

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, February 26, 2023 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God, in this season of Lent we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus' death and our celebration of his resurrection. We pray that your Spirit will renew in us today our anticipation for these events and our awareness that Jesus' death and resurrection are a sure source of hope and life. In the power of Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Linda Clugston, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Philippians 2:5-11)

Alison Neubauer

One: Christ Jesus, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing.

All: **And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!**

One: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

All: **That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the
earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

SONGS OF PRAISE "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "What a Beautiful Name"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

**God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love,
we confess that we have been wayward children.**

**We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call;
our hearts have been cold to your love.**

In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name.

**In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, not because we are
worthy but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us. (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

BLESSING OF CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Emily Mitchell

MISSIONAL MOMENT DOVE (Cambodia) Ministries

Brian Maher and Lynn Ogata, via video

OFFERING

Linda Clugston, organ

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:27-37

Alison Neubauer

SERMON Who Do You Say I Am?

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "Jesus Messiah"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Linda Erickson

SONG OF SENDING "Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

BENEDICTION

Neil Trainer

POSTLUDE

Linda Clugston, organ

Finance Team Update

// A snapshot of our financials as of January 31, 2023

January giving was a bit more modest than it was in December, but we are still in a good position financially. Contributions to date are about 96% of what the budget anticipated and expenses are also lighter. Facilities revenue also continues to perform much better than we expected.

Here's a quick look at some figures:

- General Fund Contributions, July-Jan: \$352,693 (we budgeted for \$367,000);
- Facilities Revenue, July-Jan: \$35,461 (our budget expected \$23,500);
- Other Revenue, July-Jan: \$190,806 (includes bequest income);
- TOTAL Operations Revenue, July-Jan: \$578,960.
- Total Expenses, July-Jan: \$386,835 (giving to missions: \$50,088).
- Net Revenue, as of 1/31/2023: \$192,126.
- Total Assets, as of 1/31/2023: \$1,080,884.

Those of you with eagle eyes may notice that our bequest income appears to be less than it was last month. This is because Session designated \$50,000 to go to building and grounds projects, so that amount is now in another line item to be used as Session has designated.

Thank you all for your continued support of the mission and ministries of Calvin church! As always, if you have any financial concerns, please feel free to

reach out to Elder [Dan Coppin](#), head of the Finance Team, or to [Kirsty Haining](#), our Support Ministries Director.

Year-end giving statements were mailed out to the congregation last month, so if you did *NOT* receive yours, please contact Kirsty.

Lenten Bible Readings

// Daily readings on website

We invite you to participate in our congregation-wide Bible reading plan. *If you did not receive your letter and bookmark in the mail last week, copies are available at the front desk.*

Sanctuary Course After Service

Meet in the Library at 11:30 am to explore how church can be a sanctuary for individuals living with mental health challenges.

Congregational Meeting

// Next week after worship

Calvin will be holding a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, March 5 to vote for nominees for elders, deacons, and the nominating committee. More details about the roles and the nominees can be found in the Friday email. Please pray for all of our nominees, and make time to attend the meeting, either in person or online.

"First Fruits" Food Drive

// Next week during worship

Please bring a package of applesauce cups or mandarin fruit cups for the Little Pantry to help our neighbors in need. However, instead of dropping your food donations into the Little Pantry box, hold on to

them for the children to collect during the worship service. Before the children are dismissed to Sunday School, they will collect all the fruit donations from everyone in the congregation and bless the food. (You are welcome to donate food at other times; however, on the first Sunday of the month it will be collected by the children as an act of worship within the service.)

Volunteers Needed!

// Help stuff Easter eggs

If you're able to help stuff Easter eggs, contact [Cheryl Minnig](#) and she will provide you with eggs and filling supplies to stuff at your leisure at home. If you would like to volunteer as a "day of" helper, please contact [Janet Peterson](#) or [Carol Jean Chandler](#). Many hands make light work! Thank you.



Happy Birthday!

Dolores Ohnstad	Feb. 26
Carol DeVries.....	Feb. 27
Kawika Ahina.....	Feb. 28
Kory Dean	Mar. 03
Jerry Janacek.....	Mar. 04
Don Ricker	Mar. 07
Rob Kline.....	Mar. 10
Karen Novstrup	Mar. 10



Upcoming Events

The Sanctuary Course, Sundays at 11:30 am in the Library	Feb. 26 – Apr. 23
Messy Church, 5:30 pm in the Activity Center.....	Mar. 01
Congregational Meeting to elect church officers.....	Mar. 05
Palm Sunday	Apr. 02
Easter Egg Hunt	Apr. 08
Easter Sunday	Apr. 09