

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (from Psalm 100:2-4 NIV)

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23 ESV)

Jerry Erickson

SONG OF PRAISE "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

Our Lord and God: As our Shepherd, You call us by name to lead us, but we fail to hear Your voice and often follow others. You want to show Your love to others through us, but we'd rather hold back than reach out and risk caring for another. You challenge us to speak the truth in love, but our words can lack both.

Forgive our shallow faith, O Lord, and redeem our self-centered lives. May Your Spirit flow through us as we now open ourselves to be channels of Your love and ministers of Your gospel. Through Christ 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

One: Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd."

All: **The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**

One: Jesus said, "I am the gate for the sheep. Whoever enters by Me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture."

All: **Jesus came that we may have life, and have it abundantly.**

One: Believe in the good news:

All: **In Christ we are saved from our sins and given fullness of life.**

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 9:35-38

Jerry Erickson

SERMON "Jesus' Compassion"

Neil Trainer

OFFERING "Speak, O Lord"

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS Nisha Mandanas & Benj. Parrilla

PASTORAL PRAYER

Linda Erickson

SONG OF SENDING "Christ Be All Around Me"

BENEDICTION

Congregational News

Dick Bean, husband of the late Betty Hedge, passed away last week. Details of a memorial service to be held here at Calvin are still being arranged. Please be praying for his family, that God would bring them an abiding sense of peace.

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."

— Psalm 90:1

All-Church Barbecue and Town Hall

// Next Sunday, July 23

Come for worship and stay for lunch on Sunday, July 23! We'll be grilling up hamburgers and hot dogs (and veggie options too), and serving them up with salads, chips, lemonade, and more.

After lunch, we'll hear from Session members, other Calvin ministry leaders, and staff about places God is actively working in our midst. We'll also hear about the development of a new staff position: the Director of Community Engagement. Come to learn more and to ask questions!

A flyer with additional details was mailed on Wednesday. It should be arriving in your mailbox soon.

Upcoming Events

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



Happy Birthday!

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
Bob Bisnett July 24
Carole Cannon July 24
Betty Dost July 25
Neil Trainer July 25
Vivian Brown July 26
Katy Korpi July 26
Sera Boamah July 27
Benj. Parrilla July 28
Bertie Clowers July 29



*Below is a repeat from the
Stories of Faith column from the
Friday, October 21st email.*

What Matters Most

// by Marilyn Wirtz

As I consider the story of my own faith, there are three moments that come to mind that hold meaning and grace for me, having impacted my life and thinking.

1. My father and mother, Wilfred and Edna Blasing, died.

Thereafter a moment occurred in which I found myself experiencing a sense of detachment and disengagement from the world around me, as if simply just observing all things and people, big or small, important or not, meaningful or not, passing by – as all these will come to pass.

2. While in high school, I happened to be attending the once Haller Lake Baptist Church during a building fund campaign.

I made a monetary pledge, believing that God can fulfill any pledge through me if He so chooses; to which a team leader expressed his opinion that this was a pledge that I would not be able to fulfill; to which my spontaneous and audible reply was, "My life is not my own."

3. At this same Baptist church, around the same early stage of my life, an elder shared with me personally a Bible verse, impacting my thinking to this day:

*"Great peace have they who love thy law, and nothing shall offend them."
(Psalm 119:165)*

Through time and events and people that have come and gone, belief in Christ Jesus has remained and grown and has been sustained through it all. Jesus lives. The Holy Spirit lives. God's gift of grace and mercy and goodness is steadfast and that matters a lot to me.



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