

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, November 13, 2022 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, teach us in this moment of worship how to receive Your blessings. Grant to us a hunger and a thirst for Your righteousness so that we might be filled. Allow us to be merciful to others so we might receive Your mercy. Teach us how to be poor in spirit so we might receive Your kingdom. Purify our hearts that we might see You. Amen.

PRELUDE

Linda Clugston, Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 24:1-6)

Liz Randles

One: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

All: **for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.**

One: Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

All: **The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.**

One: They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior.

All: **Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.**

SONG OF PRAISE: "This Is My Father's World"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. (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

WORSHIP MILESTONE CELEBRATION

BLESSING OF CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Emily Mitchell

MISSIONAL MOMENT: Backpack Kids Ministry

Polly Terman

SONG OF THE WORD: Speak, O Lord

SCRIPTURE PRESENTATION: Ephesians 4:25-32

Liz Randles

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "Our New Life Together"

Neil Trainer

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

String Ensemble

PASTORAL PRAYER

Linda Erickson

HYMN #391: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Linda Clugston, Organ

Congregational News

Longtime Calvin member, Barb Farden Hosterman, passed away on Monday, November 7. A memorial service was held yesterday at Calvin. Please pray for Barb's family and loved ones that the God of all comfort will be with them in sorrow and fill them with peace and hope.

Help Us Strike the Right Chord

Please join a listening session *today after the service* in the Fireside Room to help our team discern the future of Music Ministries at Calvin.



Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column from the Friday, August 12th email.

Growing Closer to God

// by Rick Miller

How did you come to know Jesus (and not just know *about* Him)? Would you like to continue growing?

As a child and teenager, it seemed that a common message from adults was "religion or faith are private matters" – with the unspoken message that religion or faith were *not* topics for discussion with others. While I listened intently to sermons and attended Sunday school classes, without being mentored it was hard to grow in my knowledge of Jesus. And I had no idea what it meant to enter into a real relationship with Jesus, to know Him, rather than to just know about Him.

Fast forward a few decades.... I had listened to many sermons at Calvin and other churches, but

still had many basic questions about God. Thankfully, my wife Darlene and I joined several other people in a small group. This was my first experience in a small group. The other members, who were more mature in their own walks with Jesus than I was, shared considerable love, patience, and nurturing as they helped me understand the answers to my questions about God. This small group experience changed my life as I finally came to know Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I will never be able to thank them enough for their wonderful gift to me.

One of our small group's early studies was Henry Blackaby's *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God*. God knew what I needed, and this study was it – focusing the discussion through a nurturing small group on knowing God, living in obedience to and in relationship with God, and seeking His will for my life. This was a wonderful departure from "religion and faith are private matters" as our small group members helped me understand more of God's Word and how to apply it to my life, and how to grow in my relationship with God.

I hope that you have had an opportunity like Darlene and I did to be part of a close, loving, nurturing small group. But if not, please consider joining or starting one at Calvin. Plans are being made now for an emphasis on starting new small groups this fall. So please watch this email series for further details over the next several weeks. In the meantime,

to understand more about small groups, you can speak with Calvin's small group coordinator, [Rick Jackson](#), or with anyone on Calvin's staff.



Happy Birthday!

Jan Christophersen.....Nov. 13
Bjorn JuengelNov. 15
Cathy MarinellaNov. 15
Steve Bain.....Nov. 16
William CogoNov. 18
Nancy ReppNov. 18
Mel ChandlerNov. 20
Kari DeLoma-Cogo.....Nov. 20
Daniel YemaneNov. 21
Phyllis Terman.....Nov. 22
Owen ChaseNov. 23
Rachel ClementNov. 24
Jackie Hintze.....Nov. 24
Nisha MandanasNov. 26



Upcoming Events

Food Drive..... Nov. 06–27
Medhane-Alem Evangelical Church, 3 pmNov. 13
Zoom Women's LIFE Group, 6 pmNov. 13
WOW Group, 2 pmNov. 14
LIFE Group, 6:30 pm.....Nov. 14
Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 am at *The Potlatch Bistro* in Edmonds.....Nov. 15
Zoom Men's Bible Study, 7:30 am.....Nov. 16
Open Hours, 10 amNov. 16
Prayer Zoom, 12 pmNov. 16
Young Adults Alpha Group, 6:30 pm, Bowermans' Nov. 16
Women's Study, 7 pmNov. 16
Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7 pm, St. Luke ParishNov. 23
Youth Game Night.....Nov. 23
Thanksgiving (church closed) .Nov. 24
Church Closed.....Nov. 25
Christmas Decorating....Nov. 26
Messy Church.....Dec. 07
Longest Night Service.... Dec. 11