

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, August 21, 2022 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

PRELUDE

Gordon Webb, Dulcimer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Lamentations 3:21–26 NLT)

One: The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease.

All: **Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.**

One: I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"

All: **The LORD is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him. So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the LORD.**

SONGS OF PRAISE: "Your Grace Is Enough" and "Jesus Messiah"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

Our Lord and God, with our song we lift high your praise, but with our lives we often fall short.

We confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people, and used your name for our own causes. We have permitted our schedules to come first, and have not taken the time to worship you. We have failed the tests of faith you put before us, and have given in to the temptations that seize us. Forgive us, O God, according to your unfailing love. And hear us now as we silently confess our sins to you.

(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 sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.

All: **I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."**

One: Believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ:

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

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

CHORUS: "In Christ Alone"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Emily Mitchell

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "In Christ Alone"

Gordon Webb, Dulcimer

SCRIPTURE PRESENTATION: Acts 19:20–20:1

Rebecca McAndrew

SERMON: "The Disturbing Way of Jesus"

Neil Trainer

PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Mitchell

HYMN: "Take My Life And Let It Be"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Gordon Webb, Dulcimer

Congregational News

Calvin member Donn Bodine passed away on Monday night, August 15th, at the age of 89 years. He joined Calvin 52 years ago, becoming a steadfast supporter. Please keep his wife Geri, brother Allan and sister-in-law Trish, and their many other loved ones in your prayers. A service is being planned for Saturday, September 10 at 3:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Grow with Others This Fall

This fall there are several opportunities to join Life Groups at Calvin Church. Life Groups allow us to gather regularly with a small group of others to pray, grow, and serve together. The groups come in many varieties: some meet in homes or at church, while others connect on Zoom. Some are exclusively for women or for men, while others have couples and singles. Groups may meet weekly or biweekly, focus on Bible study or other book studies, include a meal or emphasize praying for one another. If you are interested in joining a Life Group, please contact [Rick Jackson](#) or [Nancy Bowerman](#), so they can find a Life Group for you. Or, if you have friends you would like to start a group with, they can help you get started.

Alpha

Alpha is a series of group sessions exploring the Christian faith. This September, Calvin Church's Young Adults Group will be enjoying weekly dinners, watching Alpha videos, and engaging in discussions on the Christian faith. All young adults

are welcome, even if you have not previously attended one of the group's gatherings. For more information, contact [Mike](#) & [Nancy Bowerman](#).

On August 25, there will be a local training course on leading an Alpha group at Northshore Community Church in Kirkland from 5:30–8:30 pm, which also includes dinner. Several Calvin Church members are planning on attending the training, and there is plenty of space for more.



Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column from the Friday, July 29th email.

Life in the Word

// by Katy Korpi

There was a time in my life where I struggled with faith. Doubts were stealthily creeping into my thoughts. 2 Corinthians 13:5 says that we are to examine ourselves to see whether or not we are in the faith. What I was experiencing went beyond that to an existential black hole.

I turned to God. I prayed for faith. The Lord answered me with one simple verse – Romans 10:17 – “So then, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.” I started a Bible-in-a-year plan. This verse led me out of the pit I was in.

I had read through the Bible before, but had gotten out of the habit. I have a Bible app on my phone that enabled me to re-engage with the Word. The Lord uses my reading to guide me through my life situations by bringing Scripture to mind that fits the situations I am in. Being in the Word is a solid faith-builder for me.

Another feature of the Bible app is that it offers shorter plans for getting into the Word and being engaged with other believers. My daughter Erika and I have worked through several shorter plans together. These plans are topic-based and give insights into how the Word applies to different aspects of our lives. As Erika and I have worked through these plans, we have shared with each other the insights God has revealed to us in the Word.

God has used the faith of others to build my faith. Listening to other's faith stories, how God has met them, spoken to them and been present in their lives encourages me in my faith journey. There is a reason God said in Hebrews 10:25 that we are to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. I need the people of God. My *faith* needs the people of God.

Being in the Word, having His words implanted in me and walking with others in the faith has brought me wholeness and faith. God has met me innumerable times with words of encouragement, instruction, and admonition. I can't imagine my life without the Word and all of you. I truly couldn't live without it.



Happy Birthday!

- Tyran Johnson August 21
- Ruth Van Dyke August 23
- Sunny Coppin August 27
- Kaye Ostgard August 27
- Noah Park August 28
- David Baker August 29
- Sue Kropf August 29
- Barbara Rood August 29
- Greg Terman August 29
- Lawrence Wong August 29