

ORDER OF SERVICE

July 31, 2022

10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Come among us, living Lord, we come to hear your living Word. We meet together in the name of Christ to share your mission and your sacrifice; to receive the power that only you can give, that we might live! Come fill this time of silence. Amen.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Exodus 20:1–2)

Emily Mitchell

One: When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,

All: **I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.**

One: As we gather here today, let us worship the Lord, who continues to be our God and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage, so that we can walk in light and freedom.

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP: "We Are Marching"

Calvin Choristers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emily Mitchell

SONG OF PRAISE: "Cornerstone" Worship Band (Benjie, Benj., & Lora Parrilla with Nisha Mandanas)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kristine Robertson

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have sinned by what we have done and by what we have left undone. O Lord, have mercy on us, and grant, for Jesus' sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. 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"

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

For Benj. and Nisha's upcoming trip to Cambodia

SONG OF THE WORD: "Is He Worthy?"

SCRIPTURE PRESENTATION: 1 Kings 19:15–21 (CEB)

SERMON: "Not Alone"

Emily Mitchell

OFFERTORY SONG: "Honey in the Rock"

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: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thank You for Your Generosity!

// Fiscal Year Ends with Surplus

Thank you all for fulfilling your pledges and for giving extra donations in June! Your generosity is most appreciated. We had budgeted for \$50,000 in contributions in June, anticipating that we would end the fiscal year with a deficit of \$26,780. However, we *actually* received \$76,006 in General Fund contributions. These generous contributions, combined with the employee retention tax credit check we received in late June, produced a 2021–22 net revenue of \$76,777. This money will enable us to continue participating in the mission of God, both locally through the church and globally through our Outreach Mission Partners.

Earlier this week we mailed out giving statements for the first half of 2022. If you did not receive your statement or if you have any questions about your statement, please contact Kirsty Haining, our Support Ministries Director, at 206-542-6181 or by email at kirsty@calvinpc.org.

Messy Church is Coming!

// The first Wednesday of the month in October, November, and December

Messy Church is an all-age worship experience that explores God’s love in an accessible way. In the Fall, we’ll gather on the first Wednesday of the month in the Activity Center from 5:30 to 7 pm. We’ll have activities and crafts. All ages will celebrate together. (And it includes supper.)

Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column from the Friday June 24 email.

“We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps (Proverbs 16:9 NLT).”

// by Lora Parrilla

Most of the time, as I go through life, I am wary and indecisive. I worry about how each and every outcome will affect myself and the people around me. When I do make a decision, I am often insecure of the path I’ve chosen and of myself, my capabilities, and my worth. I pride myself in being conscientious and in taking care and responsibility for my actions. However, I’ve found that this pride stems from a deep need to control and shape my surroundings — to make sure the worst does not happen and that I am not hurt. Deeper still, I’ve realized, is the need to be reassured. I think through my choices because I do not want people to think less of me and I want to assure myself that I am making the “right” decision.

Frequently, I am reminded of Gideon’s story in Judges 6–8 and I see myself in him. Like me, Gideon is insecure, is worried about what people will think of him, and he needs a lot of reassurance. One of my favorite parts in Gideon’s story is when he tests God twice by leaving out a wool fleece overnight. I imagine that Gideon was hoping that God would not answer his tests with the fleece so that he would not have to go fight the Midianites. But upon seeing God’s power, Gideon surrenders his anxieties and follows God’s call. While I know my relationship with God should not be a transactional

one, I am comforted that God reassures us when we are unsure of ourselves.

In a recent sermon, Pastor Emily focused on the phrase, “God does not call the equipped; God equips the called.” The opportunities that have been most fruitful in my life have always been when I’ve listened to where God has called me. Often, I am not qualified or experienced enough to be sure of myself but as I pray with God and step out in faith, I am met with people God has placed in my life to encourage and support me. God gives me energy and motivation to learn. He puts me in hard situations where I can grow and become better, and, in turn, share my knowledge with others in a way that is loving and kind.

I try to remember this whenever a new challenge and opportunity arises. God has always provided what I needed and in hindsight, even the hardest times were not what I prayed for but were what God knew to be best for me. I meditate on Jeremiah 29:11: “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”



Happy Birthday!

- Tim Julius August 01
- Valerie Grissom..... August 02
- Dorothy Roat..... August 04
- Emily Mitchell August 07
- Gil Pehrson August 08
- David Harrison..... August 09
- Sarah Mitchell August 09
- Trent Williams August 10
- Sheila Belcher..... August 13
- Adrienne Janacek August 14