

ORDER OF SERVICE

April 27, 2025 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Loving God, as the crowds flocked to your Son, so we come this morning to hear your voice and feel your touch. We come not because we are healthy, but because we need healing for our wounds, forgiveness for our sins, and faith for our doubts. Open our hearts and spirits that we might hear anew Christ's invitation to come and follow. Amen.

PRELUDE "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

String Ensemble & Jonna Reeder, *piano*

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP from 1 Peter 1:3–4, 6 CEB

Liz Randles

One: May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed!

All: **On account of his vast mercy, he has given us new birth.**

One: You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All: **We have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish — an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for us. We now rejoice in this hope!**

SONGS OF PRAISE "Living Hope" & "God With Us"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

Our Deliverer and Savior: We long to experience your healing presence, but we fail to trust you fully.

We desire the blessings you promise, but we often resist you.

Forgive us our blindness that prevents us from seeing you.

Forgive us our deafness that keeps us from hearing your call to follow.

Forgive us our doubt that denies your promise of hope.

Open our eyes. Open our ears. Fill us with hope and courage

to receive your promise of salvation and new life. (*silence for personal prayer and confession*)

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 from Isaiah 53:4–6 NIV

One: Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,

All: **yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.**

One: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;

All: **the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.**

One: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way;

All: **and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

DOXOLOGY

MINISTRY MOMENT LIFT

Chris Jackson

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 8:1–17 CEB

Liz Randles

SERMON "He Took Our Sicknesses"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

String Ensemble & Jonna Reeder, *organ*

PASTORAL PRAYER

SONG OF SENDING "Sovereign Over Us"

BENEDICTION

Congregational News

// Susan Schlumberger dies at age 92

Susan Schlumberger died earlier this month, on April 9, 2025. Susan was a faithful Christian and member of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church who had been residing in Shoreline and attending Calvin Church for the past couple of years. Please be praying for divine comfort for Don, Susan's husband for 74 years. If you would like to send a condolence card to Don, please contact the church office.

March Finance Summary

// Ask God to supply what we need for this year and next!

Thank you all for your generosity to Calvin Church! Although we did not meet our goal for contributions in March, our year-to-date net revenue is still better than anticipated. Our year-to-date deficit is \$34,586, compared to our budgeted deficit of \$55,181 at this point in time. So, we are continuing to do well even as we operate on a deficit budget this year. We are grateful to God for his provision, and to all of you for your faithful giving.

We are in the midst of budget season! Please continue to pray for wisdom and discernment for all who are involved in the budget process. We do want to fully fund our ministries, mission partners, and personnel, but we also want to be responsive to how the Spirit is moving here at Calvin. Where do we need to expand, and where do we need to prune? Pray that we might listen in humility to God's direction for Calvin's future.

The numbers for July–March:

- General Fund Contributions — \$462,428 (our target for this month was \$474,000);
- Facilities Revenue — \$72,116 (still stronger than our budgeted \$64,750);
- Other Revenue — \$40,457;
- Total Operations Revenue — \$575,001;
- Total Expenses — \$609,587 (giving to missions: \$56,982);
- NET REVENUE — \$(34,586); and
- Total Assets — \$899,863.

First quarter contribution statements were mailed out on Thursday. If you do not receive your statement within the next few days, or if you have any financial questions or concerns, please be sure to contact [Kirsty](#) in the church office. You can also reach out to [Dan Coppin](#), head of the Finance Team.

Thank you once again for your continued support of the mission and ministries of Calvin church. You make everything possible!

Rhythms of Grace Begins Today

// Connect with Christ

Rhythms are all around us in nature — in the seasons, tides, and the rising and setting sun. Rhythms are inside us too — in our breathing, circulation, waking and sleeping. Rhythms can be part of the spiritual life too as regular and recurring practices join us with God's redemptive love in action.

In Calvin's new *Rhythms of Grace* workshops, we will explore intentional rhythms to grow in God's grace and to be increasingly saturated and transformed by it. Time-tested practices will provide

structure and direction to grow us as disciples of Jesus as we engage them individually and corporately. Each person's rhythms will be tailored to cooperate with the work God's Spirit is already doing in their life at their particular life stage.

Connecting with Christ is the first part of our three-part series of *Rhythms of Grace*. In this segment, we will learn ways we can get to know Jesus and abide with him. We will see how to be with Jesus in the daily and mundane parts of life, how to hear the Living Word speak through the written word of God, and how to find Christ in times of transition or darkness. We will experiment with practices of contemplative prayer, Lectio Divina, communal discernment, lament, celebration and more.

No registration is required; all are welcome to join Pastor Neil Trainer on Sundays at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room.



Happy Birthday!

Inez Ahina	Apr 29
Brianne Pratt.....	Apr 30
Lance Neubauer	May 03
Eric Johnson.....	May 05
Barbara Kline	May 06
Janet Peterson.....	May 06



Upcoming Events

<i>Rhythms of Grace</i>	Today!
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 pm	Apr 30
Communion & First Fruits	
Sunday (collecting ramen & chicken noodle soup)	May 04
Vision House Luncheon	
12 pm, Meydenbauer Ctr.....	May 06
Walk for Water (Path From Poverty), 10 am	May 10
Messy Church, 5:30 pm	May 14