

# ORDER OF SERVICE

March 3, 2024 • 10:00 AM



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

On this day of rejoicing, O God of our ancestors, as we gather to break the bread, we remember that through the blood of the Lamb you redeemed us and made us pass over from death to new life. Grant that, as we celebrate your mighty deeds, we may be one with Jesus in offering you this sacrifice of praise. Amen.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emily Mitchell

## CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 116)

Nancy Bowerman

One: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.  
All: **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**  
One: The snares of death encompassed me;  
All: **The pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.**  
One: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"  
All: **Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.**  
One: The Lord protects the simple;  
All: **When I was brought low, he saved me.**  
One: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?  
All: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

## SONG OF PRAISE "And Can It Be"

Catherine and Barry Baker

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Norm Underland

**Maker of the world, King eternal, have mercy on us.**  
**Drive away from us all that is harmful; have mercy on us.**  
**Christ, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**  
**You preserve and strengthen those who believe in you; have mercy on us.**  
**Be present with us, O Counselor, that we may live in you; have mercy on us.** *(silence for personal prayer)*

## 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 OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**

## DOXOLOGY

## FIRST FRUITS COLLECTION, BLESSING, & DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

## OFFERING "What Wondrous Love Is This" #85, vv. 1-3

Catherine and Barry Baker

## SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 11:10-12:14, 21-32 (NSRV)

Nancy Bowerman

One: This is the Word of the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON "Witness God's Deliverance"

Emily Mitchell

## SONG OF RESPONSE "Behold the Lamb"

Catherine and Barry Baker

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Mitchell

## SONG OF SENDING "In Christ Alone"

## BENEDICTION



## Congregational Meeting to Elect New Officers

// Sunday, March 10 after worship

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend an important day in the life of our congregation – the annual meeting where members can vote on nominees for leadership at Calvin. This year’s meeting will take place after worship on Sunday, March 10. At this meeting members at Calvin can vote for nominees for elders, deacons, and the 2024 nominating committee. You can attend the meeting in-person in the Sanctuary or via a Zoom link found on our website’s main page.

// Nominees for Leadership

- For elders, the nominees are Mike Bowerman and Barbara Rood.
- For deacons, the nominees are Marth Hayden-Ledbetter, Linda Lord, Rebecca McAndrews, Jenny Strock, and Ruth Van Dyke.
- For the nominating committee, the nominees are Jan Christophersen, Janet Peterson, David Rood, and Polly Terman.

Please pray for all of our nominees and be sure to check out the Friday email next week where we will provide you with additional information on our nominees.

Elders and deacons will begin their service on July 1. Mike Bowerman and Jenny Strock have agreed to a one-year extension of their service as an elder (for Mike) and as a deacon (for Jenny). The rest of the nominees for elder and deacons would serve three-year terms, finishing in June 2027.

Members of the nominating committee serve one-year terms, with their work beginning in September 2024 and concluding in early 2025.

This slate of nominees was recruited by the current nominating committee: Nancy Bowerman, Cindy Darling, Rick Jackson, Jean Johnson, Becky Logan, and Donna Miller-Parker. We are grateful for their hard work and service!

## Help Beautify the Sanctuary for Easter

// Donate for Easter Flowers by Palm Sunday

This year, rather than buying Easter lilies (which cause allergic reactions for a number of people in our community), the Deacons are going to purchase bouquets of fresh flowers from our local florist, Stadium Flowers. If you make a donation towards purchasing the flowers, your name and the names of those you want to honor or remember will be listed in a special Easter Sunday bulletin insert.

When filling out your donation form, please be sure to indicate if the flowers are to be dedicated “in honor” or “in memory” of a loved one. There are printed forms available at the Welcome Desk (and, if you prefer, you may also fill out an electronic form linked in the Friday email).

Place the completed paperwork with your check noting “Easter Flowers” on the memo line in Kirsty Haining’s church mailbox or in the lock box behind the Welcome Desk.

## Saturday Forum on The Caregiving Rollercoaster

// Saturday, March 9, from 10 to 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

Dr. Jane Tornatore, a coach, therapist, speaker, and self-compassion expert based in Seattle, will be our presenter. You will learn tools to help you be a better caregiver to yourself and to others, such as effective communication, healthy boundaries, and ways to reduce your stress.

This forum is free and open to all. Coffee and treats will be provided. Transportation in the Calvin bus will also be provided to and from Cristwood Park.



## Happy Birthday!

Kory Dean .....	Mar. 03
Jerry Janacek .....	Mar. 04
Don Ricker .....	Mar. 07
Rob Kline.....	Mar. 10
Karen Novstrup .....	Mar. 10
Jean Johnson.....	Mar. 13



## Upcoming Events

Messy Church, 5:30 pm....	Mar. 06
Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm .....	Mar. 06
Saturday Forum with Dr. Jane Tornatore on <i>The Caregiving Rollercoaster</i> , 10 am ...	Mar. 09
DST Begins <i>spring forward</i> ...	Mar. 10
Congregational Mtg .....	Mar. 10
<i>Get Connected</i> New Members Class, 9 am.....	Mar. 16
Sheila Belcher Memorial Service, 2 pm.....	Mar. 16
Palm Sunday, 10 am .....	Mar. 24
Maunder Thursday, 7 pm at Maplewood PC.....	Mar. 28
Good Friday, 7 pm.....	Mar. 29
Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am ...	Mar. 30
Easter, 10 am .....	Mar. 31
Easter Monday <i>office closed</i> .	Apr. 01