

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of all faithfulness, you have opened the gate of mercy for your people
and are always ready to welcome those who turn to you.

Look on us in your compassion, that we may gladly respond to your love
and faithfully walk in your way through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING

WELCOME & GREETING

Neil Trainer

SONGS OF PRAISE "As It Is in Heaven"
"Cornerstone"

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Norm Underland

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

Emily Mitchell

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 7:13–29 CEB

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Choice of Jesus"

Neil Trainer

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PASTORAL PRAYER

Linda Erickson

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 "Build My Life"

BENEDICTION

Messy Church Is This Week!

// Join us on Wednesday evening

Messy Church is this Wednesday, April 9 at 5:30 pm in the Activity Center. This month's topic is Holy Week and Easter.

Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed

// Help share the hope of Christ with our Shoreline neighbors

We now have all the candy we need. Thank you to all who donated!

There are still many more opportunities to help out for our Easter Egg Hunt, which takes place on Saturday, April 19th — the day before Easter. The event will be at Hillman Park, across the street from Calvin. All are welcome! [Norm](#) will be in the foyer after church on Sunday; sign up with him, or email him if you can't be there in person.

Also, be sure to grab some promotional postcards to share. There will be a stack at the table in the back of the Sanctuary as well as at the Welcome Desk.

Donate to the Deacons for Easter Flowers

// Turn in your forms by next Sunday, April 13

In keeping with tradition, you are invited to help decorate the Sanctuary with beautiful spring-time flowers on Easter morning. Afterward, the deacons will distribute the bouquets to some of Calvin's homebound friends.

If you donate to the Deacons fund and fill out the donation form, your name and the names of those you want to honor or remember will be listed in a

special Easter Sunday bulletin insert.

There are printed donation forms available at the Welcome Desk. If you are paying with a check, be sure to mark that the donation is for the Deacons fund.

Join the Lawnmowing Rotation

// Help beautify Calvin's grounds

The Calvin lawnmowing ministry is looking for ongoing volunteers to help keep our grounds looking their best. Your commitment would be to mow once every six or seven weeks during the mowing season (April through October) — and you'll have the fun of driving our John Deere tractor! Training will be provided. Contact [Dan](#) to participate in the lawn mowing ministry.

One Great Hour of Sharing

// Focus on the Presbyterian Hunger Program

Our spotlight for this week of One Great Hour of Sharing is on the Presbyterian Hunger Program — one of their three focus areas.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) works to alleviate hunger and address its root causes, both in the United States and around the world. Last year, the PHP donated more than \$1 million to around 100 community groups that are helping to ease hunger and poverty in 22 countries.

If you would like to partner with PHP through *One Great Hour of Sharing*, there are a couple of ways to donate. Financial gifts may be made in person or online. When writing a check, be

sure to make it payable 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.



Happy Birthday!

Roechama Weschler	Apr 09
Joe Janacek	Apr 10
Bernice Kent	Apr 13
Mike Marinella	Apr 13
Dennis Ostgard	Apr 13
Nancy Bowerman	Apr 14
Edna Bulaong	Apr 14
Bob Lord	Apr 14
CJ Park	Apr 14
Jamie Froebe	Apr 16
Nate Brown	Apr 17
Susan Durr	Apr 19
Bella Dean	Apr 20
Krista Novstrup	Apr 20



Upcoming Events

Communion & First Fruits Sunday	Today!
Messy Church, 5:30 pm	Apr 09
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 pm	Apr 09
Joyce Davenport Memorial, 2 pm in the Sanctuary	Apr 12
Palm Sunday, 10 am	Apr 13
Maundy Thursday Svc, 5 pm at Maplewood PC	Apr 17
Good Friday Svc, 7 pm	Apr 18
Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am	Apr 19
Easter Sunday, 10 am	Apr 20
"No Place to Grow Old" Documentary with discussion, 4:30 pm	Apr 26
Rhythms of Grace, workshops begin, 11:30 am	Apr 27
Vision House Luncheon, 12 pm at Meydenbauer Ctr	May 06
Walk for Water (Path From Poverty), 10 am	May 10



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