

ORDER OF SERVICE

October 20, 2024 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE "Take My Life and Let It Be" – arr. P. Cota

12-Bells Ensemble

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emily Mitchell

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 71, 121)

Jerry Erickson

One: God alone is our refuge and hope, our shelter and protection.

All: **From our very first breath to our last, God's love and compassion never fails.**

One: So come, lift your voices in praise to God. Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love. Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.

All: **Let us raise our eyes towards the mountains and worship the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!**

SONG OF PRAISE "Indescribable"

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

One: The kingdom is yours, but we often turn away from your just rule: Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

One: The power is yours, but we instead trust in our own power and strength: Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

One: The glory is yours, but we fall short of the glory of God: Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

(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

MISSIONAL MOMENT Trunk or Treat

Norm Underland

OFFERING "Jesus Medley" – arr. P. Cota

12-Bells Ensemble

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:1–4 NIV

Jerry Erickson

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "A Life Hidden in Christ"

Emily Mitchell

SPECIAL MUSIC "Christ, You Are the Fullness"

John & Shelley Ockwell

PASTORAL PRAYER

Norm Underland

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 "At the Name of Jesus"

BENEDICTION

Emily Mitchell

POSTLUDE "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Shelley Ockwell, piano



September Finance Summary

// Things are looking good with God’s grace and your generosity

For September, we came within “spitting distance” of matching our budgeted goals for General Fund income. This is again good news, and we are so grateful for your generosity. We are thankful that God uses your open hands and hearts to supply our needs.

Please do continue to pray for Calvin’s financial health. As mentioned last month, we are not currently in financial distress or danger; however, we are operating on a deficit and losing money every month. We can operate on a deficit for a little while, but eventually there will have to be change – either more income, or less programs and staffing. (Our current financial plan defines that “little while” as within the next year or two.)

// The numbers for July– September

- General fund contributions: \$136,266;
- Facilities revenue: \$34,641;
- Other revenue: \$13,811;
- Total operations revenue: \$184,718;
- Total expenses: \$206,052 (giving to missions: \$19,140);
- Net revenue: \$(21,334); and
- Total assets: \$942,689.

Although our finance summaries typically only report on the state of the General Fund, the letter Calvin sent out in late September mentioned the financial concerns of two our help ministries, Backpack Kids and the Deacons. We received a flood of generosity in response to this letter! Both ministries gained a substantial bump in September as compared

to their usual monthly donations. It’s not enough – yet – to solve their financial concerns, but it’s a tremendous start. Thank you for responding so quickly and so generously to this need! See the Friday email for a note from Polly of Backpack Kids and Lisa from the Deacons.

Finally, third-quarter contribution statements were mailed out earlier this week. Just as a reminder, you might notice that some of the account names are slightly different on your statement. Session voted last year to consolidate some restricted funds into larger categories to make the funds more accessible for current needs. The consolidations took effect with this fiscal year and this is the first statement that will reflect those changes.

As always, if you have any financial questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to [Kirsty Haining](#), or to [Dan Coppin](#), head of the Finance Team.

Congregational News

// Long-time Calvin member goes to her heavenly home

Doris Eaker passed away last Sunday on October 13, 2024 at the age of 91. Doris had been homebound for several years, and died after a brief illness and hospitalization. She first became a member of Calvin in 1960, and was ordained a deacon in 1975. After a time away, she rejoined Calvin in 1997. There will be a memorial service in the Fireside Room on Saturday, November 16 in the early afternoon.

Please pray for her family and friends as they grieve her loss. Pray for Maryellen, her close

friend and confidant, and for her children, Mark and Curtis, and her grandson, Gabriel.

After-Death Arrangements

// Today after the service

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

Beverly Tryk, communications manager at People’s Memorial Association (PMA), will be speaking about end-of-life choices today. Founded in 1939, PMA was created as an alternative to the high prices and aggressive sales practices of the funeral industry. PMA is known for providing affordable cremation services.



Happy Birthday!

- Linda Lord..... Oct 21
- Laurel Baker..... Oct 23
- Russell Janacek Oct 23
- Jan Wilkins Oct 23
- Judy Runions Green..... Oct 27
- Coco Miller Oct 31
- Faith Thurman..... Oct 31



Upcoming Events

- Sunday forum, 11:30 am Today!
- Choir rehearsal, 7 pm Oct 23
- Choir rehearsal, 7 pm Oct 30
- Trunk or Treat, 6 pm Oct 31
- DST Ends Nov 03
- Communion & First Fruits
Sunday (collecting tuna and macaroni & cheese) Nov 03
- Messy Church, 5:30 pm Nov 13
- Doris Eaker Memorial Nov 16
- Get Connected New Members Class, 9 am..... Nov 23