



March 10, 2024

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon
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“Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” – John 14:5

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Ten o'clock

March 10, 2024

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

Johann Pachelbel; W.F. Bach; J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior”

arr. Cathy Moglebust

* Opening Hymns: “When Morning Gilds the Sky”
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

#372:1,2,4

#601:1,3,4

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of grace, we confess that we have elevated
the things of this world above you.

We have honored creation more than Creator.

We have made idols of possessions and people
and used your name for causes

that are not consistent with you and your purposes.

We have permitted our schedules to come first
and have not taken the time to worship you.

We have not always honored those who guided us in life.

We have participated in systems and attitudes
that take life instead of give it.

We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships
and lied to you and those who love us.

We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours,
and we have misrepresented others’ intentions.

**All: Forgive us, O God,
for the many ways sin shows up in our lives.
Teach us how to live together according to your ways
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem of Assurance: “My Jesus, I Love Thee” [#366] arr. Jason W. Krug

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed front cover of hymnal

* 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: “My Eternal King”

Music: Jane M. Marshall

Text: 17th c. Latin, Anonymous Trans. Edward Caswall

My God, I love you;
not because I hope for heaven thereby,
and not because those who don’t love you must die eternally.

For, O my Jesus, you embraced me upon the cross;
for me you bore the nails and spear and manifold disgrace.

Why then, why, O blessed Jesus Christ,
should I not love you well?
Not for the hope of winning heaven or of escaping hell.
Not with the goal of seeking aught or gaining a reward;
but as you have loved me, O ever-loving Lord!

Even so I love you, and will love, and in your praise will sing;
solely because you are my God and my eternal King!

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: “Be Still, for the Presence”

#532:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-14

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Response: “Jesus the Lord Said, ‘I Am the Bread’”

#125:6

Sermon: **I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

#43:1-3

* Invitation to Offering: Ron Rozema

* Offertory Prayer for Mission Outreach

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: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow”

#964

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen, amen.**

* Postlude: “Postlude on a Ground”

Herbert Murrill

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Evie Dykhouse and Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Ministry of Music: Allegro Ringers and Sanctuary Choir

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Handbell Director: Stephanie Wiltse

Pianist: Lisa Meyer

Scripture Reader: Allory Netz

Audio/Video: Brian Netz and Sarah Frisch

Calvin CRC Announcements for March 10, 2024

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from John 14:1-14, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." The Allegro Ringers and Sanctuary Choir lead us in ministry of music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, March 17

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach from John 15:1-17, "I am the True Vine." We will welcome the Calvin University Capella to lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

Lent sermon series:

March 17 – "I am the True Vine" John 15 – Pastor Brad

(We will take a break for Palm Sunday and Easter and conclude the series the Sunday after Easter.)

April 7 – "I am the Resurrection and the Life" John 11 – Pastor Brad

Save the date: We will hold a Maundy Thursday service of worship at 7:00 PM on March 28. We will celebrate the sacrament of communion, and the Festival Choir will lead us in music.

COUNCIL NEWS

A congregational meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service this morning. As the next steps in our continued congregational discernment around the Loving and Learning Together document, Council has decided to ask for a congregational vote on Loving and Learning Together. Active professing members who have not voted absentee are encouraged to vote at this meeting. See the recent emails for more information about this process, or contact a council member, the church office, or one of the pastors. Your council is grateful for your continued partnership in the mission of the church.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

LENTEN EXHIBIT: The artworks on display in the Atrium are from Calvin Church's permanent collection.

COURIER DEADLINE is Friday, March 15. Please, send your articles to Doris Ridders at drikkers@aol.com.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE is always looking for deals and shopping ahead. Hats and gloves are starting to be on clearance in stores. If you are willing to keep an eye out and pick up a few (kids and adults) to help us stock up for next winter, we would greatly appreciate it! Donations can be dropped off in the church office.

FESTIVAL CHOIR: This year's Maundy Thursday service on March 28 will be a Service of Tenebrae (Shadows) featuring a retelling of the Passion story through the eyes and voice of Matthew. Please consider joining our Festival Choir to participate in this service and also on Easter Sunday. The Festival Choir will rehearse on three Wednesday evenings at 7 PM beginning on March 13.

COMMUNITY CARE & SOCIAL JUSTICE REQUEST: The CC/SJ is seeking Calvin members to join partner Classis GR East churches in attending the Together West Michigan (TWM) Assembly on Saturday, March 16 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Our goal is to have 6-10 Calvin representatives, can you help? TWM is an inter-faith effort to advocate for issues that will help our neighbors and community to flourish. The Assembly will set the action agenda for the year. More information and registration: (616) 710-1431 or organizewmi@gmail.com or contact Don Trap at 616-916-7867 or djtrap46@gmail.com.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT DATES: Mark your calendar for a neighborhood Pasta Party on Wednesday, April 17 from 5:00 -7:30 PM. Please join us for a free pasta dinner, activities for kids, and an opportunity to assemble supper kits for Kids Food Basket. More details will be coming to your mailbox soon. Please also save Wednesday, July 17 for the second annual community summer supper.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Calvin University: As we continue the season of Lent, we wanted to invite you to visit the Calvin Ecosystem Preserve and Native Gardens to experience *Stations in the Street* by Scott Erickson. The stations of the cross artwork and reflections begin on the back of the arbor that overlooks the South Pond (from the parking lot head straight toward the building and this will be on your left). From there, move toward the front to face the trail that connects to the Whisky Pond Trail where you will find the first station at the first tree. The trails & bathrooms are open dawn to dusk each day. There are also mindfulness prompts and reflections throughout the trail.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, March 10</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Kathy VanOss
	Nursery Volunteers: Louise Nunn, Hazel Nunn
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Anjean Stegink
	Coffee Servers: Mark and Marlene Vanderhill
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
	Congregational Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Suzi Steketee
	<i>Monday, March 11</i>
6:00p	Council meets in the Atrium
	<i>Tuesday, March 12</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Wednesday, March 13</i>
5:30p	Junior Bells rehearsal in the Bell Room
6:00p	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Narthex
6:15p	Cherub Choir and Covenant Choir rehearsal in Room 9
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i>Thursday, March 14</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Saturday, March 16</i>
9:00a	Rental in Room 1
	<i>Next Sunday, March 17</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Corey Visker
	Nursery Volunteers: Gwen Overbeek, Lydia Visker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Alphenaar
	Coffee Servers: Rick and Lori Feenstra
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9
	Catechism
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
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6:30p	CYG Bible Study



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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 black dominating our Lenten banner symbolizes the death of our Lord, the red expresses Christ's suffering, and the branch is a symbol of his crown of thorns. These symbols are not meant to be concerned only with death and suffering. The thorny branch is white and flowering to indicate that from suffering triumph will come, and the red orb symbolizes Christ's victory. Just as the sun illumines, quickens, and comforts, so Christ as the "Sun of Righteousness" gives new life to his own.
- 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.
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