

# **“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts.” – Zechariah 4:6**

## **Mission Emphasis**

**\* Please stand in body or in spirit**

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**Ten o'clock**

**October 1, 2023**

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## **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns” [#261]

J. Wayne Kerr; Kevin J. Sadowski; Franklin D. Ashdown

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart”

traditional Spanish  
arr. Jorge Lockward

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart pours out my praise to you; you are holy, Lord.

\* Opening Hymn: “Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord”

**#844:1-4**

\* God’s Greeting

## **WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you  
and for ignoring your immensity and greatness.

Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule  
both the nations and our individual lives.

Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power,  
squandering your gifts, and forgetting your mission.

**All: We confess that our blindness to your glory, O Triune God,  
has resulted in shallow confession,  
tepid conviction, and only mild repentance.  
Have mercy upon us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Lives of Gratitude and Service: Commissioning of Evie Dykhous as pastoral intern

\* Hymn of Assurance: “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

#348:1,3

\* Affirmation of Faith and Commitment: Our World Belongs to God, stanzas 41, 42

Leader: Joining in the mission of God,  
the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to call everyone to know and follow Christ  
and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin  
and new life for all who repent and believe.

**All: The Spirit calls all members to embrace God’s mission**

**In their neighborhoods and in the world:**

**to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger,  
clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner.**

**We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.**

Leader: In a world estranged from God,  
where happiness and peace are offered in many names and millions face confusing choices,  
we witness--to the only one in whose name salvation is found: Jesus Christ.

**All: In Jesus, God reconciles the world to himself.**

**God loves all creation; his compassion knows no bounds.**

\* Song of Response: “Glory Be to God the Father”

#961

(Children may come forward during the last stanza)

## **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

\* Hymn of Preparation: “Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

#754:1,3,5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 4

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: **SMALL THINGS MATTER**

Prayer of Application

## CHRIST WELCOMES US TO THE TABLE

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

**#811**

\* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*(God has given us his peace, and we are invited to offer that peace to one another. Many people do this by shaking hands, but if for any reason you would rather not shake hands, you are encouraged to pass the peace with a smile and a nod, as you say, "The peace of Christ be with you.")*

Institution and Invitation

Distribution Anthems: "Idyll of Praise" [#21]

text: Malthie D. Babcock

Music: Craig Courtney

"Come to the Water"

Text and Music: John Foley

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without price.

Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without strife.

Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.

And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:  
all who labor, without rest.

How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.

Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:  
bring the children without might.

Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.

Prayer

## WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

\* Hymn of Response: "Go to the World"

**#925:1-4**

\* Invitation to Offering: Gwen Overbeek

\* Offertory Prayer for Benevolence:

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.**

## **GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “Song of Hope”

**#941:1-2**

**May the God of hope go with us every day,**

**Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.**

**May the God of justice speed us on our way.**

**Bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

### ***Refrain***

**Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all.**

**Working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.**

**God will be our shepherd as we go our way**

**And will not forsake us when we go astray.**

**Even though the load of life is hard to bear,**

**We must not forget that God is always there.**

**Amen.**

\* Postlude: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow” [#965]

Fred Bock

Liturgists: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys, Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Reggie Smith

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Audio/Video: Don Buist, Sarah Frisch

## **Calvin CRC Announcements for October 1, 2023**

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

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

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

### **WORSHIP Next Sunday, October 8**

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*Morning worship:* We will continue our celebration of Mission Emphasis Week and welcome Rev. Amy Schenkel to preach from 2 Corinthians 2:12-17, “What Smells?” Amy is the Congregational Gospel Witness Leader for Resonate Global Mission, the mission agency of the CRC. The Sanctuary Choir will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for Mission Outreach.

### **CHURCH FAMILY**

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**Elaine Bardolph** (district 1) passed away on October 27. A memorial service will be held at Calvin Church on Monday, October 2 at 7:00 PM with visitation from 6-7 PM.

**Peter Kok** (district 3) had a successful surgery to treat the cancer in his jaw. Pray for him in the extensive recovery process.

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

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**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](mailto:office@calvincrc.org)) by next Sunday, October 8.

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

**GALLERY DISPLAY:** October marks the launch of Mission Emphasis Week 2023. Our display for the month will feature the outreach causes we support through our Mission Outreach giving. Please view the display and expand your awareness of the work of our outreach causes. Note that there is a special spot for children (of all ages) to engage.

**FAMILY SUPPER:** A light supper will be provided at church on October 4 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. Vandenbergs, Triezenbergs, and Feenstras will serve food from 5:00-6:30 PM.

**RAYBROOK HYMN SING** October 8 at 3:30 PM: You’re invited to join Calvin Church Sanctuary Choir members and Raybrook residents in The Gathering Place on the lower level of Estates II for a time of singing and fellowship.

**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.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Wednesday, October 4 at 2:30 PM in Room 1. We will study chapter 3 on Nehemiah 1:1-2:8. Contact Pastor Rebecca for a copy of the study guide or with any questions.

**BOOK CLUB:** We will discuss the book, "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. 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.

**Winter is coming and so are the orders!** October is when we start to hand out winter gear which means that the number of orders go through the roof. We need all the help we can to get winter gear in the hands of the families before the winter weather hits. Our weekly hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9 AM-2 PM. We will also be opening on Mondays from 9 AM-noon for the month of October. Even an hour a week would be a huge help.

Family Assistance **needs men's pants**. We are currently very low on casual pants for men. (Jeans, joggers, and sweatpants) As the colder weather approaches, we would love it if you looked through your closets for any that you no longer need or fit. Donations can be dropped off in the church office or brought to the FAB Tuesday/Thursday from 9 AM-2 PM.

**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](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/150256)

**MEMBERS OF DISTRICTS 1 & 5:** Please note that we are taking reservations for our upcoming get together after the morning service coffee hour. We will have a time of fellowship including a meal together. Either call or email: Phil DeJonge at 616-328-7805 - email address: vianadax7@gmail.com. Judy Jongsma 616-516-9995 - email address: ajongjr@aol.com.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Come meet your neighbors and eat pancakes on Saturday, October 28 (9:30-11:00 AM). Enjoy a yummy breakfast, decorate a pumpkin, and celebrate community. A flyer with information and ways to be involved is in your mailbox. Please indicate your plans to attend using the tear-off on the bottom of the flyer or by contacting the office by October 22. Donations and help are appreciated. Please see the whiteboard by the kitchen and join the fun of fall!

	<b><i>Today, Sunday, October 1</i></b>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Tanya Bulthuis
	Nursery Volunteers: Christine Coulter, Lucy Molenbeek
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Alphenaar
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Marlene Vanderhill
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: Kurt Frisch
5:00p	Praise and Prayer Service in the Fellowship Hall
	<b><i>Monday, October 2</i></b>
3:00p	Book Club meets in the Lounge
	<b><i>Tuesday, October 3</i></b>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	Executive Committee meets in the Conference Room
7:30p	Elders meet in the Atrium
	<b><i>Wednesday, October 4</i></b>
2:30p	Women's Bible Study in Room 1
5:00p	Family Supper in the Fellowship Hall
5:45p	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Prayer Room
6:00p	Joyringers rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:15p	Cherub Choir <i>and</i> Covenant Choir in Room 9
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	78ers, Cadets, GEMS
	<b><i>Thursday, October 5</i></b>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<b><i>Saturday, October 6</i></b>
9:00a	Together West MI meets in the Fellowship Hall
	<b><i>Next Sunday, October 8</i></b>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Corey Visker
	Nursery Volunteers: Gwen Hendrikse, Lydia Tolsma
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Stoner
	Coffee Servers: Bob and Beth Schoone-Jongen
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
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6:00p	CYG Bible Study in the Catacomb





## **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 and CCLI#2532147
- Prayer of Confession adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*.
- Our Mission Outreach Banner suggests the dynamic presence and work of the Holy Spirit through the personal and collective efforts of God's people as we venture into the world.
- 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-2<sup>nd</sup>: 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](http://www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch)
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/@CalvinCRC/streams](http://www.youtube.com/@CalvinCRC/streams)

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

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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