

ORDER OF SERVICE

July 17, 2022

10:00 AM



WELCOMING WORDS

If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest, if you are mourning and you long for comfort, if you are struggling and you desire victory, if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a Savior, God welcomes you here in the name of Christ.

PRELUDE

Linda Clugston, Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emily Mitchell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brianne McCaslin

One: God, your constant love reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness extends to the skies.

All: **Your righteousness towers like the mountains, your justice is deeper than the sea.**

One: All find protection under the shadow of your wings. We feast on the abundance you provide.

All: **You are the source of all life, and in your light, we see light.**

OPENING HYMN #469: "Morning Has Broken"

Barry and Catherine Baker

SONG OF PRAISE: "O God Beyond All Praising"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (*silence for 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

MISSIONAL MOMENT: Yucatan Helping Hands

Byron and Inez Ahina

SCRIPTURE PRESENTATION: 1 Kings 19:1–8 (NRSV)

SERMON: "The Slow Work of God"

Linda Erickson

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (#171)

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.

HYMN #339: "Be Thou My Vision"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Pool Party Coming Up!

// Intergenerational fun at Innis Arden Pool Club

We have the pool from 12 to 1 pm on Saturday, July 30, so plan to arrive just a bit earlier.

Pantry Donations Needed

The food donation box is just inside the Sanctuary doors. Items particularly desired this month are Teriyaki chow mein and fruit cups.

Bon Voyage, Pietro!

Pietro Parrilla, Calvin's Interim Youth and Family Ministry Associate since April, has left Calvin to become a student missionary for a year. We are thankful for the time Pietro was able to spend with our youth, and pray for the Spirit to guide and protect him as he works in international missions.



Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column from the Friday June 17 email.

My Journey of Faith

// by Pietro Parrilla

As I reflect on my walk with God, I must say that it has been hard. God has poured so much grace for me since my birth: the blessing of growing up in a Christian home, providing for needs in desperate times, and even education that can lead to a career. Society argues that home, security, and education are more valuable than the simple truth of the Gospel. Because of this, I have occasionally lost myself in

focusing on these things rather than trusting in our God, the One who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the skies.

My walk with God developed when I went to college. I stopped going to church because I didn't feel accepted in a church that wasn't Calvin. I justified it by listening to sermons by Pastor Neil in my dorm room. Through this, I realized how lukewarm I was. How much time was I reading the Word of God? How much time did I spend praying (aside from when I would check my bank account in college in hope that the numbers weren't red)? To be honest, it was probably only at church. Going to church for an hour or two a week would not fulfill my spiritual needs. I had to learn and am still learning what it means to humble myself before God. I found so many times I trusted in my own ways and teachings of this world rather than God. I constantly need to repent of this. I digress.

Here at Calvin, I have been blessed by being surrounded by elderly — I mean wiser — folk. In my pride, it never occurred to me that you all have faced your own challenges and have had to trust God in ways that put you out of your comfort zone. Because of this, your wisdom is appreciated, and your encouragement strengthens my spirit. In the past, I have found myself looking to society for answers as to who I was. Little did I know that the answer is in the Bible and in the church body. Now I realize how much we need to read the Bible and how much we need the church body to overcome our own selves. By ourselves, we cannot accomplish anything. Our strength comes as we serve

each other in unity under Christ. My hope and prayer are that we will always look to the true love of Christ to guide us in our next season. "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." — 1 John 3:16

This summer, I have decided to step out in faith to become a Student Missionary for one year in Israel and Palestine. At one point, this decision would have been very hard for me to make, but when I weigh out my own plans versus God's plan for His people, His plan wins out. I have received a heart for the lost and broken — those who have no way of coming to Christ unless God sends workers to go out. I ask for your support and prayers as my team of eight goes out to preach the gospel and build a church. In faith, God will use our team to bring the hope of everlasting life to the "least of these."



Happy Birthday!

- Dorothy Lindstrom July 17
- Lisa Allen July 19
- Catherine Baker..... July 19
- Carol Jean Chandler July 19
- Ian Rose Parrilla July 19
- Hank Weaver July 19
- Christi Nixon July 20
- Serina Yemane July 22
- Bob Bisnett July 24
- Carole Cannon..... July 24
- Betty Dost July 25
- Neil Trainer July 25
- Vivian Brown..... July 26
- Katy Korpi July 26
- Sera Boamah..... July 27
- Melinda Dollison July 27
- Benj. Parrilla July 28
- Bertie Clowers July 29
- Jan Lackey..... July 30
- Lois Olden..... July 30