

# ORDER OF SERVICE

July 3, 2022

10:00 AM



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## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. Amen.

## PRELUDE

Linda Clugston, Organ

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emily Mitchell

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Ian Parrilla

One: Let us worship God.

All: **He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.**

One: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

All: **Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

One: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

## OPENING SONG OF PRAISE: "This is Amazing Grace"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O Lord, for the times when we deny with our lives what we say with our lips; forgive us for the difference between our creed and our conduct, our profession and our practice. Grant that at the foot of the cross we may find our burdens rolled away. And so strengthen us by your Spirit that in the days to come we may live more nearly in conformity to Christ, our Savior and Friend. Amen.** *(silence for personal reflection)*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

## PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## CHORUS: "In Christ Alone"

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## OFFERING

SCRIPTURE PRESENTATION: Luke 7:11–17 (CEB) & 1 Kings 17:7–24 (NIV)

SERMON: "Elijah, the Widow, and the Son"

Emily Mitchell

SONG OF PREPARATION: "You are My All in All"

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## PASTORAL PRAYER

One: Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

## 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: "Be Still, My Soul"

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

**Happy Independence Day!**

Calvin Church will be closed on Monday in observance of the federal holiday. We hope you have a blessed time with family and friends this weekend!

**Welcome, Sam!**

Sam Brandt, nephew of Brenda and Lee Simpkins, has been attending Calvin for a few years and is active in the youth group. Currently a senior at Shorewood High School, Sam loves computers and is a whiz at figuring things out. Other hobbies include reading history, fiction, and philosophy. (Currently, he's reading books by Winston Churchill!)

Sam will be using his computer expertise to help Calvin with the website and other administrative tasks this summer. Be sure to introduce yourself to Sam the next time you're at church during business hours.



*Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column from the Friday May 13 email.*

**God is Faithful**

// by Christi Nixon

I have had many challenges in my life. Looking back on them, I see God has carried me through every single time.

One of the hardest times in my life was when CPS found me negligent of improper care for a child, even though I had not harmed a child. I was removed from the teaching career I had spent my whole life developing. I spent 3.5 years battling CPS to clear my name. Many of my

friends, pastors, and mentors supported me emotionally, prayed for me, gave me help and guidance, and they were a soft place to fall when I needed them. I questioned God. I pleaded with God. But most of all, I trusted God would get me through. God would guide me to where he wanted me, even though it was very unclear where I would land.

The two verses that helped me keep faith that God would provide for me and I could endure what was happening to me were Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" and Isaiah 40:29-31, "He gives power to the weak... but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

Within a year of me losing my teaching career, God provided a safe place for me to fight. The perfect job presented itself. It fit seamlessly with me being a doula. Many people recommended that I apply. I spoke to my pastor for guidance and he also encouraged me to apply. Within a couple weeks I became the Hospitality & Facilities Director at Calvin Presbyterian Church.

God has blessed me in this job in so many ways. I have become more confident in my abilities, in dealing with people, and in doing hard things. God has blessed my friendships and connections with people while being in this position. I also like to think that I have been a blessing to Calvin and those I

have worked with in the last seven years. God has truly given me strength when I was weary. With God I have persevered.

**Congregational Meeting**

Calvin's Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, July 10, directly following the 10 am worship service in the Sanctuary. This brief meeting will be to vote to approve the terms of call (salary) for Pastor Neil and Pastor Emily. We hope that you, members of the congregation, can make the meeting on July 10. For those who worship at home, there is a Zoom link on our main webpage so that you can join remotely for the conversation and vote.



**Happy Birthday!**

- Lynette Brown ..... July 03
- Steve Froebe..... July 04
- Jeremy Chase ..... July 05
- Nancy Doney ..... July 05
- Brenda Simpkins ..... July 05
- Patti Scudder..... July 06
- Shirley Small..... July 06
- Clayne Leitner..... July 07
- Michael Biney ..... July 08
- Gary Durr..... July 09
- Kristen Hitchcock..... July 10
- Megan Gregersen..... July 16
- David Rood ..... July 16
- Dorothy Lindstrom ..... July 17



**Upcoming Events**

- Neil's Sabbatical..... until Aug 01
- Lutz Memorial Service ... July 09
- Congregational Meeting.. July 10
- 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.*