

# ORDER OF SERVICE

September 10, 2023 • 10:00 AM



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of all faithfulness, you have opened the gate of mercy for your people and are always ready to welcome those who turn to you. Look on us in your compassion, that we may gladly respond to your love and faithfully walk in your way through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## WELCOME & GREETING

Neil Trainer

SONGS OF PRAISE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #276 & "Your Grace Is Enough"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

## 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 Lamentations 3:22–23 NLT)

*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:* Believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ:

*All:* **Through God's faithful love in Christ, we receive mercy and are forgiven.**

## MINISTRY MOMENT Messy Church

## BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

OFFERING "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

String Ensemble

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:14–22 (CEB)

Kristi Trainer

SERMON "God in the Midst of the Church"

Neil Trainer

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Linda Erickson

SONG OF SENDING "The Church's One Foundation" #442 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

## BENEDICTION

## Salmon Bake and Annual Meeting Today!

// After the service

Gather in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate God's faithfulness to us over the last year and look forward to what the next year might bring.

// Corn husking competition!

Anyone who would like to husk corn is welcome to leave the Sanctuary before the closing song to meet Greg Terman outside the Fellowship Hall. The person who husks the most corn wins a prize. The young at heart (of all ages) are welcome to compete.

## Congregational News

Geri Berg, who joined Calvin Presbyterian Church in 2007, passed away on August 29, 2023 in Leavenworth, WA, just a couple weeks shy of her 94th birthday. We anticipate that a memorial service will be held at Calvin, but a date has not yet been set. Please be in prayer for her family members that the God of all comfort may give them peace during this time of sorrow.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."  
— John 3:16*

## Focus on Messy Church

// Begins again on October 4th

Messy Church is a ministry that first started in England almost 20 years ago and is now found throughout the globe in over 30 countries. It is a new, all-ages worship experience, exploring God's love in accessible and creative ways. Calvin first

started offering Messy Church in October 2022, and it has been well received by both Calvin members and community members.

Here's a bit of what Messy Church is all about:

**MESSY CHURCH IS FUN.** All ages gather to engage in activities, crafts, and games that bring the month's biblical story to life.

**MESSY CHURCH IS FAITH.** Following the activities and crafts, everyone joins in a short celebration with singing, storytelling, and prayer.

**MESSY CHURCH IS FOOD.** Each Messy Church concludes with a meal in Calvin's Fellowship Hall. We sit at the table with new and old friends, sharing stories of our real and messy lives.

We encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, relatives, and coworkers to Messy Church; all are welcome!

## God in the Midst

// New sermon series begins

"I will be with you always," Jesus said. But we don't always see and experience the Lord's presence as we long to. This fall, on Sundays and in small groups, we'll look for God right in the midst of our daily lives.

How is God present in the middle of ordinary life, our work and play and just growing older? Where is our Lord in the pain and hardships of shame, hopelessness, grief, and loneliness? How do we find God wherever life happens? Each week we'll explore a different space and place where the Holy Spirit works for our good, often in ways unseen.

Pick up or download the weekly study guides to use on your own or with your small group to encounter God in the midst.

## Thank You for Your Generosity!

Thank you to everyone who donated food for September's "First Fruits" collection for the deacons' Little Blue Pantry. The deacons received 43 boxes of macaroni and cheese and 69 cans of tuna to distribute to our hungry neighbors. Well done!

Also this past August, as a demonstration of "Compassion in Action," many of you donated household goods to a Shoreline woman who recently moved into Section 8 housing. She wrote, "Please tell everyone who donated and helped out thank you so very much! Everything that was given to me and my boys was needed."



## Happy Birthday!

Hannah Wu .....Sept. 11  
Sam Brandt.....Sept. 12  
Liz Randles .....Sept. 12  
Vanessa Juselius .....Sept. 13  
Sande Gillette .....Sept. 19  
Madeline Lauber .....Sept. 19



## Upcoming Events

Service for Dick Bean....Sept. 16  
GriefShare.....Sept. 20  
Bridge Ministries Sunday  
Celebration .....Sept. 24  
Messy Church..... Oct. 04  
Harambee..... Oct. 14

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## **Thank You, Volunteers!**

### **Messy Church 2022–2023**

Today we are giving thanks to the many people who embodied the Messy Church values of creativity, hospitality, and celebration during Calvin's inaugural year of hosting this new worshiping community on our campus. A huge thank you for the giving of your time, energy, and cheerfulness!



#### **Leadership Team**

- Linda Erickson
- Rick Jackson
- Emily Mitchell
- Grayce Mitchell
- Ian Parrilla

#### **Volunteers in the Activity Center**

- Catherine Baker
- Lynn Burwell
- Bella Dean
- Kory Dean
- Lyn Fouch
- Roberta Gow
- Katy Korpi
- Dorothy Lindstrom
- Al Lutz
- Darlene Miller
- Karen Novstrup
- Krista Novstrup
- Benjie Parrilla
- Benj. Parrilla
- Lora Parrilla
- Beth Robertson
- Kristine Robertson
- Jenny Strock
- Polly Terman
- Pam Tharl
- Donna Timbrook
- Marilyn Wirtz

#### **Hospitality Volunteers in the Fellowship Hall**

- Jerry Erickson
- Chris Jackson
- Cathy Marinella
- Mike Marinella
- Eric Peterson
- Janet Peterson
- Ruth Van Dyke

#### **Set-Up Team**

- Calvin's elders, pastors, and clerk of session

#### **Tear-Down Team**

- Lisa Allen
- Jan Allen
- Brenda Simpkins
- Lee Simpkins
- Neil Trainer

#### **Tech Team**

- Jason Logan
- Josh Logan

#### **Advisory Team**

- Lara Dean
- Ruth Park

#### **Wednesday Morning Volunteer**

- Lenore Zissermann

# Is God calling you to serve as a Messy Church volunteer in the coming school year?

There are a number of ways that you can participate, including:

**Photographer**

**Set Up Fellowship Hall**

**Prayer Team**

**Musician**

**Clean Up Fellowship Hall**

**Clean Up Activity Center**

**Kitchen Help**

**Welcoming Guests**

**Wednesday Morning Volunteer**

**Activities Table Host**

**Cake Cutter**

**Fellowship Hall Table Host**

Talk to Pastor Emily to learn more!

## Values of Messy Church

### Christ-centered

Messy Church is a church, not a craft club; this community helps people encounter and enter into a transforming relationship with Jesus.

### All Ages

Messy Church is for people of every age to enjoy together. Every element of our gatherings is intended to be relevant and accessible to all generations.

### Creativity

Messy Church uses hands-on activities to explore Bible stories and themes, to reflect our Creator God, and to give people a chance to play together.

### Celebration

Messy Church reflects the God of joy who wants all of God's people to have life and have it abundantly. Just like Jesus' parables in Luke 15, Messy Church reminds us that the kingdom of God is like a party.

### Hospitality

Messy Church reflects that God is the God of radical love and welcome. Each month, we have dinner together because we want to provide for people who are physically hungry and need food. We also want to provide for those who are isolated and hungry for company.