

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

INTROIT "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" arr. McKechnie/Haydn

Chancel Bell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Jan Allen

SONG OF PRAISE "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (#298)

RESPONSIVE READING (from Psalm 103:1-4 NRSV)

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

All: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits —**

One: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,

All: **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

SONG OF PRAISE "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

**Gracious and generous God, we worship today, rich in blessing,
yet often believing that we merit all we enjoy.**

Forgive us, our God, for our ingratitude that takes credit ourselves for what is a gift from You.

**Forgive us for being too quickly self-satisfied,
and too often looking past those You call us to serve.**

**Forgive us for offering token gestures to the hungry in our world,
and feeling we have done enough.**

Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than holding tightly only to You.

**Empower us to love compassionately as you have loved us,
through Jesus Christ in whose name 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 (from Ephesians 2:17-19 NRSV)

One: Jesus Christ came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off
and peace to those who were near;

All: **For through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

One: So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints
and also members of the household of God.

All: **In Christ we are reconciled and forgiven.**

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PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

DOXOLOGY

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sam Brandt, Kaylee Logan, Thomas Robertson, and Samantha Yemane

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

OFFERING “Dance Before the Lord” by Michael Helman

Chancel Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 18:1–18

Jan Allen

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Abraham & Sarah’s Guests”

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE “The Compassion Hymn”

PASTORAL PRAYER

Linda Erickson

SONG OF SENDING “The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”

BENEDICTION

Happy Father's Day

// Thank you, Dads, for who you are and for all you do!

We wish all the fathers in the congregation a very happy Father's Day. We also hold in prayer all those for whom this day is bittersweet.

Happy Juneteenth!

On Monday the church office will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. The office will be open again on Tuesday.

Congregational News

The church received word this week that Jim Archer, age 98, passed away on April 27. Jim was the husband of Carol Archer, who passed away last October, and who was also active at Calvin. Please be praying for Jim's family and loved ones, that they would be consoled by the Holy Spirit and assured of God's grace and resurrection power.

Those wishing to send condolences may direct them to the Archers' son, Dave Archer, at 111 N 193rd St, Shoreline, WA 98133.

"But I know that my Redeemer lives, and in the end He will stand upon the earth. Even after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God."

— Job 19:25–26

New Sermon Series

// Compassion: Learning to Love Like God

Love and compassion are abundant in the heart of God, in

the life and ministry of Jesus, and in the gifts of the Holy Spirit to the Church. And because the life of godly compassion is the call of us all, we are offering opportunities for us all to learn this summer.

Each Sunday we'll make compassion the focus of our worship as explore biblical stories illustrating God's compassion in action. In addition, our children's Sunday School curriculum will be following the same stories and themes. We also encourage you to use the weekly study guides to grow deeper in compassion.

Fresh Look for Calvin Coming Soon!

// Painting begins 6/26; be careful where you park

You may have seen the test paint swatches at various points on Calvin's building... yes, Calvin's getting a new look! The last time the building was painted was in 1995, so it's way overdue for a new coat. The main color of the buildings will be "Geddy Gray," the doors and some of the trim will be our Calvin blue color, and we'll also have an "Iron Mountain" gray color as an accent.

Power washing begins this week. Your cars will be fine parked wherever you want while the power washing occurs. However, painting begins Monday, 6/26 and will take two to three weeks to complete. Make sure your cars are parked away from wherever it's being painted so as not to damage your cars with a fine mist of paint. If you are concerned about damage to your car, the

safest place to park during the weeks that Calvin will be painted is on top of the hill; otherwise, we recommend parking on the far side of the parking lot from the building.

Little Blue Pantry Update

// It's open again!

We're happy to report that the Little Blue Pantry is once again up and running! There are still a few finishing touches to complete (concrete poured, roof finished, etc.), but it is operational again. A heartfelt thank you to Hank Weaver for rebuilding the new pantry after our previous one was vandalized several weeks ago.

The importance of the pantry to our community is seen in how much it is used. Just one day after the new pantry was stocked, it was already needing to be refilled. Many thanks for your generous donations of food and other items that allow us to care for our community in this practical way.

Calvin's End of Fiscal Year

// June 30th is coming soon

The final day of Calvin's fiscal year is Friday, June 30th, only two weeks from today. We encourage those of you who have made pledges to contribute by this date. Your contributions will help us to end the year strong!

Donate to Calvin



Hats Off to Our Graduating Seniors

// Well done, class of 2023!

Many congratulations to the four high school seniors from our Calvin church family who are graduating this weekend: Sam Brandt, Kaylee Logan, Thomas Robertson, and Samantha Yemane.



Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column from the Friday, June 10, 2022 email.

Congratulations, Graduates!

// by Linda Erickson

This is a season of graduations for me, glory to God! My niece and nephew graduated from high school a couple of Fridays ago, and my daughter, Rebecca, who graduated from the UW last year, has been invited (as a member of classes 2020 and 2021) to walk in a unique commencement ceremony on Sunday, June 12. We will be cheering from the stands. I graduate on Thursday, June 9 from my second chaplaincy unit at Harborview Medical Center, and over the weekend of June 11-12 will complete a two-year spiritual direction program and on Saturday will watch via live streaming Fuller Theological Seminary's commencement in Pasadena. I completed my MDiv in March and was informed that my diploma is in the mail!

I write this on Pentecost Sunday, which, I suppose, could be considered graduation day for Jesus' followers. The disciples had returned to Jerusalem after Jesus had ascended to await their commissioning. "All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the

mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers (Acts 1:14 NRSV)." As recorded in Acts 2, the Holy Spirit, in a rush of wind, filled the house where they were gathered. It appeared as though tongues of fire "rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability (Acts 2:3-4)." Christians understand this account as the birth of the church. From this day forward, the good news about Jesus would spill out from that tucked-away room, first introduced to Jerusalem's international visitors, and then gradually through small 'church plants' in homes around the edge of the Mediterranean Sea.

The men and women who experienced the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost had absolutely no idea of what the future held for them and, basically, for the history of the world. I know I feel that way right now, too, and I suspect most of the graduates who were and are also participating in graduation celebrations may, deep down, wonder, "What next?" We are living in troubled times, as were the folks whose lives are recorded in Acts. Yet, even deeper down, we graduates, poised on the edge of new beginnings, carry hope and expectation, infused and sustained by the Holy Spirit. Tilden Edwards writes, "In following the Spirit's lead as best we can, we will cooperate with God's mysterious evolution of a fully reconciled and joyful creation (*Living in the Presence*, p. 122)." While I am asking, "What next?" the Holy Spirit catches my attention and my heart, and beckons, "This way!"



Contact [Kirsty](#) at the church office if you would like to contribute a brief meditation for Stories of Faith.

Support the Work of God in Concrete, WA

// Fund Kevin and Danielle Riley

Last Sunday, Calvin's guest preacher was Kevin Riley, who shared his inspiring life story of suffering and resurrection; he and his wife Danielle currently minister to those coming from a marginalized context in the Skagit Valley through Mount Baker Presbyterian Church.

If you were moved by their story, please consider making a financial contribution to sustain their ministry. You can give to Mount Baker Presbyterian Church through the [Northwest Coast Presbytery](#), to which Calvin and Mount Baker both belong. Questions? Talk to [Pastor Emily](#).

If you missed Kevin Riley's preaching last week, you can watch the service video on our [website](#).



Happy Birthday!

Betsy Bain.....	June 18
Gail Bowman.....	June 18
Mary McGrady.....	June 19
Art Nelson.....	June 19
Dan Coppin.....	June 21
Becky Logan.....	June 21
Samantha Yemane.....	June 21
Oscar Meniz.....	June 23
Warren Sanders.....	June 23
Dale Novstrup.....	June 24
Bethuel Parrilla.....	June 26
Polly Terman.....	June 26
Sarah Harris.....	June 29
Jason Logan.....	July 01
Micah Trainer.....	July 01



Upcoming Events

Installation of Elders & Deacons.....	June 25
First Fruits Offerings.....	July 02
Recognition of New Members.....	July 09
Pool Party at Innis Arden.....	Aug. 19