

# ORDER OF SERVICE

May 7, 2023 • 10:00 AM



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of grace and God of glory, grant us wisdom; grant us courage as we worship and serve you whom we adore. Amen.

INTROIT "The Holy City"

Art Nelson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 27 NIV)

Janet Peterson

One: The LORD is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear?

All: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek:

All: **That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.**

One: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

All: **He will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.**

SONGS OF PRAISE "God of Grace and God of Glory" (# 420) and "No Longer Slaves"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

**God of perfect love, we confess our need for deliverance.**

**Forgive us for our shallow faith, our timid spirits, and our fearful hearts, which betray a lack of trust in You to give freedom and new life.**

**Release us from the burdens of our past, and meet us in our need today.**

**Set right that which is twisted and wrong. Mend that which is broken, so that we might walk in boldness with You, through the power of Jesus our Lord, in Whose name we continue to silently 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 "It Is Well With My Soul"

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 17:1–50

Eric & Janet Peterson

SERMON "A Bold Heart"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee" (# 520)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PASTORAL PRAYER

Linda Erickson

SONG OF SENDING "How Firm a Foundation" (# 361)

BENEDICTION

## From Linda Clugston

“ A heartfelt “thank you” for the love and appreciation shown to me as I concluded my work as organist here at Calvin – fifteen years filled with good memories. Your many kind words, and then your participation in the choral benediction, “The Lord Bless You and Keep You,” brought the service to a beautiful conclusion. Thank you, too, for your cards and notes – I appreciate each one. Love to all of you. ”  
– Linda

## Walk for Water is next Saturday!

There’s still time and space to join Calvin’s *Walk for Water* Team! You can either register as a member of the team or you can donate in support of the team at [pfpwalk.org](http://pfpwalk.org).

Funds we raise will be used to purchase 10,000-liter rainwater catchment tanks for women and their families in rural Kenya. These tanks provide clean water and allow women to spend their time on activities other than walking several hours each day to collect dirty water. [Path from Poverty](http://Path from Poverty) is an organization that not only assists with purchasing tanks, but also supports members with training, mentorships, encouragement, and empowerment. Group members find their lives and the lives of their families being transformed.

Meet to walk next Saturday, May 13 at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park at 10 am (or meet at Calvin at 9:30 am to take the shuttle to the park). See you then!

## Why Does Membership Matter?

// Learn more May 20 at 9 am

- New to Calvin Church?
- Curious about our congregation?
- Interested in becoming a member?

If you’ve been participating regularly in Calvin’s worship and ministry, God has a purpose and a reason for you to be with us. Join Pastor Neil for our *Get Connected* New Members Class. RSVP to [Pastor Neil](#).

## The Church Directory is Here!

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*Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column from the Friday, January 20th email.*

## Our Paradoxical Journey with God

// by Emily Mitchell

*“We are treated as imposters, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known ... as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.” – 2 Corinthians 6*

Over time I’ve grown to appreciate paradox. I used to think matters were either black or white, but there are limitations in the conjunction “or.” The word “and” is more generous and helps us comprehend that we can be grieving and grateful; tender and tough; knowledgeable and ignorant. Paradox is a gift.

In 2 Corinthians 6:8–10, Paul models how to embrace the spaciousness of “and” and not

to live under the tyranny of “or.” As participants in the reconciling work of God in Christ, we are true to our word and yet distrusted; we are immersed in tears and yet submerged in deep joy; overlooked by the world and yet seen by God.

In my early 30s, I felt misunderstood by others. A spiritual director observed that Christ, too, suffered in ways that people couldn’t comprehend, and, so perhaps my experience of being misunderstood was an invitation from God to grow in my identification with, and conformity to, Jesus.

Christ himself inhabits paradox. He is the sinless one, and he became sin for us; he is the one who was alienated, and he makes reconciliation with God possible for us; he is the one who was despised and rejected, and he is the one who is highly exalted and accepted by God.

This week, I invite you to find beauty and hope in our mysterious and paradoxical journey with God, increasing your trust in the One who in love willingly faced death and the One who raises the dead.



## Happy Birthday!

Ameek George..... May 17  
Lynn Burwell..... May 18  
Samuel Serebour..... May 19



## Upcoming Events

Vision House Luncheon ... May 08  
Choir Rehearsal..... May 10  
*Walk for Water* ..... May 13  
*Get Connected* Class..... May 20  
Messy Church..... June 07