

ORDER OF SERVICE

October 8, 2023 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

In our busyness, we pause to be still.
In our loneliness, we gather to experience community.
In our confusion, we come to find guidance.
As we worship You, O God, in our stillness may we experience Your inspiring presence;
in our gathering may we discover Your love;
in our listening may we learn Your truth. Amen.

WELCOME & GREETING

Neil Trainer

SONG OF PRAISE "It Is Well With My Soul"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

Faithful and loving God:
You come to us in the pain, the darkness,
and the loneliness of our often-troubled lives.
Yet, in sin and selfishness, we resist You.
Forgive us our blindness that prevents us from seeing You.
Forgive us our deafness that keeps us from hearing Your call.
Forgive us our doubt that denies Your promise of hope.
Open our eyes. Open our ears.
Fill us with hope and faith to receive Your healing grace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (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

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

MINISTRY MOMENT Nominating Committee

Rick Jackson

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 13

Rebecca McAndrew

SONG OF THE WORD "How Long O Lord"

SERMON "God in the Midst of Darkness"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "I Need Thee Every Hour" / "Lord, I Need You"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Mitchell

Sung Taize Response

Oh, Lord, hear our prayer; Oh, Lord, hear our prayer. When I call, answer me.
Oh, Lord, hear our prayer; Oh, Lord, hear our prayer. Come and listen to me.

SONG OF SENDING "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

BENEDICTION

Watch Out for Fraudulent Text Messages

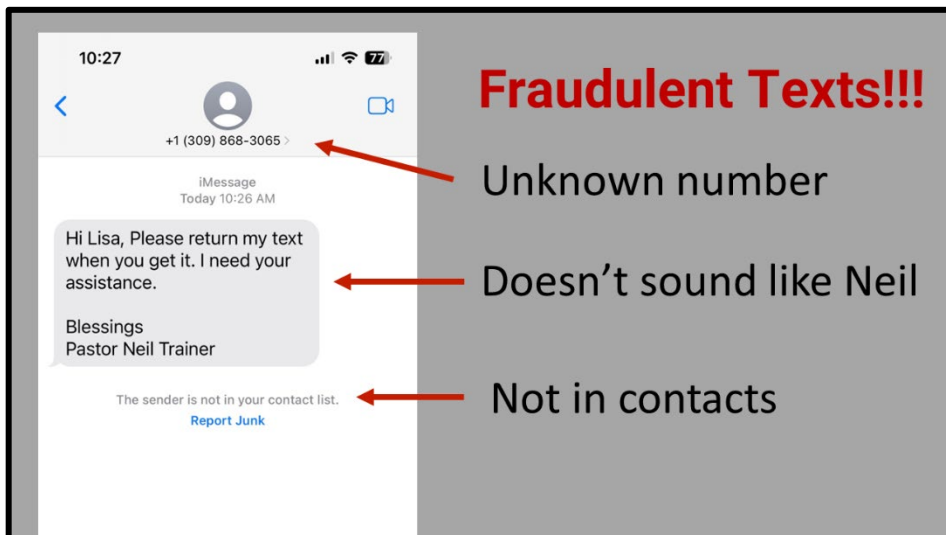
// Please, please, please be careful!

Someone is again impersonating Pastor Neil, this time through text messages. Quite a few members of the congregation were targeted this week, so we urge you to be on the lookout and to think carefully before responding to texts.

The scammers have members' cell phone numbers and send messages like the one pictured below. Watch out for: 1) The phrasing that doesn't sound like the person who is supposedly sending it; and 2) The cell phone number isn't one that you know.

No one from the church is ever going to email you or text you to ask you to get a gift card from Costco or Amazon or any other place. If you see that, don't believe it.

When in doubt, call the church office to check that a text is real before responding. The scammers have already had success with their scheme here at Calvin, so please be very careful.



We're Looking for a Director of Music Ministries!

// Now hiring this half-time position

Calvin is seeking a spiritually-gifted and musically-talented worship leader to join us in *Forming Community*, *Transforming Lives*, and *Reforming our World*. The Director of Music Ministries will give musical leadership to our congregation as we worship the Triune God through our hybrid worship services (in-person and live-streamed), oversee and manage the church's musical groups, and will provide faithful and accessible worship experiences for all members.

If you know someone who would be a good fit for this job, please share the [job posting](#) (on the church website) with them. And pray that God will provide the right person to serve in this role!

Practical Help for Living and Dying Well

// Sunday Forum on Dementia

Come learn more about dementia, its impact both on

people living with the disease and their caregivers, learn how we can become a more dementia-friendly faith community, and learn ways to provide support along the journey. Our guest speaker is Marigrace Becker, MSW, the Director of the Memory Hub. She has worked with people with dementia for the past 14 years and is passionate about raising dementia awareness and increasing community supports for people with dementia and their caregivers.

We will meet in the Fireside Room on Sunday, October 15, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Treats will be provided.



Happy Birthday!

- Starlight Meniz Oct. 09
- Joe Scudder Oct. 09
- Sharon Wuerl Oct. 09
- Julia Terman Oct. 10
- Lara Dean Oct. 13
- Dimitry Zissermann Oct. 14
- Linda Lord Oct. 21



Upcoming Events

- GriefShare, 10 am Oct. 11
- Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm Oct. 11
- Harambee, 6 pm Oct. 14
- Sunday Forum, 11:30 am. Oct. 15
- Trunk or Treat, 6 pm Oct. 31
- Messy Church 5:30 pm ...Nov. 01
- Missions Fest Nov. 03 & 04

Calvin Ladies' Lunch every first and third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Questions? Call Lyn Fouch at 206-747-1021.



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