

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, thank you for giving us your Son, Jesus. We marvel at the mystery of his humility, wisdom, and love. We praise you that he freed us from our sin, that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles, and that he gives us courage to follow him. For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy: Holy, holy, holy are you, LORD! Amen.

PRELUDE "I Am His and He Is Mine"

Shelley Ockwell, *piano*

WELCOME

Emily Mitchell

INTROIT "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Calvin Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emily Mitchell

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you,
wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you.

All: **Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you,
ears to listen for your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

One: Amen! Let us worship our Maker together.

SONG OF PRAISE "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #379, vv. 1-4

John & Shelley Ockwell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Forgive us for the ways in which we have acted foolishly, immaturely, and selfishly.

Grant us true penitence. At the foot of the cross, may we find our burdens rolled away.

Strengthen us by your Spirit that in the days to come we may live more closely to you,

Lord, and in accordance with your will. Amen. *(silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

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 "Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You"

Calvin Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 1:24-29 NRSV

Lee Simpkins

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "In Christ Alone"

Rev. Laura Terasaki

SONG OF RESPONSE "In Christ Alone"

John & Shelley Ockwell

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

SONG OF SENDING "Christ Be Beside Me"

John & Shelley Ockwell

BENEDICTION

Rev. Laura Terasaki

POSTLUDE "Christ Liveth in Me"

Shelley Ockwell, *organ*

Guest Preacher Today

// Welcome, Rev. Laura Terasaki

The Rev. Laura Terasaki is the Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of the Northwest Coast. She has previously served in a variety of church contexts, including as a pastor and in several interim head of staff pastoral roles. Laura has additional training in coaching, transitional leadership, anti-racism, and conflict mediation.

Laura holds a B.A. from Seattle Pacific University and an M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary.

In her spare time, Laura enjoys spending time with her family, exercising, meeting friends for coffee, and tending her raised-bed garden.

Bridge Disability Ministries Sunday Celebration Today

// Fellowship Hall, 4–6 pm

Calvin has been a welcoming congregation for those with disabilities for years. Today we host a Sunday Evening Celebration – a time of fellowship, food, and fun that connects our congregants with people Bridge serves. You can donate to Bridge through Calvin by noting “Bridge Ministries” on your payment, or at bridgemin.org.

Bridge Disability Ministries thanks Calvin for its support over so many years and looks forward to many more years of partnering with Calvin in serving and embracing people living with disabilities.

Harambee Benefit Dinner

// Saturday, October 5

Agnes and Regina, two Regional Program Managers in Kenya, are

presenting on Saturday, October 5 at Harambee. This will be the first time in almost 10 years that Path From Poverty has hosted leaders from Kenya in the Seattle area.

Registration is now closed for the dinner. For those who are unable to attend, Agnes and Regina will be at Calvin on next Sunday. Come meet them and hear about how this program has changed their lives and the lives of other women in their local groups. In the Fireside Room, after worship.

Invitation to Sunday LIFT

// Come, see what God is doing!

In the last couple of years, I – Pastor Emily – have become convinced of the high value of intergenerational, Christ-centered community. I’m grateful for how Messy Church and Sunday LIFT are giving this congregation opportunities to practice the Christian faith with others from all life stages. The result is more support of families, less isolation for all ages, and practice in caring for one another as Scripture commands. I’ve seen a lot of excitement, engagement, and joy with the LIFT participants in the three weeks so far of this experiment. There are a healthy number of people from the youngest generations at Calvin and we would love to have a few more representatives from the older generations. If you are an adult who would be willing to be a part of LIFT once a month on a Sunday morning, please contact me.

Planned Giving

// Consider a bequest to Calvin

What matters most to you? In addition to family and friends,

Calvin church might be on your list. Would you consider supporting the people and things that matter with a legacy gift? A bequest is a simple, beautiful way to pay it forward for the next generation and take care of them in lasting ways.

Live generously by approaching each day with an open heart, open mind, and open hand. What can you do today to live more generously? What life choices can you make today that will make a difference in the future?



Happy Birthday!

Nancy Kyser.....	Oct 01
David Peck.....	Oct 01
Cindy Darling	Oct 02
Meggan Daetwiler	Oct 02
Laurel Underwood.....	Oct 03
Gloria Strand.....	Oct 04
Jim Guest	Oct 05
Victor Meniz	Oct 07
Starlight Meniz	Oct 09
Joe Scudder	Oct 09
Sharon Wuerl.....	Oct 09
Julie Chapin.....	Oct 10



Upcoming Events

Bridge Ministries Celebration, 4 pm.....	Today!
Harambee, 6 pm at the Edmonds Yacht Club	Oct 05
First Fruits Sunday, jars of peanut butter and Spaghetti-Os.....	Oct 06
Path From Poverty forum, after the service	Oct 06
Messy Church, 5:30 pm	Oct 09
Sunday forum, 11:30 am	Oct 20
Choir rehearsal, 7 pm	Oct 23
Trunk or Treat, 6 pm in Calvin's parking lot	Oct 31



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