

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, September 25, 2022 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

As we prepare to worship You, O God, bless us with the gift of awareness: with eyes to behold Your glory; with ears to hear Your Word; and with hearts open to the fullness of Your redeeming love. Amen.

PRELUDE

Linda Clugston, Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105:1–3 NRSV)

Jerry Erickson

One: O give thanks to the LORD, call on His name,

All: **Make known His deeds among the peoples.**

One: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

All: **Tell of all His wonderful works.**

One: Glory in His holy name;

All: **Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

SONGS OF PRAISE: "Rejoice, The Lord Is King!" and "Lord, Reign In Me"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

Holy and merciful God: We long to know Your love and to see Your glory, but we are blind.

Our commitment to our own practices and prejudices can make us shortsighted, closed off from the new things You seek to do in our midst. Our eyes can be closed tightly with fear and doubt so that we do not trust You fully. And our pride and self-interest keep us looking only to ourselves rather than You and those You love.

Forgive us our sin, O Lord. Heal our blindness and enlighten our hearts and minds with the light of Your presence. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Light of the world. (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

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

DOXOLOGY

MISSIONAL MOMENT: Messy Church

BLESSING OF CHILDREN AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Emily Mitchell

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE PRESENTATION: Ephesians 1:15–23

Jerry Erickson

SERMON: "What You Need to Know"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Linda Erickson

SONG OF SENDING: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Linda Clugston, Organ

New Calvin Directory!

// Photos at church on October 9 or October 16

If you don't get a copy of the announcement letter this week, contact the church office.



Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column from the Friday, August 6th email.

The Cup of Astonishment

// by Wayne Clugston

Maybe you've read some of Mary Oliver's poems. In one of them, called *Everything*, she describes her approach to writing:

I want to make poems while thinking of the bread of heaven and the cup of astonishment.

Her creative poetic "cup of astonishment" image refers to the cup of wine that we're familiar with in Communion, symbolizing the forgiveness of sin and the generous grace of God made possible through Jesus' redemptive death. His grace is indeed astonishing! Here's an example.

A friend of mine on Queen Anne accompanied his aging aunt — at her urging — to an Easter Service at the Downtown Presbyterian Church when he was in his forties. He hadn't been in a church for more than twenty years. They sat in the back row. When the elements of Communion were passed, she nudged him to take the bread and the cup of wine. In the moment while the cup was still in his hand and he was thinking about Jesus' sacrificial

death, he suddenly realized that he was being changed. The renewing Spirit of God had silently, surreptitiously, inexplicably begun to reshape his life. To say he was "astonished," would be a gross understatement!

Here's the short version of what happened next: he began new work that allowed him to spend more time with his family, changed his social behavior, and drifted into a neighborhood church (Queen Anne United Methodist) where he was welcomed by a small group of believers who faithfully nurtured him in the Christian faith. For more than thirty years since, he's worked in service and witnessing roles at the Salvation Army — and in retirement still serves part-time as a counselor and Bible Study teacher in their recovery programs.

I sometimes use Mary Oliver's imagery to frame my day — grateful for "the bread of heaven" (breath, food, family, safety etc. that Jesus taught us to pray for daily) and curious about the joy and unexpected blessings that the "cup of astonishment" — God's surprising, limitless grace — may bring in the hours ahead.



Contact [Kirsty](#) at the church office if you would like to contribute a meditation for Stories of Faith.

Bridge Ministries Sunday Celebration a Success!

Thanks to all the volunteers who served. Check out the Friday email from the 23rd for photos of this event.

Have You Considered Coming?

Get Connected Class on Saturday, October 15th. Email [Pastor Neil](#) to RSVP.



Happy Birthday!

Wayne ClugstonSept. 27
Rick JacksonSept. 27
Ben Juengel.....Sept. 27
Jerry Erickson.....Sept. 28
Kirsty HainingSept. 28
Dave Peck..... October 01
Cindy Darling October 02
Meggan McCaslin October 02
Gloria Strand..... October 04
Jim Guest October 05
Victor Meniz October 07



Upcoming Events

WOW Group, 2 pm.....Sept. 26
LIFE Group, 6:30 pm.....Sept. 26
Zoom Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am.....Sept. 28
Open hours, 10 am.....Sept. 28
Young Adults Alpha Group meets at the Bowermans' house, 6:30 pm.....Sept. 28
Messy Church, 5:30 pm in the Activity Center October 05
Harambee October 08
Get Connected New Members Class, 9 am October 15
No Homeless Kids Fall Luncheon (Vision House fundraiser) October 25
Messy Church.....November 02
Missions Fest Seattle free conference at Westgate ChapelNovember 04
Messy Church..... December 07

Calvin Ladies' Lunch every first and third Tuesday of the month at The Potlatch Bistro in Edmonds, 11:30 am to 1 pm. Lunch pricing between \$15 to \$20. Those needing financial assistance may apply for the Edmonds Senior Center's low-cost meal program (\$5 for lunch). Questions? Call Lyn Fouch at 206-747-1021.