

ORDER OF SERVICE

January 14, 2024 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

May we fulfill your word:

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

– 1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

PRELUDE "Prelude in C Major" – J.S. Bach

Laurel Underwood

WELCOME & GREETING

Neil Trainer

SONGS OF PRAISE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #276, vv. 1–3 and "Cornerstone"

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 personal 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

OFFERING "Hymn of Promise (In the Bulb There Is a Flower)"

Laurel Underwood

DOXOLOGY

SERMON "Faith Declared" – Job 1

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "How Great Is Our God"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Mitchell

SONG OF SENDING "How Firm a Foundation" #361, vv. 1–5

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Praise Ye the Lord"

Laurel Underwood



Congregational News

Roberta Gow, beloved mom, granny, friend, deacon, and member of Calvin Presbyterian Church since 1988, died on Monday, January 8. Pray for God’s comforting presence and peace for all of Roberta’s loved ones, especially husband Dave, daughters Kathy and Becky, son-in-law Josh, and grandchildren Kaylee and Jason Logan.

A memorial service will be held at Calvin on Saturday, January 27 at 2 pm in the Sanctuary; a reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Those needing addresses for condolence cards may contact the church office.

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me, will never die.”
— John 11:25–26

Reception after the Service

// Say thank you and goodbye to Rev. Laurel Underwood

Today is Rev. Laurel Underwood’s last Sunday with us here at Calvin. After 11 months, she is concluding her service as our Interim Music Director. Come to the informal reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the worship service. Light food and drink will be provided. Cards and notes of appreciation are welcome and encouraged!

The Gifts of the Final Years

// Sunday forum today at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room

Say goodbye to Laurel and then make your way to the Fireside Room for the next forum in our series, “Practical Help for Living

and Dying Well.” This forum is open to all, whether you are in the fourth quarter of life or you love someone who is in the fourth quarter of life. Come hear stories and receive encouragement about family relations, communication, and the gifts of the final years.

Treats will be provided. The Rev. Heidi Greider, a board-certified chaplain, will share about moving her parents into her home as they were failing in health and needing full-time care and what caregiving taught her and how the final two years of her parents’ lives brought them healing as a family.

Giving Envelopes are Here!

// Look on the front desk counter to find your set

Giving envelopes have arrived. Please pick them up today on the front desk counter. Envelopes that have not been picked up this week will be mailed out sometime next week.

Happy MLK Jr Day Tomorrow!

Monday, January 15 is both a federal holiday and a state holiday, but for staff it is an optional holiday. Some will take the day off; others will be in the office as usual tomorrow.

Door Codes Changing Tomorrow

For the security of Calvin’s buildings and grounds, we are changing the door codes used at the East Entry and in other areas of the building. Please work with Christi Nixon to obtain a new code; however, **do NOT use email to arrange the new code.** Contact Christi verbally, by phone or text message, or by

using old-fashioned paper and pen. *Don’t forget to include your name along with your new, preferred code!* (Please note that you *might* be asked to use a different number if that code happens to have been used recently by someone else.)

Tomorrow, late in the afternoon, old codes will be deleted and new codes will take effect. You can still arrange a new code with Christi even if you can’t meet the January 15 deadline (you just may lose easy access to the building for a few days).

Ladies’ High Tea on Saturday, January 20

// Wear a hat that brings joy!

Calvin will host a Ladies’ Tea at noon in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, January 20th. Tea, finger sandwiches, and light refreshments will be provided. Questions? Contact [Lyn Fouch](#) at (206) 747-1021.



Happy Birthday!

- Victor Meniz, Jr. Jan. 14
- Ruth Rankin Jan. 17
- Dick Scheumann Jan. 17
- David McGrady Jan. 19
- Doug Wuerl Jan. 22
- Nathan Wu Jan. 23
- Linda Erickson Jan. 25
- Dean Jamieson Jan. 26



Upcoming Events

- Advent Service Project
Toiletries for children in need
.....Final Day Today!
- Reception for Laurel..... Today!
- Sunday Forum, 11:30 am... Today!
- Ladies’ High Tea, Noon ... Jan. 20
- Memorial Service for
Roberta Gow, 2 pm Jan. 27
- First Fruits Collection Feb. 04
- Messy Church, 5:30 pm.... Feb. 07