

# ORDER OF SERVICE

August 7, 2022

10:00 AM



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Exalted Lord: In these moments of worship, open my life to Your holy presence; awaken me to Your awe-inspiring majesty. Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere Your name. Amen.

## PRELUDE

Linda Clugston, Organist

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 96:1-4 NLT)

One: Sing a new song to the LORD! Let the whole earth sing to the LORD!

All: **Sing to the LORD; praise his name.**

One: Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.

All: **Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.**

One: Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

All: **Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

Worship Band (Benjie Parrilla & Lora Parrilla)

"Great Are You, Lord" and "Lord, I Need You"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, we need you, but we confess that sometimes we have sought you half-heartedly and become frustrated. We search for you in the beauty of your creation, but we fail to find you. We randomly look for quick answers to our problems in your scriptures, but we have not learned your truth. Forgive us for desiring a god who could be so easily beckoned at our whim. Forgive us for the shallowness of our pursuit. Open our eyes and our minds, Lord, to your grace and truth. And hear too our personal confessions as we continue to silently pray in Jesus' name.**

*(silence for reflection)*

## 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.**

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: The Sovereign LORD declares: "I will give you a new heart with new and right desires, and I will put a new spirit in you.

All: **I will take out your stony heart of sin and give you a new, obedient heart. And I will put my Spirit in you," declares our God.**

One: Believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ:

All: **Through Christ, we are forgiven and made new.**

## PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## CHORUS: "In Christ Alone"

## OFFERING

Linda Clugston, Organist

SCRIPTURE PRESENTATION: Acts 18:18-28

SERMON: "The Way of God More Accurately"

Neil Trainer

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## PASTORAL PRAYER

SONG OF SENDING: "Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Linda Clugston, Organist

**Catching Up with the Trainers**

// Today after the service

Join Pastor Neil and Kristi Trainer after the worship service today to see pictures from their travels and to learn about some of their experiences during the sabbatical. This will be an informal time of reconnecting after an eventful summer.

**Don't Forget to Apply for a Johnson Music Scholarship!**

// Apply by August 31 for a scholarship this Fall

As many Calvin members know, Calvin church has scholarship money available for all musicians who regularly participate in the life of Calvin Church. Whether you're a beginner or whether you have many years of training in music, you can apply now to receive funding for activities this Fall. The scholarship can be applied to vocal and instrumental lessons, workshops or camps, and choir or band activities. Full or partial scholarships will be awarded depending on number of applicants, and funds available.

Look for the application on our website!



*Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column from the Friday July 01 email.*

**Learning Patience the Hard Way: Finding Grace and Blessing**

// by Barbara J. Rood

My health challenges of the last year, especially the kneecap fracture in February, have been an intensive course in patience

and perseverance. Healing well has taken far longer than I could have imagined.

First, the usual six weeks with the knee immobilized for the bone to stabilize.

- Then another six weeks wearing a clumsy, heavier, but adjustable brace to allow for gradually increasing movement.
- And a third six weeks for physical therapy twice a week – where I could expect progress to include pain! 18 weeks total. I'm finally there. It is good that I wasn't given the whole timeline at the beginning.
- This long process for restoring flexibility, balance, and strength seemed unnecessarily slow. But all along the way, I learned it WAS necessary, and good, for me. My body needed the time. My medical team knew that better than I did, until I struggled through each day fighting the swelling, stiffness, and soreness.

The four-plus months of restricted activity have been good for me in other ways too. Slowing down, developing empathy for others with even longer-lasting limitations, discovering how little I needed to do instead of how much I could squeeze into my schedule, growing more content with watching the world go by instead of hurrying to keep up with it, and closely coordinating schedules with, and spending more time with, husband Dave who willingly took me everywhere for the three-plus months I couldn't drive.

Friends and strangers alike blessed me with their kind and gracious responses to my cane and slow, awkward movements, often allowing space and priority access. I was humbled knowing that I was receiving more than I was ready to give. Wheeled assistance through airports was a gift that made travel not only possible but pleasant. Further down the road, I heard how many folks have their own stories of recovery through physical therapy. I am thankful for eyes opened to see the needs of others with greater understanding and care.

By seeking to learn what I could from this injury and recovery journey, I found rest and restoration – a more peaceful rhythm – that feels right. I don't want to lose this now that I am again able-bodied and free to add more activity to my life. What I have learned makes me not resentful, but thankful, for it all. Only by the grace of God!



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.



**Happy Birthday!**

- 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
- Jeannie Peck..... August 17
- Pamela Turner..... August 18
- Barry Baker ..... August 20
- Tyran Johnson ..... August 21