



August 20, 2023

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Monday—Thursday
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon
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**“Then Jesus answered her,
‘Woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish.’
And her daughter was healed instantly.”
– Matthew 15:28**

Ordinary Time

Ten o'clock

August 20, 2023

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “In Thee Is Gladness” [#344] Mark Sedio; Charles Ore; Robert Hobby

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” [#575] arr. Hugo Distler

* Opening Hymn: “In Thee Is Gladness” **#344:1-2**

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Lament

Song of Lament: “For the Troubles” **#663**

(The choir will sing the hymn once through, followed by a bridge.
After the bridge, the congregation will sing the hymn.)

Bridge: Where cross the crowded ways of life, text: Frank M. North
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O God.

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Dedication: “Kyrie, from Missa Brevis” Music: Anthony Bernarducci
Text: traditional Latin and English

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow your love. Kyrie eleison.
Where there is injury, your pardon, O Lord. Christe eleison.

* 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: "Down by the Riverside" Traditional text and music, arr. Stacey Gibbs

Gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside...

and study war no more.

Yes, gonna lay down my burden I ain't goin' study war no mo'.

Lord, I'm gonna lay down, my sword an' shield, down by the riverside...

an' study war no mo'.

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: "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

#763:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15:10-28

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **FROM THE HEART**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#590:1,4,6

* Offertory Prayer for the Ministry Fund: Kathy Cok

* Benediction

* Doxology: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#590:7

**Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
You blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, you lame, for joy!**

* Choral Closing: "Peace I Give to You"

Music: Larry Visser

Text: John 14:27

Peace, I give to you; my peace I leave with you;
not as the world gives, do I give to you.

* Postlude: "Prelude and Fugue in F"

Johann Sebastian Bach

Liturgist: Rev. Kelly Buist

Preacher: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: The Choral Scholars

Scripture Reader: Donna Houskamp

Audio/Video: Don Buist, Sarah Frisch

Calvin CRC Announcements for August 20, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM and 5 PM

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from Matthew 15:10-28, and we welcome The Choral Scholars (Kathryn Becksvoort, Tabitha Blanski, Karel de Waal Malefyt, Matthew Fleming, Rebecca Jordan Heys, Henry Kingma, Carmen Kruyf, Stephen Mulder, Peter Redder, Melissa Stek) to lead us in ministry of music.

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

WORSHIP Next Sunday, August 27

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Romans 12:1-8, and we will welcome Ben Mohr to lead us in ministry of music. The offering will be for Community Care.

COUNCIL NEWS

The Council met on Tuesday, August 15. The highlights of our meeting were the approvals of Kim Wierenga to serve as the Director of Family Assistance and of Erin Hubka to serve as the Children's Ministry Director. We rejoice in Kim's and Erin's call to serve in each of these roles, and we are eager for the leadership that they will provide for Calvin Church in these areas. The Elders approved the membership transfer of Rich DeVoogd Jr. to Alger Park CRC, and we pray for God's blessing on him in his new church home.

We encourage you to participate in the feedback sessions related to our "Loving and Learning Together" document. Sign up for a session on 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.

A new feedback session has been added for Raybrook residents on Tuesday, August 22 at 1pm. We will meet in Joy DeBoer's home in Estates 2. Please contact Pastor Kelly if you have questions or to sign up.

CHURCH FAMILY

NEW ADDRESSES: Glenn and Audrey Prince (district 2), Cook Center, 2121 Raybrook SE #211, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. John VanLaar (district 4), 2772 Pfeiffer Woods Dr. #5113 Grand Rapids, MI 49512.

Elaine Bardolph (district 1) has returned home to hospice care after a hospital stay over the weekend. Please pray for God's presence and comfort to surround Elaine and her family.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

CHOIR NEWS: The Cherub and Covenant choirs will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:15 PM in the children's choir room downstairs. All children in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited and welcome to attend. Hope to see you there to begin our choir season for 2023. Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 24, Music Dedication Sunday. Of course, the beautiful voices of the Cherubs and Covenant Choristers will be singing. We are "Lonely" for you! 😊

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

FAMILY ASSISTANCE: On Saturday August 26, a group of Calvin University freshmen, as part of their orientation, will be coming to the Family Assistance building. They will be learning the history of Calvin Church and its neighborhood involvement as well as the history and function of the Family Assistance program. For the rest of the morning, they will be involved in hands-on special projects in the Family Assistance building.

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.

MISSION OUTREACH GIVING UPDATE: As of July 31, with 58% of the year behind us, our collective gift support totals \$33,166. This figure amounts to 58% of our 2023 commitment to mission support. On behalf of the missionaries and causes we support, deepest thanks!

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, 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
	<i>Monday, August 21</i>
12:30p	Fellowship Hall rental
6:30p	Sacred Grounds meeting in the Atrium
	<i>Tuesday, August 22</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
1:00p	Feedback Session on “Loving and Learning Together” in Joy DeBoer’s room 2033 in Estates 2
	<i>Wednesday, August 23</i>
10:00a	Feedback Session on “Loving and Learning Together”
	<i>Thursday, August 24</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
10:00a	Quilting Bee in Room 1
	<i>Next Sunday, August 27</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Joanie Rosema
	Nursery Volunteers: Melisa Hubka, Lydia Visker
	Nursery Alternate Volunteer: Kim Wierenga
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Barb Hoekwater
	Coffee Servers: Dale and Joanie Rosema
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: LeRoy Stegink
5:00p	Feedback Session on “Loving and Learning Together”



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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