

ORDER OF SERVICE

September 1, 2024 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Our God, make us aware of your presence in this time of worship. 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Philippians 2:5-11 NIV*

Betty Dost

One: Christ Jesus, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing.

All: **And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!**

One: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.

All: **That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

SONGS OF PRAISE "What a Beautiful Name" and "Lord, I Need You"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

Our Lord and God, we confess our need for you, and for the grace you give.

Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, and what our hearts can no longer bear.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

and open to us a future in which we can be changed.

Grant us grace to grow in wholeness and holiness in the likeness of Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. *(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

FIRST FRUITS COLLECTION & BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Emily Mitchell

OFFERING "Change My Heart Oh God"

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:1-8 ESV

Betty Dost

SERMON "An Abiding Life"

Norm Underland

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

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION "Sanctuary"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Mitchell

SONG OF SENDING "Yet Not I but through Christ in Me"

BENEDICTION

Norm Underland

Happy Labor Day

// Church office closed tomorrow

Congregational News

Warren Axtell, regular attender of Calvin before he became home-bound, died on August 17 at the age of 92. Please pray for his family and loved ones as they grieve. The family is not planning to hold a service.

Launching Our New Banner!

// Alpha & Omega

Three times in the book of Revelation the Lord God tells us he is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. "Alpha" is the first letter of the Greek alphabet and "Omega" the last letter. For centuries these letters have symbolized the sovereignty of God over all human history.

Today's banner, "Alpha & Omega" reminds us of this enduring truth. The accompanying paraments are hung on the Communion Table, pulpit, and under the Bible. Created by the Calvin Banner team: Jan Christophersen, Cindy Darling, Martha Hayden-Ledbetter, Kat Lagenheim, Dorothy Lindstrom, Christi Nixon, Mary Ann Rohr, Ruth Van Dyke, and Marilyn Wirtz.

GriefShare Ministry Starting This Saturday

// Free and open to all, starts September 7th, 10 am-12 pm

When a loved one dies, it can feel like you're alone. Few people may understand how painful and isolating your grief can be. But you do not have to go through the grieving process alone.

At GriefShare, you'll find a safe, comforting place where you can

talk with others about your grief. You don't have to be a member of Calvin church or any church in order to participate in this group.

In this 13-week Christian grief recovery support group, there are three key parts: a video seminar, group discussion, and a personal workbook. Over 1 million people have found healing through GriefShare across the nation.

COLOSSIANS: Christ Over All

// New sermon series begins next week

Our days are filled with news stories about contentious elections, global conflicts, climate disasters, terrorist attacks, and more. Meanwhile the Church in the West is pushed to the margins, and Christian faith is relativized. Where is God in it all? Is God still in control?

The New Testament book of Colossians reminds us that Christ remains present and preeminent. Nothing in our world is untouched by the loving and liberating rule of Jesus. Join us for worship each Sunday this fall, whether online or in person. Each week we will be reminded and reassured that Christ is over all.

Help Is Needed!

// Serve this school year

This fall, we are launching Sunday LIFT (Living In Faith Together), an intergenerational faith formation alternative to traditional Sunday School. It will start next week on September 8 and will run until May 18, with breaks for Christmas and Easter. A core component of LIFT is breaking bread together, and we have round tables and chairs that need to be

set up and torn down each Sunday morning. Able to help with setup? [Contact Pastor Emily.](#)

On September 11, Calvin is starting our third year of **Messy Church**. It will be on the second Wednesday of each month. We would love to have more people to help support this vibrant worshiping community and who can help with the crafts and activities tables or can put tables and chairs away in the Activity Center and/or the Fellowship Hall. [Contact Pastor Emily](#) for more information.



Happy Birthday!

- Linda Clugston Sep 05
- Jan Allen Sep 06
- Jack Janacek Sep 06
- Trish Bodine Sep 07
- Dick Terman Sep 08
- Donna Miller-Parker Sep 09
- Kofi Serebour Sep 09
- Hanna Wu Sep 11
- Sam Brandt Sep 12
- Liz Randles Sep 12
- Vanessa Juselius Sep 13



Upcoming Events

- First Fruits Sunday cans of tuna & packets of oatmeal Today!
- Labor Day, church office will be closed Sep 02
- GriefShare, 10 am in the Fireside Room Sep 07
- Salmon Bake & Congregational Celebration, in the Fellowship Hall after the service Sep 08
- Messy Church, 5:30 pm Sep 11
- Choir Rehearsal, 7 to 8:30 pm in the Choir Room Sep 18
- Practical Help for Living and Dying Well, 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall Sep 22
- Harambee, 6 pm at the Edmonds Yacht Club Oct 05