

# ORDER OF SERVICE

July 9, 2023 • 10:00 AM



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, in this time of worship grant to us a hunger and a thirst for Your righteousness so that we might be filled. Allow us to be merciful to others so we might receive Your mercy. Teach us how to be poor in spirit so we might receive Your kingdom. Purify our hearts that we might see You. Amen.

## PRELUDE

Linda Clugston

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

## CALL TO WORSHIP (from Lamentations 3:22–25 NLT)

Catherine Baker

*One:* The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease.

*All:* **Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.**

*One:* I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"

*All:* **The LORD is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him.**

## SONG OF PRAISE "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Linda Erickson

**Almighty and merciful God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;**

**and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.**

**Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises in Christ Jesus, our Lord, through whom we 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 THE CHILDREN

## NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

## SCRIPTURE READING 2 Kings 6:8–23

Catherine Baker

## SERMON "The Feast that Brings Peace"

Neil Trainer

## OFFERING

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Linda Erickson

## SONG OF SENDING "Lord Speak to Me"

## BENEDICTION

## Congregational Meeting

// Today, after the service

As we begin a new budget and program year, Session is proposing updates to the pastors' terms of call. All members are asked to attend a brief special meeting of the congregation after worship today to act upon these recommendations. Members may attend in person in the Sanctuary or via [Zoom](#).

## Reception of New Members

Today during the service, we'll be receiving new members into the congregation. See the handout for pictures of and introductions to those who are joining. After the service and congregational meeting, there will be something special to eat at the coffee hour in celebration of our new members.



*Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column from the Friday, January 13th email.*

## Mean What You Pray

// by Judy (Runions) Green

In 2001, I was asked to leave the Calvin Youth Ministry in the hands of the new director and take on the robust missions ministry. This would be a new staff position we would define as we went. Youth mission trips had taught me missions from the youth leader perspective, but broader missions work involved the care and support of our many infield missionaries, handling the donated support, and raising awareness of our mission

focus to the congregation. A big learning curve for sure.

As I prayed about this change, God suddenly opened the door for me to travel to Tanzania and live for six weeks, tent camping, at an "orientation training" for Wycliffe SIL missionary families preparing to serve in East Africa. I would travel alone (a first for me and scary!). Be careful when you pray, as I had been doing, that you will serve God "anywhere, anytime, and anything." He takes you up on your offer.

The fear of stepping out in faith was overwhelming. However, every excuse I made He quickly removed until it was very clear that this was God's will and He would provide. Still, in early October 2001, just after 9/11, I prayed my way from Seattle to Dar Es Salam, each travel segment thankfully smoothed and blessed. In Dar, I was met by a friend who put me on the eight hour inland bus to Iringa, TZ. What a comfort to have his help. As the bus arrived after dark at the tent camp, I was met by my host, welcomed, and put at ease.

And so I patiently waited for God to reveal what I was to learn and how I could serve this group. The experience was robust with purpose and insight into what it means to devote one's life to serve God as a missionary. The seasoned training missionaries and incoming families changed and broadened my limited world perspective. I learned so much about the sheer joy of stepping boldly into God's adventure and leaning on Him to see me through.

I returned home, my spirit, mind and heart irrevocably changed, and with a passion for the new task that lay before me as Coordinator of Missions.



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.



## Happy Birthday!

Gary Durr.....	July 09
Kristen Hitchcock.....	July 10
David Rood .....	July 16
Dorothy Lindstrom .....	July 17
Lisa Allen .....	July 19
Catherine Baker.....	July 19
Carol Jean Chandler .....	July 19
Ian Rose Parrilla .....	July 19
Hank Weaver .....	July 19
Christi Nixon .....	July 20
Margaret Collier .....	July 22
Serina Yemane .....	July 22



## Upcoming Events

Church Barbecue and Town Hall.....	July 23
Pool Party at Innis Arden.....	Aug. 19

*Calvin Ladies' Lunch every first and third Tuesday of the month at The Potlatch Bistro in Edmonds, 11:30 am to 1 pm. Questions? Call Lyn Fouch at 206-747-1021.*

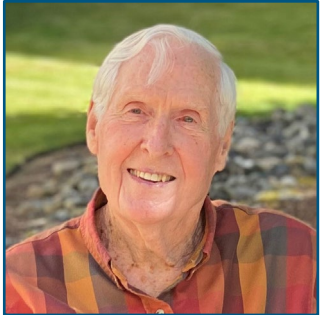
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# NEW MEMBERS

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## ◆ Don and Sheila Belcher



Don and Sheila Belcher have been attending Calvin since 2018. Don is originally from Illinois and Sheila is originally from Winnipeg, Canada. They have one daughter, Wendy, and two sons, Chris and John. Don worked as a doctor and Sheila as a librarian. They lived in Africa (in Ethiopia and Ghana) for 10 years. In 2017, they moved to Cristwood Park, and, following a stroke earlier this year, Sheila moved to Hillwood Senior Care (visitors welcome if accompanied by Don). Don's hobbies include

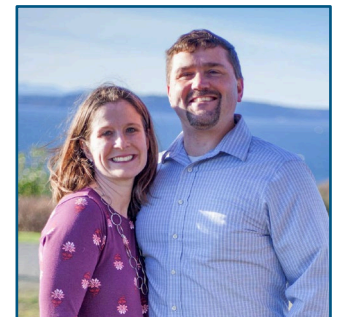
singing, Bible study, reading, sports, history, gardening, traveling, and serving at Cristwood Park. Sheila is a lifetime reader and has always enjoyed classical music, especially the symphony.

## ◆ Becky C.

Becky is joining at this time. You may recognize her from ushering or driving the Cristwood bus. Please give her a warm welcome.

## ◆ Kory and Lara Dean

Kory and Lara Dean have been attending Calvin since 2016. They have three children Bella (age 10), Evelyn (age 5), and Elizabeth (age 3). Kory works for the University of Washington for the College of Engineering, and Lara is a science teacher for the Lake Washington School District. Kory enjoys music and making things, and Lara enjoys being with friends and family and spending time outdoors. Much of their time is spent hanging out with their family, including attending kids sports or school events. They enjoy camping as a family, being together, and hosting other friends and families.



## ◆ Martha Hayden-Ledbetter



Martha has been attending Calvin since 2020 and became a member this past fall. She lives in Shoreline with her husband, Jeffrey Ledbetter. Martha's father was a Navy Chaplain, so she moved around a lot as a child, but she considers San Diego to be the place she grew up. She and her first husband, Steve Hayden, moved to Seattle in 1980, and Martha finished first her undergraduate degree and then her PhD in Genetics at the University of Washington. Their son, Michael, was born while she was working on her PhD. She then did postdoctoral research in immunology, after which they moved to San Diego for a few years before returning to Seattle in 1995. At the end of 1995, Steve became ill, and he passed away in 1996, leaving Martha as a

young widow of 36. In 1998, Martha remarried. She has three stepchildren (Alex, Willy, and Carrie), and two children (her son, Michael, and her and Jeffrey's daughter, Julia). Martha currently works for Theripion, Inc. in biotech research and development. Her hobbies include research, gardening, quilting, and sewing.

## NEW MEMBERS, *continued*

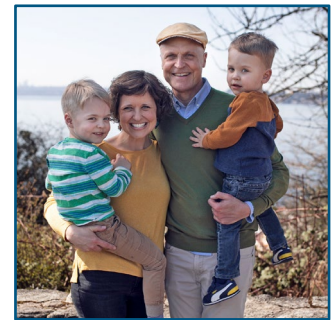
### ◆ Donna Timbrook



Donna has been ringing in the Calvin handbell choir since 2017. She started attending Calvin regularly in 2020 during the pandemic and is joining Calvin at this time. She's originally from Spokane, having moved to the Seattle area to attend college. She graduated from the University of Washington, where she now works as a payroll manager. Donna has two grown sons. Her hobbies include handbell ringing (she's been ringing since she was 12), spending time with Gary (her cat), and birdwatching.

### ◆ Peter and Roechama Weschler

Peter and Roechama Weschler have been attending Calvin since 2022. They and their sons, Stephen (age 4) and Ethan (age 2), live in Shoreline. Roechama is a Dutch-American who was born and raised in the Netherlands where she was a prosecutor for the justice department. She moved to the US in 2016 and currently is a stay-at-home parent. Her hobbies include gardening, traveling, and photography. Peter is a Seattle native who grew up on Queen Anne. He works as a teacher at West Woodland Elementary School in Seattle. His hobbies are cycling and reading.



### ◆ Doug and Sharon Wuerl



Doug and Sharon are both joining Calvin as members. Sharon is originally from Hawaii and Doug is originally from Montana. Both are WSU graduates. They've lived in South Dakota (where Doug served in the military), Bellingham (where they raised their family), Mercer Island, and Southern California. They moved to Shoreline this past August and started attending Calvin in September. They have two children and four grandchildren, all of whom live in the Seattle area.

Sharon works as a recruiter for Amentum, a company that specializes in global engineering, project management, and solutions integration. She works remotely, supporting GE commercial sites in five different locations. In her free time, Sharon enjoys knitting, crocheting, reading, cooking, walking (especially to Richmond Beach), listening to music and audio books, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Doug works for Stifel Nicolaus (an investment bank and wealth management company) in Bellevue. He enjoys reading, hiking, and snow skiing, and has volunteered with the ski patrol for 50 years.