

# ORDER OF SERVICE

May 4, 2025 • 10:00 AM



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. Amen.

PRELUDE "Til the Storm Passes By"

Shelley Ockwell, *piano*

WELCOME

Emily Mitchell

## CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 28 CEB

One: I cry out to you, LORD. You are my rock; don't refuse to hear me. If you won't talk to me, I'll be just like those going down to the pit.

All: **Listen to my request for mercy when I cry out to you, when I lift up my hands to you.**

One: Bless the LORD because he has listened to my request for mercy!

All: **The LORD is my strength and my shield. My heart trusts him. I was helped, my heart rejoiced, and I thank him with my song.**

One: Oh, LORD, save your people. Be our shepherd and carry us forever.

## SONG OF PRAISE "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Neil Trainer

**Lord God, your name is great, and your goodness is inexhaustible.**

**Sanctify our souls and bodies and spirits, calm our fears, and drive out every evil thought, every selfish desire, envy, hypocrisy, deceit, arrogance, laziness, anger, and everything that is contrary to your holy will.**

**O Lord, since you love us all, give us the strength to call on you with a pure heart and a contrite soul. Show us your mercy anew. Amen.**

*(silence for personal prayer and confession)*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## DOXOLOGY

## FIRST FRUITS COLLECTION AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

OFFERING "I Come to the Cross"

Calvin Choir; Lora Parrilla, *solo*

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 107:1–2, 23–32 CEB & Matthew 8:18–34 NRSV

Pam Turner

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Lord, Save Us!"

Emily Mitchell

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION "The Man Who Calmed the Sea"

John Ockwell

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## 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 "We Praise You, O God"

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Shelley Ockwell, *organ*

## "Maybe," a Poem by Mary Oliver

Sweet Jesus, talking  
his melancholy madness,  
stood up in the boat  
and the sea lay down,

silky and sorry.  
So everybody was saved  
that night.  
But you know how it is

when something  
different crosses  
the threshold — the uncles  
mutter together,

the women walk away,  
the young brother begins  
to sharpen his knife.  
Nobody knows what the soul is.

It comes and goes  
like the wind over the water —  
sometimes, for days,  
you don't think of it.

Maybe, after the sermon,  
after the multitude was fed,  
one or two of them felt  
the soul slip forth

like a tremor of pure sunlight  
before exhaustion,  
that wants to swallow everything,  
gripped their bones and left them

miserable and sleepy,  
as they are now, forgetting  
how the wind tore at the sails  
before he rose and talked to it —

tender and luminous and  
demanding  
as he always was —  
a thousand times more frightening  
than the killer sea.

## Walk for Water is Just One Week Away

// Richmond Beach Saltwater Park  
on Saturday, May 10 at 10 am

There is still time to register to  
walk with the Calvin for Kenya

team or donate to support the  
team. Your support helps  
provide rainwater catchment  
tanks and solar panels for  
women in rural Kenya who must  
walk many hours and miles every  
day just to find the water they  
need to survive — water that is  
polluted and unhealthy. The lives  
of women, families, and  
communities are transformed  
with clean rainwater at their  
homes.

Visit [pfpwalk.org](http://pfpwalk.org) or use the QR  
code on the Walk for Water flyer,  
which you can find at the table in  
the back of the Sanctuary or at  
the Welcome Desk.

## Planned Giving Opportunities

// Exploring the options

Legacy giving, also known as  
planned giving, is a means of  
making a monetary gift to an  
organization at a future date. By  
giving a legacy gift to Calvin  
Church, you can provide ongoing  
support for our mission.

Here are some of the ways that  
legacy gifts can be given:

- **Bequest.** Through a bequest in  
your will, you can leave a  
specific dollar amount or a  
percentage of your overall  
estate to the organization of  
your choice.
- **Endowment.** Endowed gifts  
are investment funds that will  
continue to support the  
organization of your choice in  
perpetuity.
- **Account beneficiary  
designation.** This is the  
easiest way to give a planned  
gift. Simply complete a  
beneficiary designation form  
at your financial institution.  
Financial accounts such as

bank accounts, investment  
accounts, retirement plans, or  
life insurance policies, can be  
passed on according to your  
beneficiary designations.

For more information on any of  
these means of giving, you can  
explore Calvin's legacy giving  
website at [calvincpc.org/planned-giving/](http://calvincpc.org/planned-giving/).

## Vision House Fundraiser on Tuesday

// Ending homelessness one  
family at a time

Vision House is hosting a fund-  
raiser on May 6 from 12–1 pm at  
the Meydenbauer Center in  
Bellevue. Enjoy lunch while  
hearing from special guest Kevin  
C. Adler, Founder and CEO of  
Miracle Messages and author of  
the book, *When We Walk By*. Go  
to [visionhouse.org/vision-house-luncheon](http://visionhouse.org/vision-house-luncheon) to register.



## Happy Birthday!

Eric Johnson..... May 05  
Barbara Kline ..... May 06  
Janet Peterson ..... May 06  
Dick Michelson..... May 12  
Ameek George..... May 17  
Lynn Burwell..... May 18  
Jim Kyser ..... May 18



## Upcoming Events

Communion & First Fruits  
Sunday (collecting ramen &  
chicken noodle soup) ..... Today!  
*Rhythms of Grace*  
Workshop, 11:30 am ..... Today!  
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  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 pm .. May 21