

ORDER OF SERVICE

May 11, 2025 • 10:00 AM • Mother's Day



PRAYER OF PREPARATION *from Psalm 71:5–6 NIV*

For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth.
From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb.
I will ever praise you.

PRELUDE "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" & "Jesus Loves Me!"

String Ensemble

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 103:1–4, 8, 19 NIV*

Donna Miller-Parker

One: Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

All: **Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits —**

One: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

All: **who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.**

One: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

All: **The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.**

SONGS OF PRAISE "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" #482, vv. 1–3

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" #422, vv. 1–3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

**Most faithful and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another
that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers
but with hearts that have been closed to your grace.**

We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil.

**We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused
to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.**

We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faithfulness and pardon our acts of injustice.

**Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we continue to silently pray. Amen.**

(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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

DOXOLOGY

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Stephen Weschler and Ethan Weschler, sons of Peter & Roechama Weschler*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

OFFERING "Baptized in Water" #492, 1–3

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 9:1–8 RSV

Donna Miller-Parker

SERMON "Take Heart"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "You Are My All in All"

PASTORAL PRAYER

SONG OF SENDING "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

BENEDICTION

No Rhythms of Grace Class Today

// Classes will resume next week

Happy Mother's Day

Today may be a joyful day or a sad day for you. This past week's Friday email contains a beautiful prayer that acknowledges all of our complicated feelings about mothers and motherhood.

Congregational News

// Beverly Sager dies at age 91

Beverly Sager, devoted Christian who became a member of Calvin in 2024 when she was a resident at Cristwood Park, died peacefully at her adult family home on Wednesday, May 7. Please pray for Beverly's loved ones, that they will experience God's divine comfort as they grieve. A memorial service at Calvin is anticipated but has not been scheduled yet.

No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

— Revelation 22:3–5

Messy Church is Next Week!

// Join us on Wednesday evening

Messy Church is next Wednesday, May 14 at 5:30 pm in the Activity Center. This month's topic is the parable of the father and his two sons (Luke 15). Pastor Emily will share beautiful illustrations from Tim Ladwig to accompany

Jesus' powerful story. We would love for you to come and invite your friends and neighbors!

Staff Anniversary

// Christi Nixon's ten-year anniversary coming up soon!

Christi Nixon, our multi-talented hospitality and facilities director, has been serving Calvin Church for ten years as of May 16! Let's shower them with words of appreciation. Bring your cards and letters to the church on Sunday, May 18. Pastor Neil will give a special message during the service and present the cards to Christi.

How Does Calvin Engage with the Community?

// An update from Norm Underland

Last weekend, Calvin served as host to the Christ & Cascadia annual gathering. Close to 100 local church leaders came together to discuss and dream about ways the Church can better engage with the broader community here in the Pacific Northwest. It was wonderful to see so many like-minded people, with hearts longing to reach those God has placed us in a position to love. It was a great reminder that we are not in this alone, and that together we can dream big and have a big impact on Shoreline, Seattle and beyond.

One of the ways we can impact our community now is through the numerous volunteer opportunities right here in Shoreline. From our local schools to local non-profit organizations, we can help our neighbors to flourish. One

organization in particular finds itself with an urgent need due to budget cuts: The Hunger Intervention Program. Visit hungerintervention.org/volunteer/ for volunteer opportunities.

Abundant First Fruits Collection

// Thank you to all who donated!

We had another bountiful first fruits collection last Sunday, including:

- 283 packets of ramen;
- 24 cans of chicken noodle soup;
- 12 peach cups;
- 3 boxes of macaroni & cheese;
- 3 boxes of pasta;
- 3 bags of rice; and
- 2 cans of baked beans.

Thank you again to all who contributed! The deacons will continue to collect ramen and chicken noodle soup for the month of May.



Happy Birthday!

Dick Michelson.....	May 12
Ameek George.....	May 17
Lynn Burwell	May 18
Jim Kyser	May 18
Grace Biney.....	May 23
Marlene Lager	May 23
Susan Leonhardi	May 23
Toko Weaver.....	May 25



Upcoming Events

Messy Church, 5:30 pm May 14
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 pm .. May 21
Strawberry Festival, 11 am,
Richmond Beach Cmty Pk ... June 7



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