



## "So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna!'" John 12:13

#### **Palm Sunday**

Ten o'clock March 24, 2024

#### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Preludes: Preludes on "O Love, How Deep" [#111]

Ann Slowins; Mark Sedio; Gordon Young

"We Fall Down"

arr. Peggy Betcher; Chris Tomlin

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: "Hosanna! Hosanna!"

Helen Kemp

"Hosanna! Hosanna!" the little children sing;

"Hosanna! Hosanna! For Christ, our Lord, is King."

"Prepare the way." The children sing,

"Hosanna to our Lord and King!"

\* Opening Hymns: "Filled With Excitement"

<u>#143:1-2</u>

(Children's Choir only on first verse, Congregation and Choir on verse 2)

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

#146:1-5

\* God's Greeting

#### WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God, having heard your Word, we thankfully remember the life of our Lord Jesus Christ on this earth. Yet we also acknowledge our failure to respond earnestly and faithfully to his witness. We do not appreciate the depth of his passion and sacrifice on the cross, failing to acknowledge him as our way of salvation. Even in this Lenten season, we have not walked faithfully in the way of Jesus Christ.

All: Forgive us, we pray, and bring us ever more fully into the joy of union with Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Handbell Response: "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

arr. Susan Berry and Janet Van Valey

- \* Assurance of Pardon
- \* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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\* Song of Response: "Glory Be to the Father"

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(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: "Look Who's Coming"

Michael Bedford

Look who's coming! Look who's coming through Jerusalem today: It is Jesus Christ, the teacher, spread palm branches on his way.

#### Refrain:

Sing hosanna, loud hosanna! Let the joyful song be heard; Sing hosanna, loud hosanna! Sound the trumpet, spread the word!

Look who's coming! Look who's coming through Jerusalem today: It is Jesus Christ, the healer, spread palm branches on his way.

Look who's coming! Look who's coming through Jerusalem today: It is Jesus Christ, the Savior, spread palm branches on his way.

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.

<sup>\*</sup> Hymn of Preparation: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

#### Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 12:12-19

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: GLORY AND DEATH

Prayer of Application

#### WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

\* Hymn of Response: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

#145:1-3

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\* Invitation to Offering: Kristy Ippel

\* 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.

\* Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow"

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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.

\* Benediction

Choral Closing: "Look at the World"

John Rutter

(Former choristers and parents are invited to join the choir.)

Look at the world, everything all around us:

Look at the world, and marvel every day.

Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,

So many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts that we may see: All the gifts we share, and every blessing, All things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, Valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, Till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish Comes from the Lord in token of his love; We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty: His is the earth, and his the heavens above.

\* Postlude: "Te Deum"

Marc-Antione Charpentier

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Evie Dykhouse and Rev. Brad Zwiers
Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Ministry of Music: Covenant Choir and Junior Bells
Covenant Choir Directors: Amy Netz and Maria VandenBosch
Pianist: Gwen Hendrikse
Junior Bells Director: Melanie Tolsma
Organist: Kenneth Bos

Trumpeter: Jack Meyer Scripture Reader: Lydia Visker Audio/Video: Don Buist, Brian Netz

## Calvin CRC Announcements for March 24, 2024

### WORSHIP Today, 10 AM Palm Sunday

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from John 12:12-19, "Glory and Death." The Covenant Choir and Junior Bells lead us in ministry of music.

## Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday, 7 PM

We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and the Festival Choir will lead us in a service of songs and readings.

## WORSHIP Next Sunday, March 31 Resurrection Sunday

*Morning worship*: Together we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! Rev. Brad Zwiers will preach the Easter story from John 20:1-18, and the Festival Choir will lead us in worship.

#### **COUNCIL NEWS**

To those of you who were nominated to serve as Elder or Deacon: we thank you for your prayerful consideration. We have received some positive responses, but not yet enough for a full slate of office-bearers. In light of the need in this area of service for the church, we invite you to continue to pray. If you turned down your nomination, we invite you to reconsider whether God may be calling you to serve in this way in this season. There are challenges to this work, and also deep rewards in being a part of guiding Calvin Church into its next season of ministry.

#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES**

The Covenant Choir is ending their season this morning with the traditional singing of "Look at the World." Parents and all former choristers are invited to join the choir for this anthem. Please plan to come forward to join the choir during the singing of the final hymn this morning.

As the 2024 choir season ends for the Covenant Choir, we would like to express our appreciation to the parents of our choristers who have faithfully dedicated their time to bring their children to weekly rehearsals and Sunday worship services. Your children have been a blessing to our congregation throughout the year as they have led worship. We would also like to express special thanks to our 6th and 7th-graders who have provided excellent leadership throughout the year. Our lead choristers this year were: Lane Molenbeek, Jacob Netz, Hannah Triezenberg and Abram Veldkamp. Heartfelt thanks to our fine singers and their families,

Maria, Amy, Nancy, and Gwen

**TLC, Worship Center, Worship and Wonder, and Catechism** will not be meeting on Sundays March 31 and April 7 for Easter and Spring Break. There will be volunteers in the nursery.

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

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

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Save the dates: we plan to meet on Wednesdays starting on April 10 to discuss scripture passages about prayer. You are very welcome to join! Contact Pastor Rebecca for a copy of the study guide or with any questions.

**PASTA PARTY:** Neighborhood Free Pasta Dinner coming Wednesday, April 17, from 5:00–7:30 PM. Activities for kids and an opportunity to assemble kits for Kids' Food Basket (KFB). Good food, good fun, good conversations. Mark your calendar! Donations to defray the cost of food and signs may be marked "Pasta Party" and sent to the office.

**KIDS' FOOD BASKET:** On April 17 Calvin Church and our neighbors will pack supper sacks for Kids' Food Basket. You are invited to contribute items to fill the sacks. To ensure each child is receiving the same meal, KFB asks for no substitutions to the items on the Supper Pack supply list. Please have your donations on the table by the kitchen by April 14.

-Pudding Cup

-Meat sticks - 0.28 oz sticks

- -Fruit Cup or Pouch (no foil tops)
- -Pretzel, Cheez-it, or Goldfish bag (1.5 oz or smaller)
- -Quart Size Bag (must be zipper lock style)

## **CALENDAR**

	Today, Sunday, March 24
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Volunteers: Kim Wierenga, Hannah Triezenberg
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
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Judy Jongsma
3:30p	CYG activity
	Tuesday, March 26
9:00a	Family Assistance
	Wednesday, March 27
6:00p	Allegro Ringers rehearsal in the Narthex
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	Maundy Thursday, March 28
9:00a	Family Assistance
7:00p	Tenebrae Service in the Fellowship Hall
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0.40	Next Sunday, March 31, Resurrection Sunday
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Rachel Rayburn
11.15	Nursery Volunteers: Christine Coulter, Allison Coulter
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Stoner
12.00	Coffee Servers: volunteers
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Donna Houskamp



# 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, 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.

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## 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
- · Subscribe to our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@CalvinCRC/streams

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