

Calvin Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 23, 2023



Cherry blossoms on Calvin's campus. Photo by Christi Nixon.

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Order of Service

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Preparation for Worship *(from Psalm 92:1-4 NRSV)*

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name,
O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Prelude

Linda Clugston, *organ*

Welcome and Greeting

Neil Trainer

Introit

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Calvin Choir

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 150 CEB)*

Carol Jean Chandler

ONE: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary!

ALL: Praise God in his sanctuary!

ONE: Praise God in his mighty acts!

ALL: Praise God as suits his incredible greatness!

ONE: Praise God with the blast of the ram's horn!

ALL: Praise God with lute and lyre!

ONE: Praise God with drum and dance!

ALL: Praise God with strings and pipe!

ONE: Praise God with loud cymbals!

ALL: Praise God with clashing cymbals!

ONE: Let every living thing praise the LORD!

ALL: Praise the LORD!

Songs of Praise

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven (#478)

Amazing Grace (#280)

Prayer of Confession

Emily Mitchell

Eternal God, you do not change.

**You have revealed yourself to us in your Word.
You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.**

**But we confess that we often worship not your true
self but who we wish you to be.**

**We too often ask you to bless what we do rather
than seeking to do what you bless.**

**Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should
be seeking guidance.**

**Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what
we want instead of shaping us into what you want.**

**Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before
your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now
and ever, in Christ.**

(Silence for personal reflection)

Song of Assurance

And Can It Be, v. 1

Spoken Assurance of Grace

Emily Mitchell

Passing the Peace

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Song of Assurance

And Can It Be, v. 4

Children's Blessing

Laurel Underwood

Jesus Loves Me This I Know

Offering

Doxology	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	
Scripture Presentation	Psalm 95:1–7	Carol Jean Chandler
Songs of the Word	<i>He Is Lord</i> <i>Let's Just Praise the Lord</i> <i>Alleluia</i>	
Meditation	Come, Let Us Worship	Neil Trainer
Songs of Response	<i>God Is So Good</i> <i>Seek Ye First</i> <i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	
Pastoral Prayer		Emily Mitchell
The Lord's Prayer		Linda Clugston & Sande Gillette
Song of Sending	<i>Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	
Choral Benediction	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>	Calvin Choir
Charge & Benediction		
Postlude		Linda Clugston, <i>organ</i>

The News in Brief

Reception for Linda Clugston

// *Today after the service*

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for a reception in honor of Linda Clugston.

The Church Directory is Here!

// *Pick yours up today*

We're delighted that the new directories have arrived! You can pick up a copy after the service today, or you can stop by the church office during the week. We will make a PDF copy available on request — just let [Kirsty](#) know if you'd like an electronic copy. There's a limit of two printed directories per household.

Donations to underwrite printing costs are welcome but not required.



Happy Birthday!

Arthur Weaver	April 24	Georgina Afrane	May 01
Evelyn Dean	April 25	Lance Neubauer	May 03
Elizabeth Dean	April 25	Eric Johnson	May 05
Inez Ahina	April 29	Barbara Kline	May 06
Brianne McCaslin	April 30	Janet Peterson	May 06



Upcoming Events

Celebration for Linda Clugston	Today!
<i>The Sanctuary Course</i> , 12 Noon, Fireside Room	April 23 & 30
Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm, Music Room	April 26
Messy Church, 5:30 pm, Activity Center	May 03
Vision House Luncheon, 12 Noon, Meydenbauer Center	May 08
Walk for Water, 10 am, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park	May 13

Me Worry? Yep!

// by Linda Clugston

Have you ever thought about your gifts? Your special talent, aptitude, skill? I've always thought it would be wonderful to be really good at something. It has taken a long time, but I have finally recognized my gift: it's worry. I'm good at it. I've had a lot of practice.

We live in a world that nurtures a talent such as mine. A glance at today's newspaper headlines makes clear that there is no shortage of topics for worry. Just take your pick: war, drugs, inflation, crime, famine, illness. That's the bad news.



The good news is that we have a God who understands our propensity for worry and made provision for it. In sending the Holy Spirit, He has given us His help and presence as we face life's challenges. An account about an eagle facing a severe storm in the Himalayan mountains illustrates that how we handle adversity can make all the difference. The eagle could have attempted to fly above the storm or, if unsuccessful, might have been killed on the rocks below. Instead, it set its wings in such a way that the rough air currents enabled it to reach even greater heights. It may be that, with God's help, we can adjust "our wings" so that our difficulties can actually be used to glorify God.

As I've worked to gain some control over my "gift," it has helped me to recognize that God is interested in and concerned with even the very minor issues of our lives. After wrestling with a problem and finally releasing it to God, I have rejoiced in the ease with which He has met the need or solved the problem.

Just as practice has increased my "ability" to worry, practice in "letting go and letting God" more often has proven worthwhile. Maybe I'll be able to find a new "gift."

Do not be anxious about anything, but in prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6)



This is a repeat of the Stories of Faith column from the Friday, February 24th email.

Contact [Kirsty](#) at the church office if you would like to contribute a meditation for Stories of Faith. The meditation should be short — about three paragraphs or 250 words.

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