

ORDER OF SERVICE

June 30, 2024 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Glory be to you, O God, whom we worship in awe and wonder. Open the eyes of our imagination, that we may be ready to receive your gifts and discern your activity in our midst.
In the name of Jesus, in whose baptism we too are baptized. Amen.

PRELUDE "Wade in the Water" — Y. Anderson, arr.

Jonna Reeder

WELCOME & GREETING

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ephesians 4:4–6, 1 Corinthians 12:27, and 1 Peter 2:9)

Alison Neubauer

One: We are all one body; we have the same Spirit,
and we have all been called to the same glorious future.

All: **There is only one LORD, one faith, one baptism, and there is only one God and Father,
who is over us all and in us all and living through us all.**

One: Now all of us together are Christ's body, and each one of us is a separate and necessary part of it.

All: **We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God,
that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

SONG OF PRAISE "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

**Gracious God, in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ,
promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life.**

But we fail to live as forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold grudges.

We allow our past to hold us hostage and are reluctant to welcome newness.

Have mercy on us and free us from sin.

Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.

(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 SUMMER PROGRAM

Emily Mitchell

SESSION UPDATE

Barry Baker and Barbara Rood

OFFERING "Baptized in Water"

Jonna Reeder

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:36–41 CEB

Alison Neubauer

SERMON "Baptism"

Neil Trainer

ORDINATION & INSTALLTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Mitchell

SONG OF SENDING "Take My Life and Let It Be"

BENEDICTION

Neil Trainer

POSTLUDE "Verso in E Minor" — Domenico Zipoli

Jonna Reeder

Happy Fourth of July!

// Church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4; reopens Friday

Calvin's Fiscal Year Ends Today

// Thank you for your donations!

The final day of Calvin's fiscal year is today. There's still time for a last-minute donation! Your contributions will help us to end the fiscal year strong.

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons Today

New elders and deacons will be ordained and installed in this morning's service.

- **Elders:** Mike Bowerman (extending term) and Barbara Rood;
- **Deacons:** Martha Hayden-Ledbetter, Linda Lord, Rebecca McAndrew, Jenny Strock (extending term), and Ruth Van Dyke.

A big thank you to those elders and deacons who are finishing their terms: Barry Baker, Gail Bowman, George Bowman, Sunny Coppin, Rick Jackson, Jerry Janacek, Tim Julius, Becky Logan, Karen Novstrup, Benj. Parrilla, and Janet Peterson.

Andrea Driessen Practical Help Forum Today

// Today, 11:30 am – 12:45 pm, Fellowship Hall

We're excited to have Andrea Driessen as our presenter for the last *Practical Help on Living and Dying Well* forum today.

The forum is free and open to all. Coffee and treats will be provided.

Embracing the Milestones of Faith

// New series begins today

Milestones are a tangible expression of a child's or youth's growing spiritual maturity and an important way for us as a church family to recognize, celebrate, and make commitments with one another. But Milestones of Faith aren't just for kids. Regardless of your age or life stage, these are elements of Christian faith we will never outgrow.



Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column from the Friday, February 10, 2022 email.

Jesus Questions

// by Neil Trainer

Several decades ago, a trendy bumper sticker in some circles declared "Jesus Is the Answer." The gospel recording artist Andraé Crouch likewise sang, "Jesus is the answer for the world today." While that may be true, we find something else in the New Testament Gospels. One observer found that Jesus was asked 183 questions, but he answered only three. At the same time, Jesus himself posed 307 questions! Maybe we need to rethink some things.

I still find myself asking Jesus a lot of questions, usually about what the right thing to do is in a given situation. But lately, as I seek to be still and quiet in the Lord's presence and to listen for what he might say to me, I'm hearing more questions than answers. While it's at times frustrating, I'm also slowly seeing

a deeper purpose in what Jesus is doing. When Jesus asks questions, he isn't being evasive but is actually working for our good. The questions are invitations to see and understand differently both Jesus and ourselves. He challenges my assumptions and my complacency. Whereas answers lead to conclusions – conclusion of action, of searching, of straining and striving – questions are provocations to continued knowledge and exploration, to continual growth and transformation.



Happy Birthday!

Jason Logan.....	July 01
Micah Trainer	July 01
Lynette Brown	July 03
Steve Froebe.....	July 04
Nancy Doney	July 05
Brenda Simpkins	July 05
Patti Scudder.....	July 06
Shirley Small.....	July 06
Clayne Leitner.....	July 07
Michael Biney	July 08
Gary Durr.....	July 09
Kristen Hitchcock.....	July 10
Dorothy Lindstrom	July 16



Upcoming Events

Practical Help for Living and Dying Well, 11:30 am	Today!
Fourth of July church office closed	July 04
First Fruits Sunday boxes of macaroni & cheese and 15 oz. cans of Chef Boyardee dinners..	July 07
Messy Middle: Annual Pool Party at Innis Arden, 12-1 pm	Aug. 03



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