

# ORDER OF SERVICE

April 28, 2024 • 10:00 AM



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Our God, make us aware of your presence in this time of worship we pray. Fill us with the assurance of your love and grace. Let your peace grant us serenity and your power fresh strength. May we delight in your truth, and walk in your ways, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRELUDE

Linda Clugston, *organ*

## WELCOME

Emily Mitchell

## CALL TO WORSHIP (from Romans 8:35–39 NLT)

Catherine Baker

*One:* Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love?

Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

*All:* **No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.**

*One:* And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

*All:* **No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## SONG OF PRAISE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #260, vv. 1–4

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.**

**Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways,**

**for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.** *(silence for personal prayer and 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 OF THE PEACE

*One:* The peace of Christ be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

## DOXOLOGY

## BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Emily Mitchell

## MISSIONAL MOMENT Yucatan Helping Hands / NWU Volleyball Team

Steve Bain & Allie Flynn

## OFFERING

Linda Clugston, *organ* & Sande Gillette, *violin*

## SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23 NJB

Catherine Baker

## SERMON "You Are With Me"

Norman Underland

## SONG OF RESPONSE "Abide With Me" #543, vv. 1, 3–4

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Norman Underland

## SONG OF SENDING "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #276, vv. 1–3

## BENEDICTION

Norman Underland

## POSTLUDE

Linda Clugston, *organ*

## Welcome, Emma!

// Calvin's newest hire

This week we welcome Calvin member Emma McAndrew as our Interim Communications Manager! You may recognize her from the Worship team – especially from the videos she's made of her singing multiple parts. She is currently between jobs and offered to fill in until we find a permanent hire (or until she finds her own permanent role). Emma will be at Calvin Monday and Tuesdays in the morning and Thursday afternoons if you want to stop by and say hi.

We are still hiring for the Communications Assistant role, though, so if you know anyone who would be interested in this part-time position, you can send them to our [website](#) for more information.

## Sarady Na from DOVE Cambodia Here Soon

// Sunday, May 5, after worship in the Fireside Room

Sarady Na is the executive director of Mission DOVE Cambodia. She will be visiting here soon. Come to her presentation on "A Wounded Healer" next Sunday, May 5 after worship in the Fireside Room. Questions? Contact [Greg Terman](#).

## Night of Learning

// Intergenerational Faith Formation, May 8, 7–9 pm

Valerie Grissom will be leading an interactive conversation with Chris Barnett from Melbourne,

Australia's *Intergen Ministries* on how to help church leaders create intergenerational faith-formation opportunities (that includes you!). It is free to attend. Explore how to become more intergenerational with your current ministries. Bring your questions and ideas! You can RSVP or get more information about this event by emailing [valerie.m.grissom@gmail.com](mailto:valerie.m.grissom@gmail.com).

## Sunday School Giving

Every week, each child who attends Sunday School earns a rock that goes into a collective glass jar. One rock represents one dollar. Calvin children have earned an impressive total of \$406 for the 2023–24 school year! Today, they will vote on which animals they want to purchase through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. We encourage you to ask a Calvin kid which animal(s) they decided on and praise them for their generosity towards God's people.



*Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column from the Friday, October 27 email.*

## Grace and Joy: Epiphanies

// by Don Belcher

Our apartment has a garden with a beautiful fountain that sparkles in the sunlight. It lifts a modest geyser that falls onto a small pond and attracts many birds. Some take a dainty dip, others joyfully splash. Today I gazed at a tiny green hummingbird as it darted in and out of a shallow spot. It paused to sip a bit of water before fluttering up

into the air. To my surprise, it immediately turned around and landed for further refreshment.

Another time, as I hosed our garden, I admired the setting sun for transforming my arch of water into a glorious rainbow. And suddenly, out of nowhere, a hummingbird was playing in and out of the rainbow's apex. Its throat glowed a soft rose until it turned and flashed a brilliant green.

Hummingbirds, nature, music, art, and people yield epiphanies. They can make us feel awed, humbled, and joyful. There are subtle miracles hovering around us through all of our days. And so, we gratefully lift our hearts and minds to God's grace, joy and delight.



## Happy Birthday!

Inez Ahina .....	Apr. 29
Brianne Pratt.....	Apr. 30
Georgina Afrane .....	May 01
Lance Neubauer .....	May 03
Eric Johnson.....	May 05
Barbara Kline .....	May 06
Janet Peterson .....	May 06



## Upcoming Events

Messy Church, 5:30 pm....	May 01
First Fruits Collection	
collecting canned chicken	
and individual-serving size	
boxes of cereal.....	May 05
Sarady Na on "A Wounded	
Healer," 11:30 am.....	May 05
Intergenerational Faith	
Formation, 7 pm.....	May 08
Walk for Water, 10 am .....	May 11
Vision House Luncheon..	May 21

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