

# ORDER OF SERVICE

October 1, 2023 • 10:00 AM



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION (from Psalm 25:16–17)

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emily Mitchell

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Gretchen Scheumann

One: We come to worship God in our need,

All: **bringing with us the needs of the world.**

One: We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,

All: **and who knows by experience what human life is like.**

One: We come with our faith and with our doubts,

All: **we come with our hopes and with our fears.**

One: We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,

All: **and God has promised never to turn us away.**

## SONG OF PRAISE "Rejoice"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive our faithlessness, O faithful God!**

**And see beyond our apathy, our thoughtlessness, our self-centeredness, our wrong choices.**

**See into our hearts, for you are our treasure.**

**Clothe us in your righteousness, Christ Jesus. Amen.** *(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

## OFFERING "How Firm a Foundation" #361

## SCRIPTURE READING Mark 14:32–41 (NLT)

Gretchen Scheumann

## SERMON "God in the Midst of Loneliness"

Emily Mitchell

## SONG OF RESPONSE "You Are My All in All"

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## SONG OF SENDING "Abide With Me"

## BENEDICTION

## Messy Church is This Week!

// Wednesday at 5:30 pm

We would love to have you, your friends, relatives, and neighbors join us this Wednesday, October 4, at 5:30 pm in the Activity Center. The biblical theme will be "The Story of Ruth," and there will be crafts and storytelling involving love, loyalty, and the harvest season.

This new all-age worshipping community is free and open to anyone who wants to explore God's love in accessible and creative ways. A foundational ingredient of Messy Church is gathering around a table for a sit-down meal with new and old friends, sharing stories of our real and messy lives. Questions? Contact Emily ([care@calvincpc.org](mailto:care@calvincpc.org)).



*Below is a repeat from the  
Stories of Faith column  
in the Friday, March 3rd email.*

## The Loss of a Rudder

// by Barry Baker

A small trailerable sailboat may not be the best vessel for navigating a tidal rip in Rosario Strait off of Lopez Island, but that is where two college friends and I found ourselves. We were headed for Deception Pass early in the morning to catch the tides when the turbulent waters lifted the rudder off the pintles that hold it to the boat. Without the rudder attached to the boat, it is useless for steering. No matter how we tried, we could not reattach the rudder underway. The loss of a rudder is one of the greatest dangers a boat can face, especially when tossed by

wind and wave. Fortunately, the boat had an outboard motor that we could use to steer the boat back to safe and calm waters inside Lopez Pass, and once inside the calm waters, reattaching the rudder was easy. And the first thing I did when we had returned was to make sure the rudder never again came out unintentionally.

In my life, there have been a few times when I seemingly lost my rudder and was tossed to and fro by the capricious tidal rips of life. As Christians, our rudder needs to be the Word of God, and, once disconnected, on our own we cannot reconnect. But we do have access to the power that can lead us to those calm and still waters where we can be reconnected, rest as needed, and continue on our voyage. If you are tossed and without direction, seek the power of the Spirit to bring you to the still waters where you can reconnect to the Word.

## Path from Poverty's Harambee

// Saturday, October 14 from 6-9 pm; buy your tickets now!

Join Path from Poverty at the Edmonds Yacht Club for an inspiring evening. Enjoy good food and fine wine, shop the Kenyan Marketplace, and take a chance on fun raffle items. Hear updates from partners in Kenya and learn how your support is transforming lives.

**Tickets are on sale through October 7** through the Path from Poverty website ([pathfrompoverty.org](http://pathfrompoverty.org)). When you buy your tickets, select "Calvin Presbyterian" as your table captain.

## Join a Small Group

Fall is a great time to start something new, and that could be joining a small group at Calvin. In small groups, we read God's word, share our lives with each other, and pray. Some groups are meeting on new days/times, some that were previously on Zoom are now meeting in person, and some haven't changed. To find a group, see the handout at the welcome desk or go to <https://calvincpc.org/spiritual-formation/small-groups/>. Take a look and see if there's a group that might work for you!



## Happy Birthday!

Nancy Kyser.....	Oct. 01
Dave Peck.....	Oct. 01
Cindy Darling.....	Oct. 02
Meggan McCaslin.....	Oct. 02
Laurel Underwood.....	Oct. 03
Gloria Strand.....	Oct. 04
Jim Guest.....	Oct. 05
Victor Meniz.....	Oct. 07
Starlight Meniz.....	Oct. 09
Joe Scudder.....	Oct. 09
Sharon Wuerl.....	Oct. 09
Julia Terman.....	Oct. 10
Lara Dean.....	Oct. 13
Dimitry Zissermann.....	Oct. 14



## Upcoming Events

GriefShare, 10 am.....	Oct. 04
Messy Church, 5:30 pm ..	Oct. 04
Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm ....	Oct. 04
Harambee, 6 pm.....	Oct. 14
Sunday Forum, 11:30 am.	Oct. 15
Trunk or Treat, 6 pm.....	Oct. 31



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