

# ORDER OF SERVICE

May 14, 2023 • 10:00 AM



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Exalted Lord: In these moments of worship, open my life to Your holy presence;  
awaken me to Your awe-inspiring majesty.  
Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere Your name. Amen.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

## CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105:1–3 NRSV)

Kristi Trainer

One: O give thanks to the LORD, call on His name,  
All: **Make known His deeds among the peoples.**  
One: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;  
All: **Tell of all His wonderful works.**  
One: Glory in His holy name;  
All: **Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

## SONGS OF PRAISE “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” and “Revelation Song”

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

**Holy and eternal God: Because our vision of You has become small and our understanding of You limited, we pray, “Be magnified!”**  
**Because we have not always kept You in the highest place in our lives, we pray, “Be exalted!”**  
**And because we have not given You the honor You deserve, we pray, “Be glorified!”**  
**Forgive us for redefining You as we want You to be rather than receiving You as You are.**  
**By Your mercy, receive us as we are, and make us into the people You designed us to be through Christ our Lord. (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 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Laurel Underwood

## SCRIPTURE READING 1 Chronicles 16:1–4, 7–13

Kristi Trainer

## SERMON “A Worshipful Heart”

Neil Trainer

## SONG OF RESPONSE “How Great Thou Art”

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Linda Erickson

## SONG OF SENDING “For All the Faithful Women”

## BENEDICTION

## Happy Mother's Day!

Gracious God,

We thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other.

Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers

- who cared for us when we were helpless,
- who comforted us when we were hurt,
- whose love and care we often took for granted.

Today we pray for

- those who are grieving the loss of their mother,
- those who never knew their biological mother and now yearn for her,
- those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love,
- those longing to be a mother,
- families separated by war or conflict.

Keep us united with you and with each other, so that we can be and become all that we are meant to be.

Adapted from [Thoughts About God](#).

## Time to Become a Member?

// Attend the *Get Connected* Class this coming Saturday

If you've been regularly participating in Calvin's worship and ministry, God has a purpose and a reason for you to be with us. If you haven't yet taken the step of becoming an active member of our congregation, then consider doing so by attending our *Get Connected* New Members Class. The class will be held on Saturday, May 20, from 9 am to 12 pm in the Calvin Church Library.

We will address questions like...

- What does the church believe?
- Why join the church?
- How can I make a difference with Calvin?
- How will I benefit from membership, and what will be expected of me?

To RSVP or get more information, email [Pastor Neil](#).

## Planned Giving

Some things to consider as you think about planned giving...

- Generous living is about approaching each day with an open heart, an open mind, and an open hand. What can you do today to live more generously? What generous living choices can you make today that will make a difference in the future?
- Because of legacy gifts made to churches, kids have been able to go to youth camp, the hungry have been fed, and missions have thrived. What will a gift from you accomplish?



*Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column in the Friday, March 3rd email.*

## The Loss of a Rudder

// by Barry Baker

A small trailerable sailboat may not be the best vessel for navigating a tidal rip in Rosario Strait off of Lopez Island, but that is where two college friends and I found ourselves. We were headed for Deception Pass early in the morning to catch the tides when the turbulent waters lifted the rudder off the pintles that hold it to the boat. Without the rudder attached to the boat, it is useless for steering. No matter how we tried, we could not reattach the rudder underway. The loss of a rudder is one of

the greatest dangers a boat can face, especially when tossed by wind and wave. Fortunately, the boat had an outboard motor that we could use to steer the boat back to safe and calm waters inside Lopez Pass, and once inside the calm waters, reattaching the rudder was easy. And the first thing I did when we had returned was to make sure the rudder never again came out unintentionally.

In my life, there have been a few times when I seemingly lost my rudder and was tossed to and fro by the capricious tidal rips of life. As Christians, our rudder needs to be the Word of God, and, once disconnected, on our own we cannot reconnect. But we do have access to the power that can lead us to those calm and still waters where we can be reconnected, rest as needed, and continue on our voyage. If you are tossed and without direction, seek the power of the Spirit to bring you to the still waters where you can reconnect to the Word.



## Happy Birthday!

Ameek George..... May 17  
Lynn Burwell..... May 18  
Samuel Serebour..... May 19  
Grace Biney ..... May 23  
Franchot Fenske ..... May 23  
Marlene Lager ..... May 23  
Susan Leonhardi ..... May 23  
Bruce Thiemens ..... May 24  
Toko Weaver..... May 25  
Peter Weschler ..... May 27



## Upcoming Events

Choir Rehearsal..... May 17  
*Get Connected* Class..... May 20  
Messy Church..... June 07