

ORDER OF SERVICE

May 8, 2022

10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

Emily Mitchell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liz Randles

One: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

All: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

All: **We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: **For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Worship Band

"For the Beauty of the Earth," #473, v. 1, 2, 4, and 5
"O God, Show Mercy to Us"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liz Randles

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sins.

Help us to live in your light and walk in your ways,

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen. *(silence for personal reflection)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

"WE ARE THE FAMILY OF GOD"

Worship Band

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE PRESENTATION: Romans 12:3-13 (NIV)

Liz Randles

SERMON: Fueling a Warm Community

Emily Mitchell

OFFERING: "We Are God's People"

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SONG OF SENDING

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love," #284

BENEDICTION

Happy Mother's Day!

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of mothers. As they have given us life, may we have grace to share that life with others. As they have shown us patience, may we show patience to those around us. As they have given us care and hope and challenge may we, through their own gift of life, inspire a world though that same care and hope and challenge. And whether they be in this world or the next, let them feel our hearts full of gratitude for all they have taught us, all they have given us and all they have hoped into our future. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(from <https://ccc.cambridge.org/liturgical-resources-collects/#collects5-6>)



Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column from this past Friday's email.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

// by Jenny Strock

As I arrived at my Mom's home, she and her caregiver were making their slow trek to the lawn swing. It was a beautiful summer day, warm enough but not too warm, just right for her to spend a few hours outside enjoying her flowers and surroundings.

I parked the truck, got my tools out and joined her in her swing. We talked a while, listened to the birds, and generally just enjoyed being together. I told her I was going to do some work in the field so Jim and I could mow the next day, and then I'd come back to be with her.

About an hour later, as I was coming through the break in the hedge behind the swing, I heard Mom singing one of her favorite hymns. The lines that stopped me were *All I have needed thy hand hath provided* and *Strength for today and great hope for tomorrow*, both followed by *Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me*. It brought tears to my eyes, knowing she was in her late 90s, totally dependent on her caregiver for her needs, and losing her eyesight. Yet she was praising and thanking her Lord for her life.

Last week as I came through that same break in the hedge after mowing the field, I heard Mom's voice singing her favorite hymn, and realized the Lord's hand has provided all I need, and the strength and hope for tomorrow just as He did for my Mom. Both Mom and Jim are with the Lord, but the gift she gave me of her song lives on.



Contact [Kirsty](#) at the church office if you would like to contribute a meditation for Stories of Faith. The meditation should be short – about three paragraphs or 250 words.

Jesus' Family Prayer Tree

// Add to the Prayer Tree in Calvin's Foyer for this second and final Sunday

In John 19:27, Jesus re-imagines our concept of "family." Jesus calls us to participate in a new family of faith. Who is Jesus calling you to see and hear in our Jesus Family of Faith?

Pray for God to widen your "bubble," to enlarge your heart – to pray for those in your God-given family of faith. Using the color code provided, write down your prayer on a leaf (feel free to use many leaves), and attach it to our Jesus' Family Prayer Tree.

Johnson Music Scholarship Accepting New Applications

// Apply on our website up through August 31 for a scholarship to begin next Fall

Items for Resupplying the Little Pantry

// High demand for Pantry items

The Deacon-sponsored Little Pantry outside the Fellowship Hall at Calvin is getting many visitors from our community. Times are hard and food prices are skyrocketing for everyone! There are still copies of the handout that itemizes the kinds of things our Little Pantry needs. Pick one up at the back of the Sanctuary!



Happy Birthday!

Barbara Kline	May 06
Janet Peterson	May 06
Ameek George.....	May 17
Lynn Burwell	May 18



Upcoming Events

Neil's Sabbatical.....	until Aug 01
Bible Study Begins	May 12
Walk4Water	May 14
Pentecost Party.....	June 04
Pool Party	July 30

Calvin Ladies Lunch every first and third Tuesday of the month at Edmonds Bistro, 11:30 am to 1 pm. Questions? Call Lyn Fouch.