



October 15, 2023

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” – Matthew 18:20

Ordinary Time

Ten o'clock

October 15, 2023

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Help Us Accept Each Other” [#318]

Rick Deasley; Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Welcome Song”

Text and Music: Toni Sullivan

Refrain

Come in, come in, you are welcome here.

Come in, come in, you need not fear.

Come in, come in, children of God,
you are welcome, you are welcome here.

Our doors are open to all, to the young and the old, big and small.

We all are connected by God's loving care. This is the love that we share.

We all are children of God. We're a family of people who care.

One body, one spirit, one hope and one Lord:

these are the things that we share.

* Opening Hymns: “The Lord is King, Enthroned in Might”

#726:1-3

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

#730:1-3

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God,

Our sins are too heavy to carry,

too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

forgive what our lips tremble to name,

what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

All: Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

open unto us a future in which we can be changed;

**and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: “At the Name of Jesus”

#220:1,3,4,5

* Assurance of Pardon

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

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

#961

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Anthem: “Processional Hallelujah”

arr. Mark Burrows

Traditional Muscogee (Creek) Indian and Cameroon

Heleluyan, heleluyan, hele, heleluyan.

Praise, praise, praise the Lord, praise God’s holy name, hallelujah!

Heleluyan, heleluyan, praise God’s holy name, hallelujah!

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: “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

#281:1,2,4

(Children may come forward during this hymn.)

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 for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:18-25

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **GO TOWARD**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Help Us Accept Each Other”

#318:1-4

Moment for Missions: Anthony and Sara Sytsma

Invitation to Offering: Marissa Dierlam

Offertory Prayer for the Ministry Fund

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: “Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God”

#953

**Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
For he alone does wondrous works: his glorious deeds excel;
For he alone does wondrous works: his glorious deeds excel.**

**And blessed be his glorious name through all eternity;
The whole earth let his glory fill: Amen! so shall it be;
The whole earth let his glory fill: Amen! so shall it be.**

* Postlude: “Trumpet Time”

Tommaso Albinoni

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Evie Dykhous and Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Ministry of Music: Children’s Choir and Sanctuary Choir

Organist and Sanctuary Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Children’s Choir Directors: Amy Netz and Maria VandenBosch

Percussion: Charles and Lucy Molenbeek, Allory and Molly Netz

Accompanists: Lisa Meyer and Nancy Triezenberg

Scripture Reader: Lisa Meyer

Audio/Video: Brian Netz, Steve Triezenberg

Calvin CRC Announcements for October 15, 2023

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: We begin a new sermon series (see below for more information) as Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from Matthew 4:18-25. We welcome and hear a ministry update from Anthony and Sara Sytsma on their work in Uganda. The children's choir and Sanctuary Choir leads us in ministry of music.

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

WORSHIP Next Sunday, October 22

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers will continue our series with a sermon from Matthew 6:5-15, "Go Godward." The Allegro Ringers and Sanctuary Choir will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for Community Care.

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. 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

Staff notes: Pastor Rebecca will be on study leave October 16-23.

CHURCH FAMILY

Glenn Prince (district 2) passed peacefully into his Savior's arms in the early hours of October 5. A funeral was held this past Friday, October 13. We pray for God's comfort to surround Glenn's family and friends.

REFUGEE NEED: Our current refugee Bibi Halima Zazai would like a sewing machine. If you have a working sewing machine that hasn't been used for some time and would like to donate it to our refugee family please call or email Gord VandenBerg.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

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!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Join us for coffee, cookies, puzzles, games, and conversation Monday, October 16 in the Atrium from 1-3 PM. Our next meeting is November 20.

COURIER: Any news and articles for the November issue of the Courier should be submitted to the editor, Doris Ridders at drikkers@aol.com. Since the usual deadline, the 15th, falls on a Sunday, we'll be happy to receive articles until Wednesday, October 18.

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 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.

PICTURE DIRECTORIES: We are gathering photos for an online picture directory. Email a photo by October 31 (.jpg format) to office@calvincrc.org. The online directory will be kept current just as we do for the phone directory. If you would like a paper copy, contact the office.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will not meet this week Wednesday. We will resume our study again next week.

WHAT'S BETTER THAN PANCAKES? Free Pancakes! Even better? Free pancakes, sausage, juice, fall fun and NEIGHBORS! Please return your sign-up by October 22 and mark your calendar for October 28 (9:30-11:00 AM). Sign-ups were in your mailbox, or you can let the office know of your plans. There are still a few opportunities to donate items; see the whiteboard by the kitchen. Please bring your donations to church by October 22 as well. Don't miss this chance to fill up on the joy of pancakes and community!

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, 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
11:30a	Catechism in the Catacomb
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Suzi Steketee
3:30p	CYG activity
5:00p	Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
	<i>Monday, October 16</i>
1:00p	Fellowship Hour in the Atrium
	<i>Tuesday, October 17</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, October 18</i>
6:00p	Joyringers rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:00p	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Narthex
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i>Thursday, October 19</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Saturday, October 21</i>
9:00a	Rental in Room 1
	<i>Next Sunday, October 22</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Lindsay Molenbeek
	Nursery Volunteers: Gwen Overbeek, Hazel Nunn
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Norma Spears
	Coffee Servers: Dale and Joanie Rosema
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12:00p	Districts 1 & 5 Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
5:00p	Book Discussion <i>Two Views on Homosexuality</i>



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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 prayer of confession is from *The Worship Sourcebook*.
- Our Ordinary Time Banner represents how our faith is fed by streams of living water, rooted on the everlasting rock of God's love, preparing us to branch out in service for his kingdom.
- 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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