



September 24, 2023

**“But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”
– Amos 5:24**

Season of Creation, Music Dedication Sunday

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Preacher: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Organist and Sanctuary Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Covenant Choir Director: Maria VandenBosch

Flutist and Cherub Choir Director: Amy Netz

Choir Accompanists: Lisa Meyer and Nancy Triezenberg

Allegro Ringers Director: Stephanie Wiltse

Joy Ringers and Junior Handbells Director: Melanie Tolsma

Scripture Reader: Karl Van Harn

Audio/Video: Brian Netz, Sarah Frisch

Ten o'clock

September 24, 2023

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “When in Our music God Is Glorified”

Robert Powell; Austin C. Lovelace; Robert A. Hobby

Welcome and Announcements

Bell Peal

Call to Worship: “All Creatures of Our God and King” [#551]

arr. Margaret B. Tucker

The choirs will sing stanzas 1,2,3, and 5.

*The congregation is asked to stand during the interlude after stanza 5
and to join the choirs in singing stanza 6.*

Stanza 6:

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

* Opening Hymn: "When in Our Music God Is Glorified"



All When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and
All How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a
Men So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in
Women And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when
All Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! Let



ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
 new di - men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
 faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
 ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? Then let us
 all re - joice who have a voice to raise! And may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried, "Al - le - lu - ia!"
 moved us to a more pro - found al - le - lu - ia!
 to the truth in ev - ery tongue: al - le - lu - ia!
 sing, for whom he won the fight: al - le - lu - ia!
 give us faith to sing al - ways, "Al - le - lu - ia!"

* God's Greeting

WE DEDICATE OUR MUSIC TO GOD

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name,
 O most High!

All: To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your
 faithfulness by night,

Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

All: For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work; at the
 works of your hands we sing for joy.

Leader: As we begin a new season of musical offerings of worship,

All: We dedicate and raise our voices to you, for you are our God
 and are worthy of all praise.

Musicians: We dedicate our playing and our singing to you, O Lord.

Leader: We challenge you, our instrumentalists and our singers, our
 directors and our accompanists, that with God's help you use your
 gifts to lead us in the holy service of worship to God. May the
 music that we all make together reflect God's creative beauty, and
 may it be an act of gratitude for God's amazing love.

Musicians: We will, God helping us!

All: Praise the Lord!

Anthem: "Sing to God"

text: Psalm 95

Music: Dutch folk tune, arr. Robert Leaf

Sing to God a joyful new song, sing to God a joyful song.
Come before him with thanksgiving, sing to God a joyful song.
By his hand came all creation, from his love came our salvation.
Sing to God a joyful new song, sing to God a joyful song.

God is great and God is glorious, God is truth and God is love.
God is God above all others; God is truth and God is love.
By his hand came all creation, from his love came our salvation.
God is great and God is glorious, God is truth and God is love.

Come before the Lord, our maker, come on bended knee to God.
As a shepherd, he will lead us. We, as sheep, will follow him.
By his hand came all creation, from his love came our salvation.
Come before the Lord, our maker, come on bended knee to God.

Sing to God a joyful new song, come before our God and sing,
O sing a joyful song!

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Confession: "Nearer, Still Nearer"

#659:2

* Assurance of Pardon: "The Lord Is Compassionate and Gracious"

#671

* 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.

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: "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"

Text: Edward Osler and Charles Wesley
 Music: Rowland H. Prichard, arr. Jeff Reeves



All Praise the Lord! Ye heavens a - dore him; praise him
All Praise the Lord for he is glo - rious; nev - er
All Wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we



an - gels in the height. Sun and moon, re -
 shall his prom - ise fail. *Men* God has made his
 of - fer un - to you. Young and old, your



joice be - fore him; praise him all ye stars of light.
 saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.
 praise ex - press - ing, in glad hom - age bend the knee.



Praise the Lord for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y
Women Praise the God of our sal - va - tion! Hosts on high, his
 All the saints in heaven a - dore you, we would bow be -



voice o - beyed. Laws which nev - er shall be
 power pro - claim. *All* Heaven and earth and all cre -
 fore your throne. As your an - gels serve be -



bro - ken for their guid - ance has he made. *Interlude*
 a - tion laud and mag - ni - fy his name. *Interlude*
 fore you, so on earth your will be done.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 4:1-15; 7:37-8

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **LIVING WATER**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: "Sing Praise to the Lord, Ye People of Grace" **#7:1-4**

* Invitation to Offering: Cindy Lanning Burch

* Offertory Prayer for Community Care:

Deacon: God, your generosity to us is abundant and gracious.
Everything we have comes from you.

**All: Receive our gifts of our time, our selves, and our possessions.
Help us to grow in gratitude and joy as we follow Jesus. Amen.**

* Benediction

* Doxology: "God, the Father of Your People" **#927:2**

**May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.
May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord,
and possess, in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford.
Amen.**

* Postlude: "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"

Jacob B. Weber

Calvin CRC Announcements for September 24, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: On this music dedication Sunday, we will be led by all our music ensembles and pray for God's blessing on their ministry among us this year. Rev. Brad Zwiers will conclude our Season of Creation series on rivers with a sermon from John 4:1-5 and 7:37-38.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, October 1, Mission Emphasis

Morning worship: We will welcome Rev. Reggie Smith, Director of Diversity for the Christian Reformed Church, to preach from Zechariah 4, "Small Things Matter." We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Sanctuary Choir will lead us in ministry of music, and we will commission Evie Dykhous as our pastoral intern. The offering will be for Benevolence.

Evening worship: We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a time of prayer and singing.

COUNCIL NEWS

The Elders approved the membership transfer of Bruce and June Klanderman to LaGrave Ave Christian Reformed Church. We pray for God's blessing on Bruce and June in their new church home.

CHURCH FAMILY

85+ YEAR OLD BIRTHDAYS:	10/5 Trudi Huizenga (86)
10/9 Jane VanZytveld (87)	10/20 John Joling (88)

Elaine Bardolph (district 1) has moved to fourth floor nursing at Raybrook (room 415). This move will provide Elaine with more appropriate care. Please pray for her in this transition, and may God be especially near to her this week.

Dave Dykgraaf (district 6) has been diagnosed with vertigo. Pray for relief through effective medication, and for peace for Dave during a disorienting time.

Peter Kok (district 3) has been diagnosed with oral cancer. He is scheduled for surgery in Ann Arbor on September 26, when the plan is to replace his jawbone with bone from his leg. This is the same surgery that Peter underwent 15 years ago for the same kind of cancer. Give thanks that the cancer seems not to have spread, and that this surgery is an option, and pray for endurance for Peter and Evonne and their family through this intense treatment, and for healing.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

10/1	Josh Meyer (13)
10/15	Liam Jansen (15)
10/16	Honesty Price (6)
10/18	Tyler Netz (10)
10/22	Josie Knapper (5)
10/26	Malcolm Zwiers (2)

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

MEMBER DIRECTORIES: Members and Associate Members, check your family's listing in the directory. If you would like to make any changes, inform the office via note or email (office@calvincrc.org) by Sunday, October 8.

We are gathering photos for an online picture directory. You may send a photo (.jpg format) to office@calvincrc.org.

GALLERY WALL: The artwork on display is by Allory Netz, a life-long member of Calvin Church who has been active in our children's programs, music ministries, and flute duets with her mother. She is Brian and Amy Netz's daughter and a ninth grader at Unity Christian High School. Allory has always enjoyed making art. Drawing and painting portraits and landscapes are her favorites.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wednesday, September 27 at 2:30 PM in Room 1. We will study chapter 2 on Exodus 32:1-14. Contact Pastor Rebecca for a copy of the study guide or with any questions.

LOVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER BOOK STUDY: You are welcome to a discussion of *Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible, and the Church*. Be aware that the book contains frank discussions of sex. Sections 2-4 will be discussed on October 8, October 22, and November 12. Please sign up at the table in the narthex if you plan to attend. Contact Pastors Brad, Rebecca, or Lisa with questions.

BOOK CLUB: To all book club members: there is one copy of October's book, "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt, in the church office to borrow. We will gather on Monday, October 2 at 3:00 PM to discuss this book. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, contact Pat Elders.

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.

COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Calvin Church will be getting together again with our neighbors to share a meal. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 28 (9:30-11:00 AM) and join us for free food and fun, celebrating the fall season. Please check out the sign-up sheets in the atrium; there are ways for everyone to be involved!

BLOOD DRIVE: Dear friends of Calvin Church, our fall blood drive is approaching. Top reasons for joining the Donation Team at Calvin Church:

3: **FOOD!** We make homemade goodies for all donors. Stay for the Wed Night Family dinner if you're still around!

2: **FELLOWSHIP!** We do our best to provide fun chats while snacking and donating.

1. **GIVING BACK!** When we donate our over-supply of God given blood, we are providing hope for renewed life to our neighbors.

Top reasons for NOT donating.

3: "Kinda busy" (We'll do our best to get you in and out in 1 hour)

2: "I have a thing about donating" (Please understand the need is greater than any fear or uneasiness you may have:)

1. "I already gave" (Thank you for donating, and hopefully you can join us again during our winter drive!)

You may email Judy to save your time slot. Wednesday, October 11, 2:30-7:30 PM. Seven folks are signed up already, we only need 30 more. OR, sign up online: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/150256

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, September 24</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Melisa Hubka
	Nursery Volunteers: Sue Keegstra, Kate Triezenberg
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Evonne Kok
	Coffee Servers: Don and Karen Trap
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
11:30a	Catechism in the Catacomb
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Bruce Van Oss
5:00p	Book Discussion <i>Two Views on Homosexuality</i>
6:30p	CYG Bible Study in the Catacomb
	<i>Monday, September 25</i>
1:00p	Fellowship Hour in the Atrium
	<i>Tuesday, September 26</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, September 27</i>
2:30p	Women's Bible Study in Room 1
5:45p	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Prayer Room
6:00p	Joyringers rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:15p	Cherub Choir and Covenant Choir rehearsal in Room 9
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i>Thursday, September 28</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Next Sunday, October 1, Mission Emphasis</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Tanya Bulthuis
	Nursery Volunteers: Christine Coulter, Lucy Molenbeek
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	Coffee Servers: Mark and Marlene Vanderhill
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	Calvin host for St. Luke: Kurt Frisch



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.
- 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:

- Ages 0-2: Infant and toddler nurseries are available.
- Preschool: The Little Children (TLC) gathers in the nursery prior to the morning worship.
- K-2nd: After the Children's Message the Children's Worship ministry meets downstairs in Rooms 11 & 13 until the conclusion of worship. Parents meet their children there following the service.
- 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: www.youtube.com/@CalvinCRC/streams

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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