

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, your love is the ground of our lives. Your mercy is the assurance of our forgiveness. Your gospel is the hope of our world. Accept our adoration, our praise, our worship for you alone are wise, holy and eternal. Amen.

PRELUDE "Have Thine Own Way"

Sande Gillette, *violin* & Jonna Reeder, *piano*

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 100 CEB*

Catherine Baker

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 "Now Thank We All Our God" #555, vv. 1, 3
"Give Thanks" & "I Surrender All (All to Jesus)"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

O Lord, we know that we are called to share the light and love of your son, our blessed savior.

But our lives are so full of busyness that others are often more a source of aggravation than an opportunity for service.

In our polarized society, others are not friends to share life with but frequently threats and enemies to be suspicious of.

Forgive us, O God. Give us eyes to see others in need.

Give us hearts willing to feel the pain of those around us.

Give us hands to reach out to offer the gift of your love and healing power.

In the name of Christ Jesus, 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 AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

Emily Mitchell

OFFERING "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)"

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:38–48

Catherine Baker

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "From Polarization to Perfection"

Neil Trainer

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION "God, How Can We Forgive"

PASTORAL PRAYER

SONG OF SENDING "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

BENEDICTION

Fat Tuesday Celebration

// A special musical event

Join us for a very special Messy Middle Fat Tuesday celebration next week, featuring the Seattle Children's Chorus.

We'll begin in the Fellowship Hall at 4:40 pm for a 20-minute concert by the younger children, followed by activities and snacks. At 5:45, we'll move to the Sanctuary for a 45-minute concert by the older group. You are welcome to attend part or all of this celebration of music, as your schedule permits.

Please let [Jonna](#) know today if you need a ride to the event.

Ash Wednesday Service

// Celebrating the first day of Lent

Join us on Wednesday to kick off the season of Lent together. The service will be at 7 pm in the Sanctuary on March 5 and will offer meditative readings and music.

Lenten Readings

// Several options available

For those who would like to do Lenten readings, bookmarks of Calvin's reading list will be available on Ash Wednesday at the Welcome Desk. Check off each day as you read Scripture passages related to Jesus' journey to the cross!

Biola's Center for Christianity, Culture, and the Arts offers a free online daily devotional, delivered straight to your email inbox. Each day, there is a Scripture passage, a short meditation, a work of fine art, a

poem, and music. Go to [Biola's website](#) to subscribe.

Get Connected New Members Class

// Sunday, March 9

Join Pastor Neil Trainer for our *Get Connected* New Members Class on Sunday, March 9, at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room.

We will address questions like...

- What does the church believe?
- Why join the church?
- How can I make a difference with Calvin?
- How will I benefit from membership, and what will be expected of me?

If you've regularly been a part of Calvin's worship and ministry, God has a purpose and a reason for you to be with us. If you haven't yet taken the step of becoming an active member of our congregation, then consider doing so by attending our *Get Connected* class.

To RSVP or for more information, contact [Pastor Neil](#).

Legacy Giving

// Give the gift of life insurance

Naming your church as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy may offer benefits – an opportunity to make a gift where other options are not feasible, and also allowing a gift to pass outside of probate. Policies may no longer be needed or serve the purpose for which they were originally intended, such as a business that no longer exists, or for children or loved ones who may not need the additional income. A gift of life insurance

may allow the donor to establish an endowment-type gift that may not have seemed possible under other circumstances. Consider blessing Calvin with a legacy gift such as this.

CPR/AED First Aid Training

// Space is limited – register now!

On March 16, after the service, Calvin is offering CPR/AED training to anyone who is interested so that we can all be prepared to offer assistance in the event of an emergency. There will also be a basic review of first aid procedures. The class is 90 minutes long and is free to attend. RSVP to [Christi](#) if you would like to participate.



Happy Birthday!

Kory Dean	Mar 03
Jerry Janacek.....	Mar 04
Don Ricker	Mar 07
Rob Kline.....	Mar 10
Karen Novstrup	Mar 10
Jean Johnson.....	Mar 13



Upcoming Events

<i>The Sanctuary Course</i>	Today!
Messy Middle Fat Tuesday Event, 4:40 pm.....	Mar 04
Ash Wednesday Service, 7 pm.....	Mar 05
<i>Get Connected</i> New Members Class, 11:30 am.....	Mar 09
CPR/AED Course, 11:30 am	Mar 16
Congregational mtg, 11:30 am, with officer elections ..	Mar 23
Easter Egg Hunt	Apr 19
Easter Sunday.....	Apr 20

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