

ORDER OF SERVICE

September 24, 2023 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION (from Psalm 90:16–17 CSB)

Let Your work be seen by Your servants, and Your splendor by their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be on us; establish for us the work of our hands —
establish the work of our hands!

WELCOME & GREETING

Neil Trainer

SONGS OF PRAISE “Be Thou My Vision” & “Christ Be All Around Me”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

Ever-present Lord, with our lips we proclaim You are always with us.

**Yet, with our thoughts and actions, we have not always followed Your commands
and Your example.**

With our words, we have brought harm to others instead of healing.

**In our hearts, we have been quick to anger and slow to forgive,
allowing bitterness ample room to grow.**

**And in our work, we have sought gain and glory for ourselves,
rather than for You and Your Kingdom.**

**Forgive us these sins. Continue the good work you have begun in us,
and conform us more and more into Your image. In Your 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 2:9–10 NCV)

One: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves,
it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.

All: **For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

One: Believe in the good news of the Gospel:

All: **In Christ, we are saved from sin and saved for good works.**

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

MINISTRY MOMENT Bridge Disability Ministries

Dan Coppin

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1:27–2:3, 15 (CEB)

Jan Allen

SERMON “God in the Midst of Work”

Neil Trainer

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

Linda Erickson

SONG OF SENDING “Come All Christians Be Committed”

BENEDICTION

New Banners Unveiled Today

The new banner set hanging in the sanctuary this morning is titled, "Green Pastures, Still Waters." The banners were inspired by Psalm 23:1-2.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters."

They remind us of the place of rest that the good shepherd, Jesus Christ, provides for us, his sheep.

The banners are accompanied by matching paraments – the liturgical hangings seen on the Communion table, the pulpit, the lectern (if we are using one), and under the Bible. The wide variety of fabrics used reflect the infinite colors and textures of the world God has created for us.

Thanks to our Banner Team – Marilyn Wirtz, Christi Nixon, Dorothy Lindstrom, Cindy Darling, and Ruth Van Dyke – for their handiwork!

Mission Focus on Bridge Disability Ministries

// by Dan Coppin, Board Chair

Bridge Disability Ministries and Calvin have partnered in serving those living with disabilities for nearly 30 years.

Bridge fulfills this mission through three ministries. First, we are a **bridge to physical access** in the world. We accept donations of new and used durable medical equipment (wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, canes, etc.), refurbish them, and then give them away to those in need. Our Medical Equipment Ministry gave away over \$4 million in durable medical

equipment to over 2,000 individuals last year.

Second, we are a **bridge to protection** for those who need a legal guardian to represent them in areas of finance, health care, and shelter. Our Guardianship Ministry now serves over 40 individuals with developmental disabilities. Many of the people we serve have little family support and few financial resources.

Third, we are a **bridge to inclusion** and belonging in area churches and faith communities. Our Spiritual Connections Ministry connects hundreds of persons with disabilities to area churches.

This afternoon Calvin will host a Sunday Celebration, a time of fellowship, food, and fun that connects our congregants with people that Bridge serves.

Bridge Disability Ministries thanks Calvin for its support over so many years and looks forward to many more years of partnering with Calvin in serving and embracing people living with disabilities.

August Finance Summary

// Calvin's financial position remains sound

This past month expenses were again greater than our income. However, it is still quite early in the fiscal year and summer contributions have historically been light.

// Details for July–August 2023

- General Fund Contributions: \$78,065 (less than our budgeted \$94,000);

- Facilities Revenue: \$6,748 (better than our budgeted \$5,500);
- Other Revenue: \$7,151;
- Total Operations Revenue: \$91,964;
- Total Expenses: \$128,169 (giving to missions: \$12,773);
- NET REVENUE: \$(36,204);
- Total Assets: \$942,586.

Questions? Reach out to [Kirsty Haining](#), Support Ministries Director, or to [Dan Coppin](#), head of the Finance Team.



Happy Birthday!

Ian Scott.....	Sept. 24
Wayne Clugston	Sept. 27
Rick Jackson	Sept. 27
Ben Juengel.....	Sept. 27
Jerry Erickson.....	Sept. 28
Kirsty Haining	Sept. 28
Nancy Kyser.....	Oct. 1
Dave Peck.....	Oct. 1
Cindy Darling	Oct. 2
Meggan McCaslin	Oct. 2
Laurel Underwood	Oct. 3
Gloria Strand.....	Oct. 4
Jim Guest	Oct. 5
Victor Meniz	Oct. 7



Upcoming Events

GriefShare.....	Sept. 27
No Choir Rehearsal	Sept. 27
Messy Church.....	Oct. 04
Harambee	Oct. 14

Celebrate God in Creation

Remember to send in your pictures showing *God in the midst of Creation*.

Email your submissions to Pastor Neil at pastor@calvincpc.org.

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