

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of life, as we prepare for worship today, help us not to take lightly the highly charged message we proclaim. Help us sense the power, beauty, and mission of your Spirit. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

INTROIT "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" — Peggy Bettcher, arr.

Chancel Bell Choir

WELCOME & GREETING

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

One: Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers;

All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

One: Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame;

All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

One: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues;

All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

One: With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation;

All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

One: With power from above to make our weakness strong;

All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

SONG OF PRAISE "Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow" #131, vv. 1–3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid.

You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions.

You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.

Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love, send us out into the world rejoicing in your power.

We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love. *(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

MINISTRY MOMENT Sunday School Volunteer Appreciation

Emily Mitchell

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

OFFERING "When We All Get to Heaven" — Tammy Waldron, arr.

Chancel Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Selections from Acts 1 & 2 NIV

SERMON "The Proclamation of the Gospel"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "Spirit of the Living God" #322

PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Mitchell

SONG OF SENDING "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

BENEDICTION

Neil Trainer

Why Wear Red on Pentecost?

On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, who first descended on the apostles like “tongues of fire” (Acts 2:3). This is why we wear red or flame-colors on Pentecost. Check out bibleproject.com/explore/video/holy-spirit/ for a wonderful five-minute video that traces the movement of God’s Spirit from Genesis to today.

New Sermon Series: The Great Ends of the Church

// New series begins today

Why does the Church exist and what really is the work we should be doing? For over 100 years, Presbyterians have professed six “Great Ends of the Church.” This spring we will explore each purpose and how it is foundational to who we are and what we are called to do. A video curriculum is available for small groups to grow deeper in this wholistic vision for our church’s life and ministry together.

Prayer Labyrinth Celebration

// Behind the playground today

For his Eagle Scout project, Jason Logan decided to refresh the Prayer Labyrinth behind the church. After seven years of use, the meditation garden was disheveled and in need of some love and care. With the help of 40 volunteers, Jason did a wonderful job adding new gravel, reorganizing the stones and securing them with concrete, and painting the fence.

The garden was originally built in 2017 by Micah Trainer for his Eagle Scout project. The bench and plaque were added in 2020 in memory of Rosalind Tevis. Then, in 2021, David Baker added the fence for his Eagle Scout project. So, it is very fitting that Jason Logan refreshes the Labyrinth for his own Eagle Scout project!

After worship today, we encourage you to come to the labyrinth to hear from Jason about his project and to learn from Neil about using a labyrinth as a guide for prayer.

Choir News

// Choir practice resumes

Choir practice is meeting on Wednesday nights in the Music room at 7 pm. You are welcome to be part of the choir “family” whether you can sing all the time or only occasionally. If you let [Barry Baker](#) know your level of interest, he can keep you posted on opportunities that might fit your life and schedule.

Strawberry Festival Volunteers Needed

// Saturday, June 8, Richmond Beach Community Park

This year, Calvin Church will be hosting a booth at the Richmond Beach Strawberry Festival. We will have various flyers and other printed info about our church and ministries available, as well as something eye-catching to draw folks over to our table. We would love it if you could join us as we seek to build connections in the community! We are looking

for at least five volunteers to fill hour-long shifts from 12–5 pm. Come, sit and chat with our neighbors as they visit our booth!

Unable to attend or want to help in another way? We also need donations of “Halloween” candy to hand out as prizes for those visiting our booth. You can bring candy to the church and leave it at the front desk any time before the event. Contact [Norm](#) to sign up or if you want more information.



Happy Birthday!

Grace Biney	May 23
Marlene Lager	May 23
Susan Leonhardi	May 23
Bruce Thiemens	May 24
Toko Weaver.....	May 25
Peter Weschler.....	May 27
Cade Jackson.....	June 01



Upcoming Events

Vision House Luncheon at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue	May 21
Choir Practice, 7 pm	May 22
Memorial Day church office closed	May 27
First Fruits Collection collecting SpaghettiOs and chicken noodle soup....	June 02
Messy Church.....	June 05
Strawberry Festival	June 08
Graduate Recognition ..	June 09



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Thank You, Volunteers!

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Servants

Today we are giving thanks to Calvin's volunteers who have taught, led, and intentionally loved our children and youth this past year. The following people responded to God's call to nurture the faith of our children, youth, and families in many ways throughout this year. We value your flexibility, availability, creativity, and steadfast kindness in caring for beloved children of God of all ages. We deeply appreciate you!

Sunday School Teachers – Younger Kids

- Barb Janacek
- Becky Logan
- Ruth Park

Sunday School Teachers – Older Kids

- Chris Jackson
- Dorothy Lindstrom
- Emily Mitchell

Worship Shepherds

- Jan Allen
- Sunny Coppin
- Katy Korpi
- Becky Logan
- Christi Nixon
- Benjie Parrilla
- Ian Parrilla
- Polly Terman
- Marilyn Wirtz

Commissioning Milestone Mentor

- Mike Bowerman

Nursery Volunteers

- Adrienne Janacek
- Katy Korpi
- Cathy Marinella
- Polly Terman
- Kristi Trainer
- Roechama Weschler
- Jan Wilkins
- Marilyn Wirtz

Sunday School Assistants

- Lisa Allen
- Catherine Baker
- Joe Janacek
- Donna Timbrook
- Peter Weschler

Grow Elders

- Rick Jackson
- Katy Korpi

Ukulele Players

- Jamie Froebe
- Dave Randles



WELCOME TO THE CALVIN PRAYER LABYRINTH

What is a Prayer Labyrinth?

A prayer labyrinth is a path with a purpose. It is not a maze with tricks and dead-ends, but a pattern with a single route to the center. The prayer labyrinth is not meant to disorient you, but to reorient you. For centuries, Christians have walked labyrinths as a way to engage the body as well as the heart and spirit in contemplation and meditation. In the Middle Ages, people used labyrinths as a simple and symbolic way to enact a pilgrimage without the time and expense normally required. One of the most famous labyrinths is found in the Chartres Cathedral in France, dating back to the 1200s.



Calvin Church's Prayer Labyrinth

Calvin Church's labyrinth is a six-circuit design called an Abingdon Octagonal. The pattern is adapted from a medieval manuscript labyrinth, and it was made here with a simple border of Old Country Stone and a gravel path. The labyrinth was completed in 2017 and updated in 2021 and 2024 by Boy Scouts completing their Eagle Scout projects. The labyrinth is open to

all to use. The church simply asks for your cooperation in keeping the area clean and accessible for those who come after you.

Guidelines for Using the Labyrinth

There is no "required" way to walk a labyrinth. However, the Calvin Prayer Labyrinth is intended for Christian use. Its purpose is to draw us closer to the God revealed in Jesus Christ, who is the center of our lives and the Rock of our salvation. Because of its simplicity, both adults and children may find the prayer walk meaningful. Because of its design, each step brings you closer to the goal even if the circuitous course seems to be leading you away.

If others are present, avoid all unnecessary conversation so those walking the labyrinth may concentrate and pray. Before entering, take time to be still and quiet. Center your heart and mind on the real presence of God with you and within you.

When you enter, walk at a pace that feels natural. Do not rush. Since the path is two-way, you may catch a person in front of you or meet someone coming the other way; simply pass by him or her and return to the path. Take whatever time you need in the labyrinth's center.

Ways to Walk the Prayer Labyrinth

A common approach to walking a labyrinth has three stages. The first stage is **Releasing**. As you move toward the center of the labyrinth, focus on letting go of worldly attachments, shedding distractions, and coming to God as your true self. The second stage is **Receiving**. At the labyrinth's center, seek to come to the center of your relationship with God. Stay as long as you like, spending time reflecting on your relationship with God and receiving what God would give you. The third stage is **Returning**. As you follow the same path out, be conscious of God walking with you back into your day.

Other approaches to a labyrinth walk and prayer include:

- **Confession.** On the way to the center, acknowledge your sin and ask for forgiveness and cleansing. At each of the turns, imagine doing a U-turn of repentance, a turning back to God. At the center, imagine leaving your sin there with Christ. Receive and rejoice in God's forgiving grace on the way back. Pause at the exit and give thanks for your cleansing journey.
- **Meditation.** Meditate on a specific word or short phrase of Scripture. Or, recite a breath prayer—a short phrase that is repeated at each leg or each turn (e.g., "Lord, have mercy;" "be still my soul;" or "the LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want"). You may use a different word or prayer on the way out.
- **Conversation.** Have a conversation with God. Perhaps use one direction for speaking, and the other direction for listening. Pause at the turns as needed.
- **Intercession.** Offer prayers for specific people, for the church, for our community, and for the world.
- **Discernment.** Ask God a question as you enter the path. Then, as you walk slowly through the twists and turns, listen for an answer. Let your steps and your silence invite the guidance of God.
- **Unburdening.** Lay down your burdens as you walk to the center of the labyrinth (perhaps carry and place a rock in the center as a symbol of your worries or cares). Pause to thank God for taking on your burdens. Then count your blessings and give thanks on the journey to the exit.