

**“For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those
who are being saved and among those who are perishing...”
2 Corinthians 2:15**

Mission Emphasis

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Evie Dykhouse, Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys, Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Amy Schenkel

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Bob Houskamp

Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Sarah Frisch

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

Ten o'clock

October 8, 2023

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” [#582]

Raymond H. Haan; David Lasky; Edwin T. Childs; Robert A. Hobby

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Praise Ye the Lord, Hallelujah” [#563]

Text and Music: J. Jefferson Cleveland

* Opening Hymns: “One People, Here, We Gather”
“Come, All You Servants of the Lord”

#243:1,2,4

#924:1-2

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Most gracious and most merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another that time after time
we have entered your presence with countless prayers
but with hearts that have been closed to your grace.
We have lifted our hands to you in praise,
but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil.
We have rehearsed your commandments
but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.
We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith
and pardon our acts of injustice.

**All: Grant us the healing that comes from your presence
and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn of Assurance: “In Christ Alone”

#770:1,4

* Affirmation of Faith and Commitment

Selections from the Belhar Confession

**All: We believe in the triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through
Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning
of the world and will do to the end.**

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family.
We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ,
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,
that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,
that the church is witness both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.
We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head,
the church is called to confess and to do all these things,
even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them
and punishment and suffering be the consequence.**

Jesus is Lord.

**To the one and only God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be the honor and the glory forever and ever.**

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

(Children may come forward during this song)

#961

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: “Here I Am, Lord” [#563]

Text: Daniel Schutte

Music: Daniel Schutte, arr. Arnold B. Sherman

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: “Speak, O Lord”

#755:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 2:12-17

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **WHAT SMELLS?**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Go to the World”

#925:1-4

* Invitation to Offering: Ron Rozema

* Offertory Prayer for Mission Emphasis

Leader: 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: “Go Now in Peace”

#950

**Go now in peace, go now in peace;
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.
Amen.**

* Postlude: “Toccata”

David Crouse

Calvin CRC Announcements for October 8, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: We 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 leads us in ministry of music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, October 15, 10AM and 5PM

Morning worship: We will begin a new sermon series (see below for more information) as Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Matthew 4:18-25. We will welcome and hear a ministry update from Anthony and Sara Sytsma on their work in Uganda. The children’s choir and Sanctuary Choir will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

Evening worship: Seminarian Kelsey Bruinwood will preach from Isaiah 25:1-9 and we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

Sermon Series: Our upcoming sermons will focus on practices of Christian conflict transformation as seen in the life of Jesus in the gospel of Matthew. See the handout in your church mailbox for more background about this series.

Oct. 15: Go Toward – Pastor Rebecca preaches from Matthew 4:18-25

Oct. 22: Go Godward – Pastor Brad preaches from Matthew 6:5-15

Oct. 29: Get Curious – Pastor Rebecca preaches from Matthew 20:29-34

Nov. 5: Go Deep – Pastor Kelly preaches from Matthew 26:36-46

Nov. 12: Get Right – Pastor Rebecca preaches from Matthew 5:17-26

CHURCH FAMILY

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

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 today.

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

MISSION EMPHASIS WEEK GALLERY DISPLAY: Hey kids (of all ages)! Check out the display in the entry area, see the table for ways you can engage briefly or for a longer time with one or more of our missionaries, take the quiz. Learn and have fun!

RAYBROOK HYMN SING: Today, 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.

FAMILY SUPPER: A light supper will be provided at church on October 11 for adults and their children, especially those involved in Wednesday evening programming. Districts 7 and 8 will serve food from 5:00-6:30 PM.

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 11 at 2:30 PM in Room 1. We will study chapter 4 on Daniel 10. Contact Pastor Rebecca for a copy of the study guide or with any questions.

GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION DAY: Join us on Saturday, October 14 for a tree-planting/grounds upkeep day. We will be planting 13 trees that have been purchased by various church members. The trees we'll be planting are all Michigan natives, purchased through Plaster Creek Stewards and will include a White Swamp Oak, Red Maples, a Red Cedar, a White Cedar, a Witch Hazel, a Bur Oak, a Quaking Aspen, a Red Oak, a Kentucky Coffee Tree and Redbuds. You are welcome to join us in the digging or in encouraging the digging. Contact Dwight Baker, Paul Bulthuis, or Cindy Burch for more information.

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: We invite you to our Blood Drive, this Wednesday October 11, 2:30-7:30 PM, in the church narthex. One hour, one poke, one pint, lots of goodies! Appointments are preferred to guarantee ample staffing, but walk-ins are welcome! Please see Judy Bode to sign up or to ask questions about your eligibility. Thank You!

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!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: If you enjoy seeing flowers on the stand in the front of the Sanctuary, please consider signing up for any occasion, celebration, or memorial on the flower calendar on the table across from our mailboxes. Follow the directions on the calendar, and we will contact you.

Fresh Thyme shoppers and Arrowaste customers: You can buy your delicacies and have your garbage removed and support the Calvin Church budget all at the same time. How? With TRIP of course! Fresh Thyme is available in \$25 or \$100 cards, and Arrowaste accepts the VIP certificates as payment. See Donna at the table in the narthex or email her at dhouskamp@grcs.org for more information.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Racial Justice Team of Classis Grand Rapids East invites you to Calvin CRC on Monday, October 23, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm for a time of fellowship and ideas. Meet the team and learn more about their mission. Calvin University’s Jodi Van Wingerden will grace us with a presentation entitled “The Danger of a Good Story” in which we’ll learn about an often-overlooked piece of Classis Grand Rapids East’s history and why it’s important to embrace, rather than run-from, our messy stories.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, October 8</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Corey Visker
	Nursery Volunteer: Gwen Hendrikse
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Stoner
	Coffee Servers: Bob and Beth Schoone-Jongen
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: Trudi Huizenga
3:30p	Raybrook Sing-a-long at Raybrook
5:00p	Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible, and the Church in the Atrium
6:30p	CYG Bible Study in the Catacomb
	<i>Tuesday, October 10</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, October 11</i>
2:00p	Blood Drive in the Narthex
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
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	<i>Thursday, October 12</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Next Sunday, October 15</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Sue Keegstra
	Nursery Volunteers: Julie DeKoster, Molly Netz
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Irene Konyndyk
	Coffee Servers: Don and Karen Trap
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
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5:00p	Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall



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 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-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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