,
by spirit stirred, rise up and followers be.

* Opening Hymns: “Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah”
“To the Hills I Lift My Eyes”

#518:1,3,4
#331:1-2

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
We put our trust in ourselves and our own power.

**All: God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn of Assurance: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

#352:1,4

* 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: "Save Me, O God"

Text from Psalm 69

Music setting by Eugene Butler

Save me, O God; for the waters have come in unto my soul.

I sink deep in mire where there is no standing:

I am come into deep waters where the floods o'erflow me.

I am weary of my crying: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.

Hear my Lord, for thou art good; turn unto me thy tender mercies.

Hide not thy face from thy servant! For I am poor and sorrowful:
let thy salvation set me upon high! I will praise thy name with a song!
And magnify thee with thanksgiving!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

**All: 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: "I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew" **#685:1-3**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **FEAR AND FAITH**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" **#407:1-3**

* Offertory Prayer for Mission Outreach: Donna Houskamp

* Benediction

* Doxology: "Go to the World" **#925:1,4**

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of your rebirth. Alleluia!**

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen." Alleluia!**

* Postlude: "I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew"

David Cherwien

Calvin CRC Announcements for August 13, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Matthew 14:22-33, “Fear and Faith.” Stephanie Wiltse leads us in ministry of music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, August 20, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from Matthew 15:10-28, and we will welcome The Choral Scholars to lead us in ministry of music. The offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

Evening worship: Rev. Karl Van Harn will preach from Psalm 8, and we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

COUNCIL NEWS

We encourage you to participate in the feedback sessions related to our “Loving and Learning Together” document. Sign up for a session on Thursday, August 17 at 7:00 PM, Sunday, August 20 at 11:30 AM, Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00 AM, or Sunday, August 27 at 5:00 PM, or contact your district Elder or Deacon or one of the pastors if you are unable to attend. Your voice is important to us as council leaders, and we are grateful for your prayers as we continuing to pursue God’s mission together at Calvin Church.

Pastor Kelly and a member of council are considering hosting a feedback session at Raybrook regarding the Loving and Learning document. If you are interested in participating in this, please reach out to the office and Kelly will be in touch.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

COURIER: Another season of the *Courier* is about to begin in September. Please submit any news, articles, and photos to Doris Rikkers at drikkers@aol.com by August 15.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Join us for coffee, cookies, puzzles, games, and conversation August 28 in the Atrium from 1-3 PM.

THE FALL KICKOFF MINISTRY signup time will be Sunday, September 10, following the morning service. We have representation from all of the youth and children’s ministries, musical groups, Kid’s Hope, Family Assistance, Church library, Bon Appetit, Movie groups, Refugee Resettlement, as well as some other small groups. If there are other groups or ministries that would like to be represented at this event, please contact Nancy Triezenberg (616-915-6916 or gtriezen@comcast.net).

MINISTRY SIGN-UP SUNDAY is scheduled for September 10. There will be a light lunch for all members of the congregation that will include an opportunity to talk to leaders of various Calvin Church ministries for both adults and children. A sign-up sheet for lunch can be found at the TRIP table or you can contact the office to sign up. It would be helpful to figure out food quantities if you are able to sign up by September 5. We hope to kick off the church calendar year with a great celebration so mark your calendars now.

MEMBERS OF DISTRICTS 1 & 5 are invited to save Sunday, October 22 for a district get together after church and coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The King's Choraliers is looking forward to singing for our 2023-2024, Seventy-Fourth season. We are pleased to also announce that we are inviting men from high school, college-age and above, who enjoy sharing their faith through music, to consider auditioning for the Choraliers. Rehearsals are held weekly on Thursday nights, 7:30 – 9 PM at Fifth Reformed Church from September 7 to December 7 and from January 18 to April 26. In addition to our annual Christmas and Spring concerts, we also attempt to sing twice a month (mostly at Sunday evening worship services). Anyone who might be interested in joining The King's Choraliers, please send a note to Ron Rogers, Director, at ronr102668@gmail.com. Thanks for your consideration.

We are announcing the opening for a full-time accompanist for the Choraliers. We encourage anyone who enjoys sharing their faith through music to consider auditioning for the accompanist position of the King's Choraliers.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, August 13</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Judy Stoner
	Nursery Volunteers: Jan Wilkins, Aubrey Visker
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Cindy Brink
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Suzi Steketee
	Coffee Servers: Bob and Beth Schoone-Jongen
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Kurt Frisch
	<i>Tuesday, August 15</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
7:30p	Council meets in the Atrium
	<i>Thursday, August 17</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
7:00p	Feedback Session on “Loving and Learning Together”
	<i>Next Sunday, August 20</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Kathy Cok
	Nursery Volunteers: Wanda Sytsma, Allory Netz
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Corrin Meyer
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Beth Schoone-Jongen
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Julie DeKoster
11:30a	Feedback Session on “Loving and Learning Together”
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Dan Bode
5:00p	Worship in the Fellowship Hall



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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.
- The Chancel banner expresses the Christian belief that in one God there are three divine persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The color green represents spiritual growth during the season of the Lord's life and ministry.
- 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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