

ORDER OF SERVICE

September 8, 2024 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, prepare my heart to worship you now. Call to my mind your faithfulness to me and the work you have done in my life. Make me sensitive to the words of both conviction and comfort your Holy Spirit may bring. Set me free to worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

PRELUDE "Thy Word"

Shelley Ockwell, *piano*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 100 CEB*

Judy Runions Green

One: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God.

All: **It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

SONGS OF PRAISE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and "Cornerstone"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

Our Lord and God:

We confess that we are often frail and unfaithful people.

Forgive us for taking our eyes off you when the storms of life crash upon us.

Forgive us for trusting more in our own strength than in your power and goodness.

Forgive us for focusing more on our temporary needs than upon your timeless blessings.

Forgive us for seeking the treasures of this world more than your eternal kingdom.

Renew our faith and root us again in your love, through our Savior, Jesus Christ, 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

BLESSING & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

Emily Mitchell

OFFERING "Give Thanks"

Shelley Ockwell, *piano*

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 1:1–8 NIV

Judy Runions Green

SERMON "Always Give Thanks"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Mitchell

SONG OF SENDING "Now Thank We All Our God"

BENEDICTION

Neil Trainer

POSTLUDE "My Hope Is in the Lord"

Shelley Ockwell, *organ*

Salmon Bake & Annual Meeting After the Service Today!

// In the Fellowship Hall

Calvin Church’s annual salmon bake and congregational celebration is today, immediately following the worship service. Come join us in the Fellowship Hall to eat while we meet!

COLOSSIANS: Christ Over All

// New sermon series begins today

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.

Pastor Neil Away for Six Weeks

// On leave from September 11 through October 28

As you might have heard last week in the service, or you might have read in the congregational letters that were mailed out on Wednesday, Pastor Neil Trainer will be going on a six-week renewal leave starting next week. Links to read copies of the letters from [Session](#) and from [Neil](#) are also available in last Fridays’s email.

Messy Church This Wednesday!

// Wednesday, September 11th, 5:30–7 pm, free and open to all

Join us for the start of Calvin’s third year of Messy Church. The values of Messy Church are: being Christ-centered, for all ages, and encourage creativity,

celebration, and hospitality. Messy Church especially wants to welcome people who don’t feel like “tidy church” on Sunday mornings is for them. Please pray that God would move powerfully through this worshipping community in the coming school year and that lives would be transformed by his divine grace.

All About Palliative and Hospice Care

// Practical Help for Living and Dying Well – Sunday, September 22

Amanda Hudak is a palliative care nurse practitioner at St. Anne Hospital in Burien, WA and is certified by the Hospice and Palliative Nursing Association. Her presentation will cover the differences between palliative and hospice care and review some of the hard choices we may make for ourselves or our loved ones when facing serious illness.

Join us in the Fireside Room on Sunday, September 22, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm for our next forum in our series, *Practical Help for Living and Dying Well*. It is free and open to all. Treats will be provided.

Bridge Ministries Celebration

// Sunday, September 29th

During the month of September, Calvin’s mission focus is on Bridge Disability Ministries. Bridge and Calvin have partnered in serving those living with disabilities for nearly 30 years.

Calvin has been a long-time supporter of Bridge and its ministries for over 20 years. We will be hosting a Bridge Ministries Sunday Celebration dinner from

4:00 to 6:00 pm on Sunday, September 29 in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday Celebrations are gatherings of persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers, along with church members to share a meal and fellowship. These dinners provide a safe and dedicated opportunity to create friendships and build relationships.

You can support Bridge Ministries and its life-affirming work serving the physically and developmentally disabled by volunteering as a greeter or table host, or helping prepare or serve food. If you are interested in volunteering, please email [Dan Coppin](mailto:Dan.Coppin@calvincpc.org) or call him at (206) 542-6247.



Happy Birthday!

- 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
- Sande Gillette Sep 19



Upcoming Events

- Salmon Bake & Congregational Celebration Today!
- Messy Church, 5:30 pm Sep 11
- Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm Sep 18
- Practical Help for Living and Dying Well, 11:30 am Sep 22
- Bridge Ministries Celebration, 4 pm..... Sep 07
- Harambee, 6 pm at the Edmonds Yacht Club Oct 05



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