

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, March 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*

INTROIT "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" arr. Kevin McChesney

Chancel Bell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

Liz Randles

One: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

All: **One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.**

One: They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.

All: **The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.**

One: All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you.

All: **My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.**

Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

SONGS OF PRAISE "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" and "Cornerstone"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

Our Lord and God: Before you now, we confess that we are often frail and unfaithful people.

Forgive us for taking our eyes off of You when the storms of life crash upon us.

Forgive us for trusting more in our own strength than in Your power and goodness.

Forgive us for focusing more on our temporary needs than upon Your timeless blessings.

Forgive us for seeking the treasures of this world more than Your eternal kingdom.

Renew us this day that we might be whole and holy in Your sight.

Through Christ our Savior 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

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

OFFERING "Blessed Assurance" arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Chancel Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:35-41, 46-52

Liz Randles

SERMON "What Do You Want Me to Do for You?"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Linda Erickson

SONG OF SENDING "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Linda Clugston, *organ*

Betty Hedge Memorial Service

// Palm Sunday, April 2, 1 pm

Betty Hedge, beloved Calvin member and saint in the household of God, died on December 3, 2022. Betty was 99 years old. She had been a member of Calvin Presbyterian Church since 1967. Betty's memorial service will be held next Sunday, April 2 at 1 pm in the Sanctuary. Her family chose this month for the service as it the month in which she would have turned 100 years old. Please give thanks to God for Betty's long and good life; we also celebrate that Betty has now received her crown of glory in God's eternal kingdom.

Order Easter Lilies Soon!

// Turn in your order form with payment by next Sunday

In keeping with tradition, Calvin is inviting you to help decorate the Sanctuary with beautiful Easter lilies. The cost is \$12.00 per plant. If you purchase a lily, your name and the names of those to be honored or remembered will be in a special Easter Sunday bulletin insert.

To order lilies, complete the form available at the welcome desk or in the Friday email and place the form, along with payment, in an envelope marked "Easter Lilies" in the white lock box behind the welcome desk area.

February Finance Summary

// Calvin Church continues to be in a sound financial position

Our finances continue to look good. Both contributions and expenses (fiscal year-to-date)

are a bit below budget, but facilities revenue remains stronger than projected. See the Friday email for a more detailed summary.

An Invitation from Stephen Ministry

// Let us join you in your journey

Over the past three weeks we've had a chance to share about Stephen Ministry, both in the worship services and in the Friday email. We have talked about the power of listening. We have talked about the posture necessary in order to listen well. And we have talked about the importance of continuing to listen for the long haul.

This note is a simple invitation: Do you need someone who will listen to you? Do you wonder if anyone cares enough to listen? Do you long for a safe place in which to be vulnerable, a place where you can put your longings, hurts and needs on the table and not feel judged? Do you long for a space where candor and acceptance go hand in hand?

We all carry burdens and hurts. And even though talking openly about them can be of great relief, we often shrink away from the opportunity. What if someone will think less of us? What if I am rejected?

Yet we are all created in the image of God, meant for communion not just with the Lord but with one another. Stephen Ministers long to be available to sit with you in whatever space you may occupy, willing to listen and walk by your side no matter where your journey may lead.

So, please, don't think that your situation is either too small or too big for someone to listen. There are Stephen Ministers at Calvin who would welcome the opportunity join you in your journey. If you think you would like to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact [Pastor Emily](#), and she will connect you with one.

Stories of Faith Meditations

// Seeking submissions

Have you missed reading the *Stories of Faith* meditations in the Friday emails? We would very much like to keep running the column, but we need people to write meditations so that we have something to share! If you feel the Spirit prompting you to contribute a brief essay, contact [Kirsty](#) at the church office.



Happy Birthday!

Lee Simpkins	Mar. 26
Pietro Parrilla.....	Mar. 27
Chris Jackson.....	Mar. 30
Carol Olason.....	Apr. 01
Paula Gregersen.....	Apr. 04
Les Minnig	Apr. 04
Anni Korpi	Apr. 05
Leah Yemane.....	Apr. 05
John Robertson.....	Apr. 07
Thomas Robertson	Apr. 08



Upcoming Events

<i>The Sanctuary Course</i>	Mar. 26
Choir Rehearsal	Mar. 29
Palm Sunday	Apr. 02
Betty Hedge Memorial ...	Apr. 02
Messy Church.....	Apr. 05
Maundy Thursday	Apr. 06
Good Friday	Apr. 07
Easter Egg Hunt	Apr. 08
Easter Sunday	Apr. 09
Ladies' High Tea.....	Apr. 22
Vision House Luncheon ...	May 08