

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, August 14, 2022 • 10:00 AM



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing as we worship you. May the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. May the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. May the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. May the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort.

May the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## PRELUDE

Linda Clugston, Organ

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

## CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Ephesians 1:3–6 NLT)

*One:* How we praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we belong to Christ.

*All:* **Long ago, even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes.**

*One:* His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave Him great pleasure.

*All:* **So we praise God for the wonderful kindness He has poured out on us because we belong to His dearly loved Son.**

## HYMN #376: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

**Ever-loving God: You are worthy of all praise, but our words and our lives fall short of giving You the glory You are due. We fail to recognize your presence among us, and we place more faith in our own abilities than in your power and love. We want to know you more; yet we allow our own cares and interests to divert our attention from you and your kingdom. Forgive us and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, through whom we continue to silently pray.** *(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:* So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*All:* **All this is from God, Who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.**

*One:* Believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ:

*All:* **In Christ, we are renewed and forgiven.**

## PASSING THE PEACE

*One:* The peace of Christ be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

## CHORUS: "In Christ Alone"

## OFFERTORY MUSIC: "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Calvin String Ensemble

## SCRIPTURE PRESENTATION: Acts 19:1–20

Lisa Allen

## SERMON: "The Power of Faith"

Neil Trainer

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Mitchell

## HYMN #379: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Linda Clugston, Organ

**Memorial for Geri Johns**

// Next Friday afternoon at 1 pm in the Sanctuary

Geri Johns, beloved Calvin member for over 50 years, passed away on August 4th. Geri served as an elder and as a deacon; she sang in the choir, and was actively involved in the life of the church. A memorial service has been scheduled for next Friday afternoon, August 19th, at 1 pm in the Sanctuary.

Geri is survived by four sons, Larry Nichoalds, Charlie Johns, Rick Nichoalds, and Ron Nichoalds; their spouses; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Please keep her family in your prayers. May God comfort them in their sorrow, and display His steadfast lovingkindness.

**Keep Up the Great Work!**

Last Sunday we were joined in worship by Rev. Dr. Steve Oglesbee, a Presbyterian pastor from Houston, Texas, along with his wife and son. After the service, he texted Pastor Neil Trainer:

*"We really enjoyed our time at Calvin this morning. Sermon was really helpful and your people are wildly friendly! We had so many folks genuinely and sincerely reach out to us. You've got a good thing going on there. Keep up the great work!"*

Well done, Calvin Church! Let's continue being wildly friendly, showing genuine and sincere hospitality to all our guests!

**Pastor's New Office Hours**

// Wednesday mornings from 10 am till Noon

Back from sabbatical and eager to reconnect with you, Pastor Neil Trainer is scheduling open office hours each Wednesday morning from 10:00 am to noon. The door to his study will be open, unless he is already meeting with someone; so feel free to drop in and share whatever is on your heart and mind. Of course, specific appointments for different times may also be made by emailing [neil@calvinpc.org](mailto:neil@calvinpc.org).



*Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column from the Friday July 15 email.*

**He Watches Over Me**

// by Jenny Strock

In 1905 lyricist Civilla Martin and her Baptist minister husband were staying in Elmira, New York. They developed a deep friendship with a couple by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle, who were – according to Civilla – true saints of God. Mrs. Doolittle had been bedridden for 20 years, and her husband was a cripple who had to propel himself in a wheelchair to and from his business. Despite their hardships, they lived happy Christian lives, inspiring those around them.

On one of their visits, Dr. Martin asked how they could be so bright and hopeful. What was their secret? Mrs. Doolittle gave this simple reply, "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me."

Civilla Martin was so inspired by Mrs. Doolittle's reply that she wrote the poem, "His eye is on the sparrow," and sent it to composer Charles Gabriel who composed the music for this much-loved gospel hymn, based on Matthew 10:29–31.

The last few years have been difficult for all of us. With Covid, job uncertainties, shootings, and wars, many have questioned whether God is still beside us. As Christians we can take comfort in knowing our Lord is there for us no matter what. Perhaps we would be well advised to take Mrs. Doolittle's simple phrase as our own.

This is the beautiful, reassuring refrain to this gospel hymn: "I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me."



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!**

- Adrienne Janacek ..... August 14
- Jeannie Peck..... August 17
- Pamela Turner..... August 18
- Barry Baker ..... August 20
- Tyran Johnson ..... August 21
- Ruth Van Dyke ..... August 23
- Sunny Coppin ..... August 27
- Kaye Ostgard ..... August 27



**Upcoming Events**

- Geri Johns service .... August 19
- Messy Church..... October 05
- Messy Church..... November 02
- Messy Church..... December 07

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