

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, October 9, 2022 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God, You call us to worship You in community. As we are brought to worship this morning, may we recognize that our worship is shared by others who are here to sing Your praise. May the bond of peace between You and Your people be experienced tangibly in our midst. Unite us together in Your love, and receive our worship by Your grace. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Colossians 1 and 2)

Nancy Bowerman

One: For in Christ all the fullness of Deity lives in bodily form. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

All: **For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities.**

One: For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

All: **And we have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. Let us worship the Lord.**

SONGS OF PRAISE: "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" and "Revelation Song"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

Lord God Almighty: With one voice we declare Your praise; united together we sing "Alleluia!" Yet our unity with one another is not as deep, sincere, and lasting as You desire, and our relationships do not always reveal a bond of peace.

You call us to be patient with each other, but we can be judgmental and demanding.

You ask us to be gentle, but we are rough and insensitive.

Forgive us, O Lord, for the divisions we have caused. Reconcile us where we have fought, and reunite us where we are estranged. Make us one in Your Spirit, through the reconciling work of Jesus, in whose name we 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 (from Ephesians 2:8-10 NLT)

One: God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

All: **Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.**

One: For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

All: **This is the Good News of the Gospel for us today.**

BLESSING OF CHILDREN AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Emily Mitchell

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE PRESENTATION: Ephesians 2:11-22

Nancy Bowerman

SERMON: "The Walls Came Down"

Neil Trainer

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

SONG OF RESPONSE: "The Blessing"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Linda Erickson

SONG OF SENDING: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

BENEDICTION

Marvelous Debut for Messy Church

October's Messy Church was joy-filled! The theme was Jesus' words, "I am the light of the world." During the activities time, people of all ages made lanterns, painted candle holders, stained glass windows, and made glittery stars; during the celebration time, we sang "This Little Light of Mine."

A huge thank you to all the volunteers and supporters of this new worshipping community. Please continue to pray for Messy Church to flourish and for lives to be transformed by God's love through these monthly gatherings.

Congregational News

Ralph "Sy" Syverson passed away into glory on Monday, October 3, 2022. Sy was 104 years old and a member of Calvin Presbyterian Church since 1962. The family is planning a service to be held at Cristwood Park at a future date to be determined. Pray for God's consoling Spirit to be at work in all of Sy's family members as they grieve the loss of Sy and give thanks for Sy's life and faith.

"Do not be afraid, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and behold, I am alive for forever and ever. Because I live, you also will live."
— Revelation 1:17–18; John 14:19

Trunk or Treat is Coming!

// Monday, October 31 from 6 to 8 pm in our parking lot

Volunteers are needed. Speak with [Carol Jean Chandler](#) if you can help!

Photos and Directory Updates

Take a look at the directory mock-up, verify your personal data, and decide what photo option is best for you. For some, the 2016 directory photo will be good. For others, a new photo will be the better option.

For those in our congregation who are worshipping remotely over concerns of Covid risk, you can come by the church during business hours from October 10 through October 28 to get a photo taken when there are very few other people around. This offer is actually for anyone who, for whatever reason, is not able to be at the church on October 9th or 16th. We'll also take submitted photos. We can make arrangements for those who are homebound to have a new photo taken if desired. Simply contact [Kirsty](#) at the church office and we'll work things out.

Little Pantry and Backpack Kids Updates

The Deacons thank you for your support of our Little Food Pantry, which is feeding many people! We would like to spotlight cans of chili and fruit cups in October, for those who want to donate. There is a collection box in the back of the sanctuary.

Backpack Kids is up and running for the fall. We are in need of someone with a strong back to help set up tables for the assembly lines and to empty the closets of stored food from 9–10 am on eight specific Mondays during this school year. Contact [Polly Terman](#) if you can help.

Why Does Membership Matter?

// *Get Connected* class next weekend at the church

Is membership just about making a public commitment, like baptism? Or are there other reasons to become a member of a church congregation? What is expected of members? What does Calvin believe? How can you make a difference here?

Join Pastor Neil Trainer to consider these and other questions at our *Get Connected* New Members Class on Saturday, October 15th, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room.

If you've been regularly participating in Calvin's worship and ministry, God has a purpose and a reason for you to be with us. To RSVP, email neil@calvincpc.org.



Happy Birthday!

Starlight Meniz	Oct. 09
Joe Scudder	Oct. 09
Julia Terman	Oct. 10
Lara Dean.....	Oct. 13
Dimitry Zissermann.....	Oct. 14
Linda Lord.....	Oct. 21
Grmawit Yemane.....	Oct. 22



Upcoming Events

WOW Group, 2 pm.....	Oct. 10
LIFE Group, 6:30 pm.....	Oct. 10
Zoom Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am.....	Oct. 12
Open hours, 10 am.....	Oct. 12
Prayer Zoom, 12 pm	Oct. 12
Young Adults Alpha Group meets at the Bowermans' house, 6:30 pm.....	Oct. 12
Women's Study, 7 pm	Oct. 12
Get Connected New Members Class, 9 am.....	Oct. 15