

ORDER OF SERVICE

March 9, 2025 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 145:10–13 NLT*

Cindy Darling

One: The LORD is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

All: **The LORD is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation.**

One: All of your works will thank you, LORD, and your faithful followers will praise you.

All: **They will speak of the glory of your kingdom; they will give examples of your power.**

One: They will tell about your mighty deeds and about the majesty and glory of your reign.

All: **For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations.**

SONGS OF PRAISE "Build Your Kingdom Here" & "The Heart of Worship"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

**Lord of mercy: you created us to worship you alone,
to respond to your transforming love by giving freely of ourselves.**

Yet we hold back. We fail to give you our undivided attention.

We guard our hearts and withhold our love.

We serve ourselves and our interests more than you and your kingdom.

Forgive us, O Lord, for being passive in our worship and thoughtless in our praise.

And refocus and redeem our lives as we silently confess our sin to you now.

(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 AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

OFFERING "The Lord's Prayer"

Sande Gillette, *violin* & Linda Clugston, *organ*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:1–18 NIV

Cindy Darling

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Approval Ratings"

Neil Trainer

PASTORAL PRAYER

Emily Mitchell

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 "The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Messy Church Is This Week!

// Join us on Wednesday evening

Join us for Messy Church on Wednesday, March 12 at 5:30 pm in the Activity Center! This month's topic is the parable of the unforgiving servant.

Congregational Meeting

// Sunday, March 23 at 11:30 am

The Session has called a special congregational meeting after the worship service on Sunday, March 23, to act upon two matters:

1) The Nominating Committee will present the following nominees for the offices of deacon and elder, as well as a new class of committee members:

Deacons

- Trish Bodine
- Nancy Bowerman
- Bob & Lynn Burwell
- Dick Michelson
- Donna Miller-Parker

Elders

- Catherine Baker
- Mike Bowerman
- Scott Christie
- Steve Froebe

Nominating Committee

- Dan Coppin
- Betty Dost
- Jean Johnson
- Kaye Ostgard

2) The Session is recommending the congregation approve changes to the pastors' terms of call in the areas of their salaries and housing allowances.

All Calvin Church members are encouraged to attend and participate. This meeting will be in-person only.

Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers

// We need you!

There are many opportunities to help out for our Easter Egg Hunt coming up on April 19, the day before Easter, at Hillwood Park. This is a neighborhood outreach event, and a chance to tell the true story of Easter to many. All are welcome!

To volunteer, please call or email [Norm Underland](mailto:Norm.Underland@calvincpc.org).

One Great Hour of Sharing

// Special Lenten offering for the Presbyterian Church (USA)

For over 75 years, Presbyterians have joined with Christians throughout the nation in responding to Christ's love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need through supporting *One Great Hour of Sharing*. The hundreds of millions of dollars Presbyterians have given over the years have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly.

One Great Hour of Sharing funds are divided among its three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People (SDOP), and Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP). There are brochures with more information on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. You can also visit [One Great Hour of Sharing](http://www.onegreathour.org) for more material.

Financial gifts may be made directly online or in person. If giving by check, be sure to write your check to Calvin and put "OGHS" on the memo line.

When giving through Calvin's website, be sure to select "Other" on the giving page and put "OGHS" in the notes box.

Lenten Readings

// Several options available

For those who would like to do Lenten readings, bookmarks of Calvin's reading list are available 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](http://www.biola.edu/devotional) to subscribe.



Happy Birthday!

Rob Kline.....	Mar 10
Karen Novstrup	Mar 10
Jean Johnson.....	Mar 13
Roryk Juengel.....	Mar 19
Don Belcher	Mar 21
Lyn Fouch	Mar 21



Upcoming Events

Get Connected New Members Class, 11:30 am.....	Today!
Messy Church, 5:30 pm	Mar 12
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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