

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you.
Reveal yourself to us that we might praise you. Speak your truth to us that we might follow you.
May your Spirit grant us the grace to worship and obey you today. Amen.

PRELUDE

Linda Clugston, *organ*

INTROIT "Be Still, My Soul" – Hart Morris

Chancel Bell Choir

WELCOME & GREETING

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 113 NIV)

Catherine Baker

One: Praise the LORD, you his servants; praise the name of the LORD.

All: **Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.**

One: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

All: **The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.**

One: Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,
who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

All: **He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people. Praise the LORD.**

SONG OF PRAISE "The God of Abraham Praise"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

**Almighty God: You are great and faithful through all generations;
yet we are often weak and faithless.**

**We fail to remember how you worked out your plan of salvation through Abraham and Sarah,
through Moses and Aaron, through King David and the Prophets.**

We look quickly past the violence of the Cross on which your Son died for our sin.

**We take for granted the miracle of your sending the Holy Spirit to dwell in us, to empower us,
and to transform us. And we discount that it was your loving initiative, not our worthiness,
that brought us into your family as adopted children.**

Free us from the chains of forgetfulness, we pray.

**Help us, O God, to remember your faithfulness and to receive your mercy
as we confess our sins to you in these silent moments. (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

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

DOXOLOGY

SPECIAL MUSIC "Be Thou My Vision" – Lloyd Larson

Chancel Bell Choir

MINISTRY MOMENT Recognition of Pastor Emily Mitchell

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Emily Mitchell

OFFERING

Linda Clugston, *organ*

ORDER OF SERVICE, *continued*

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3:1–15 HCSB

Catherine Baker

SERMON “Witness God’s Revelation”

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE “Jesus, Name Above All Names”

PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Mitchell

SONG OF SENDING “We Come, O Christ, To You”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Linda Clugston, organ



The News in Brief

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Happy Presidents’ Day!

We hope you enjoy your time with family and friends this weekend. Please note that the church office will be closed tomorrow (Monday), but it will be business as usual on Tuesday.

Thank you, Pastor Emily!

// Gather briefly in the Fellowship Hall today after worship

Friday was Pastor Emily’s five-year anniversary with Calvin Church! Woohoo!! During the service we’ll have a ministry moment to recognize Emily’s service. We’ll also have a very brief gathering in the Fellowship Hall afterwards. Come say, “Thank you!” to Emily, then head on over to the Fireside Room for the terrific forum on caregiving at 11:30 am!

Cards and notes of appreciation are welcome and encouraged.

The Gifts of the Final Years

// Today in the Fireside Room from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

After saying thank you to Pastor Emily in the Fellowship Hall, join her and others in the Fireside Room for our 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 whether you love someone who is in the fourth quarter of life. Come hear stories

and receive encouragement and space to reflect on 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 about how the final two years of her parents’ lives brought them healing as a family.

Password for Online Directory

Because of the recent attempts at impersonating Pastor Neil, it seemed a good idea to change the password that accesses our online directory. Contact Kirsty to learn the new password.

Easter Choir Forming Now

// Love to sing? Join in the choir for Easter Sunday

We are planning to have a choir for Easter, so please join us. We will be singing three songs and Barry Baker will be directing rehearsals and on Easter Sunday. All rehearsals will be at Calvin in the Choir room and/or Sanctuary:

- Wednesday, Feb. 21: 7–8:30 pm;
- Wednesday, Feb. 28: 7–8:30 pm;
- Wednesday, March 13: 7–8:30 pm;
- Wednesday, March 27: 7–8:30 pm; &
- Sunday, March 31: 8:15 am, Easter Service at 10 am.

We recognize not everyone will be able to make all of the rehearsals, but we would like to include as many singers as possible. Contact Barry Baker at (206) 427-1899 or bazbaruch@hotmail.com for music and/or questions. Please feel free to encourage anyone else who would like to join us for this special event. See you on Wednesday!



Happy Birthday!

Brooke Sahlstrom Feb. 19
Tom Phillips..... Feb. 25
Dolores Ohnstad Feb. 26
Kawika Ahina..... Feb. 28



Upcoming Events

Thanks, Emily! 11:15 am..... Today!
Sunday Forum, 11:30 am..... Today!
Presidents’ Day *closed*..... Feb. 19
Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm..... Feb. 21
After-worship Reception
for Norm Underland..... Feb. 25
First Fruits Collection
*collecting peach cups & 16-oz.
plastic jars of peanut butter*
..... Mar. 03
Messy Church, 5:30 pm Mar. 06
DST Begins *spring forward*..... Mar. 10
Get Connected Class..... Mar. 16
Palm Sunday Mar. 24
Maundy Thursday Mar. 28
Good Friday Mar. 29
Easter Egg Hunt Mar. 30
Easter..... Mar. 31