

ORDER OF SERVICE

June 29, 2025 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, teach us the true meaning of the Sabbath. Help us discover how we can enjoy your gift of Sabbath today, without getting caught in a smothering legalism. May we experience the Sabbath as an occasion of mercy, as a day permeated by your grace. Amen.

PRELUDE "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" and "There Is a Balm in Gilead" Jonna Reeder, *piano*

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 81

Jenny Cross

One: A song to our strong God!

All: **A shout to the God of Jacob!**

One: Anthems from the choir, music from the band, sweet sounds from lute and harp, trumpets and trombones and horns: it's festival day, a feast to God!
A day decreed by God, solemnly ordered by the God of Jacob.

All: **He commanded Joseph to keep this day so we'd never forget what he did in Egypt.**

One: I heard a voice I had not known.

All: **"I took the world off your shoulders, freed you from a life of hard labor.**

One: In your distress you called, and I rescued you. I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

All: **Open your mouth wide and I will fill it."**

SONG OF PRAISE "God So Loved"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rick Jackson

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and against others.

**We have sinned through our own fault in thought, word, and deed,
in things done and in things left undone.**

Forgive us for the ways that we have been distracted and driven by fear.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future

in which we can be changed, through Christ Jesus, our Lord. *(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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING AND DISMISSAL TO SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Emily Mitchell

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SONG OF THE WORD "Build My Life"

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 5:12–15 NRSV and Matthew 12:1–21 NIV

Jenny Cross

SERMON "Lord of the Sabbath"

Emily Mitchell

OFFERING "Honey in the Rock"

PASTORAL PRAYER

Neil Trainer

SONG OF SENDING "Grace Alone"

BENEDICTION

Emily Mitchell

Celebrate Pastor Emily Today!

// Church luncheon after a brief congregational meeting

Congregational News

// Longtime Calvin member goes to his eternal home

Lawrence Wong, member of Calvin Church since 1987, died on June 13th at the age of 91. He enjoyed singing in the choir, and was very active in CAST, and then later in Prime Time. Although he did not attend in-person services in recent years, Lawrence remained a strong supporter of Calvin. Please pray for his daughters, and for others who grieve his loss. A memorial service has been scheduled for Saturday, August 2nd at 2 pm.

"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God." — Job 19:25-26

New Banners Unveiled Today

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." — John 3:16

Celebrate the universality of God's message through a new set of banners, *God So Loved the World*, using textiles from many cultures.

Thank you, Calvin members, for your donations to these banners! The Banner Team also especially thanks Emily Mitchell for her vision and support of this worship ministry.

*The Banner Team consists of
Jan Christophersen, Cindy Darling,
Martha Hayden-Ledbetter,
Dorothy Lindstrom, Christi Nixon,
Mary Ann Rohrer, Rebecca Thomas,
Ruth Van Dyke, and Marilyn Wirtz.*

New Church Officers Ordained and Installed

// With our deepest thanks to our outgoing church officers

Catherine Baker, Scott Christie, and Steve Froebe are Calvin's newest elders. Mike Bowerman would have been stepping down this July, but has agreed to serve in this role for one more year. Dan Coppin and Carol Jean Chandler have ended their terms as elders. We thank them for their service on Session and for all they have done for Calvin over the past three years.

The new deacons to be commissioned are Trish Bodine, Nancy Bowerman, Bob Burwell, Lynn Burwell, and Donna Miller-Parker. We give thanks for Lela Jamieson, Cathy Marinella, Kaye Ostgard, Jenny Strock, and Jan Wilkins, who are now ending their deacon terms.

Thank You for Your Generosity

// Fiscal year ends tomorrow

Donate to Calvin



Brown-Bag Lunches Begin Next Week

// Converse and connect in the Fellowship Hall after worship

Ever wonder why your message didn't get across? You spoke eloquently, had good points to back up your opinion, made eye contact, you were even appropriately funny...? Yet, somehow the person(s) you were speaking to just missed the point. Why does it seem like some people are just great at working a room or crowd and others resemble the shy kid

standing on the gym wall during a Middle School dance?

Don't assume gregarious people are automatically connecting with others and therefore having the most impact. Real connection can be found when we create space for it, by showing that others are valued, heard, and seen. All of us can learn to do this on some level. We all need to if we are going to begin to heal the disconnect that is far too prevalent in our communities.

Join us in July for our brown bag lunch sessions for *Conversation and Connection*, Sundays after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact [Norm](#).



Happy Birthday!

Jason Logan..... July 01
Micah Trainer July 01
Lynette Brown July 03
Steve Froebe..... July 04
Nancy Doney July 05
Brenda Simpkins July 05
Patti Scudder July 06
Shirley Small..... July 06
Clayne Leitner..... July 07
Michael Biney July 08
Gary Durr July 09
Kristen Hitchcock..... July 10
Jasmine Underland July 12



Upcoming Events

New officers, church luncheon, & send-off for Emily..... Today!
Communion Sunday and First Fruits (collecting chicken noodle soup and tuna fish) July 06
Conversation & Connection lunches begin, 11:30 am July 06
Lawrence Wong memorial service, 2 pm Aug 02
Pool Party, 12-1 pm, Innis Arden Pool Aug 16

Thank You, Emily! With our deepest appreciation, June 2025.

Rev. Emily Mitchell joined our Calvin Church staff in February 2019 in a temporary, part-time role. We quickly knew Emily's gifts and talents were a blessing, and we installed her as our full-time Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Formation in March 2021.

This photo montage captures but a fraction of the rich ministry Emily shared with us. She launched our Messy Church worshipping community and officiated at numerous memorial services. GriefShare, *The Sanctuary Course*, the Deacon Board, and Calvin's banner team benefited for her support, and LIFT and the "First Fruits" collections on Sundays wouldn't have happened without her. Families benefited from Emily's leadership through Milestones like Baptism, Worship, Prayer, and Communion. And, of course, she ministered to us all through her prayers and caring conversations.

Emily — "We thank our God every time we remember you. In all our prayers for you, we always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now!" (*Philippians 1:3-4, paraphrased*)



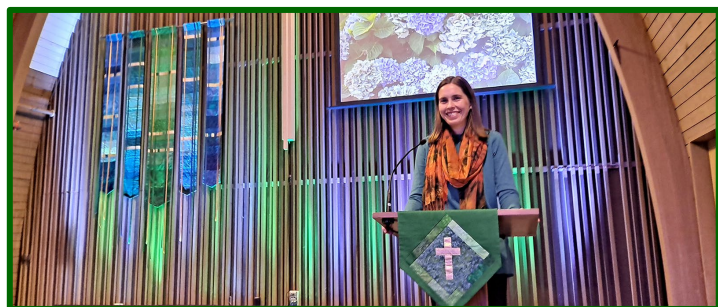
Emily's staff photo, October 2019.
Photography by Tyson and Tessa.



Staff trivia game at Tall Timber retreat, August 2019.
Photo by Tyran Johnson.



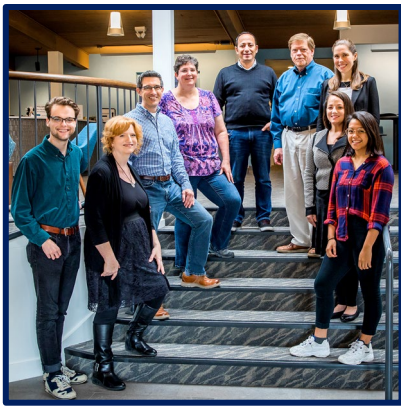
Emily at Messy Church.
Top left: reading a story after dinner, May 2024; above: enjoying pizza at the children's table, May 2024; left: celebrating in song, June 2025.



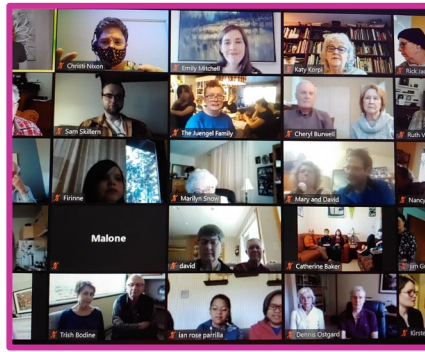
Rev. Emily Mitchell at the lectern in the Sanctuary, November 2023.
Photo by Lyn Fouch.



Neil, Emily, and Sam Skillern at Prime Time, November 2019.
Photo by Christi Nixon.



Staff group photo, October 2019.
Photography by Tyson and Tessa.

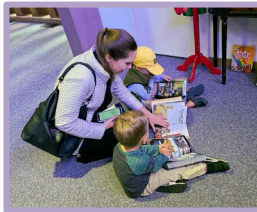


Pandemic
communion service,
November 2020.
Photo by Christi
Nixon.

Emily models
60s fashion at
Prime Time,
November
2019. Photo by
Christi Nixon.



Baptism of Jocelyn, Pentecost Sunday,
May 2023. Photo by Christi Nixon.



Emily,
Ethan, and
Stephen,
September
2023. Photo
by Christi
Nixon.



Emily and Carmella at Messy
Church, April 2023.



Emily on youth missions
trip to Portland, Oregon,
July 2019.



Emily at the Worship Shepherds
and Sheep picnic, June 2025.
Photo by Sunny Coppin.



Emily at the Block Party, June 2019.
Photo by Steve Froebe.



Emily mesmerizes her audience at
the Easter Egg Hunt, April 2019.

We will miss you!



Neil and the congregation bless Emily for the next stage
in her journey, June 2025. Photo by Christi Nixon.



Emily, bottom left corner, and Team Calvin at Walk for Water,
May 2024. Photo by Dennis Ostgard.



Paper Bag Christmas Pageant, December 2023. Photo by Darlene Miller.