

ORDER OF SERVICE

July 20, 2025 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God has redeemed us from the land of darkness and barrenness, and invites us to abide and grow in the beloved Son, who nurtures fruitfulness and forgiveness. Amen.

PRELUDE "All That Thrills My Soul"

Barry Baker, Faith Ockwell, and John Ockwell

WELCOME

Norm Underland

CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from I John 1:5–7; Ephesians 5:8–9, 18–19*

Dan Coppin

One: Hear the divine message we proclaim to you: God is light, completely without darkness.

All: **If we say we have fellowship with God, yet stumble in darkness, we do not speak the truth.**

One: Yet if we walk in the light, as God himself is in the light, we have fellowship with God.

All: **Now that we are in the Lord, we can walk as children of light.**

For the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

One: Let us sing songs and hymns and spiritual songs.

All: **Let us give thanks to God the Creator, at all times and for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

SONGS OF PRAISE "I Saw the Light" and "I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Norm Underland

Merciful Jesus: You are Word and Light offered to everyone.

But sometimes we choose ignorance and darkness, overwhelmed by the cares of daily life.

You are living water for our thirst, but we refuse to ask you for a drink, instead trying to make it on our own with parched hearts.

We lose our zeal, our saltiness, or our fruitfulness, yet do not come to the one who made the Garden of Eden, and who plants and waters the Word in our minds and souls.

Lord, have mercy on us! *(silence for personal prayer and confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE *adapted from Hosea 6:3*

One: The coming of the Lord with mercy is as certain as the dawn.

God's grace drenches us like the spring rains that water the earth.

In Jesus Christ, the true vine, we are fed and completely forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S BLESSING AND DISMISSAL TO SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Chris Jackson

MINISTRY MOMENT GriefShare

Katy Korpi

OFFERING "Your Labor Is Not in Vain"

Faith Ockwell

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:1–23 NRSV

Dan Coppin and Jonna Reeder

SERMON "The Parable of the Master Gardener"

Linda Erickson

SONG OF RESPONSE "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #404, vv. 1,2

PASTORAL PRAYER

Norm Underland

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.

SONGS OF SENDING "In the Garden" and "Micah 6:8"

BENEDICTION

Linda Erickson

POSTLUDE "I Saw the Light"

Apply for a Johnson Music Scholarship

// Application deadline is August 31st

As many Calvin members know, Calvin church has scholarship money available for all musicians who regularly participate in the life of Calvin Church. Whether you're a beginner or have many years of training in music, you can apply now to receive funding for activities this Fall. The scholarship can be applied to vocal and instrumental lessons, workshops or camps, and choir or band activities. **Full or partial scholarships will be awarded depending on the number of applicants and available funds.**

To apply for a scholarship for the 2025–2026 academic year, pick up a form at the Welcome Desk or submit an application on Calvin's website.

June Finance Summary

// Thank you for your generosity

We are grateful that so many of you fulfilled your pledges and others sent in extra donations in June! Thanks to your generosity and faithfulness, June was a very strong month. Our fiscal year ended much better than we anticipated. We ended with a deficit, but a smaller one than we expected. That's really good news! We also exceeded our targeted goals for both contributions and facilities revenue.

The good news continues. The strong fiscal year end made it easier to plan the budget, and so earlier this week Session adopted a budget for the 2025–26 fiscal year. This budget includes

funding to support Session's decisions regarding our vacant Associate Pastor position. It gives a cost-of-living increase to our hard-working staff and it provides funding increases to our valuable mission partners.

We do anticipate that this budget will also include a modest deficit, but we have adequate reserves to cover that deficit. Some technology needs were left out of the budget, however, as they may require special funding. Continue to pray for the budget and any special funding that may be required. Your prayer support means more than you may realize.

We continue to give thanks to God for his faithfulness in providing for the needs of our congregation.

// Fiscal year-end summary (July 2024 – June 2025)

- General Fund Contributions: \$656,214 — beating our annual goal by nearly \$15K;
- Facilities Revenue: \$93,240 — beating the annual goal by over \$7K;
- Other Revenue: \$54,133;
- Total Operations Revenue: \$803,587;
- Total Expenses: \$841,362 — giving to missions: \$76,965;
- GF Net Revenue: \$(37,775); and
- Total Assets: \$917,487.

Quarterly contribution statements will be mailed out next week. If you do not receive your statement, or if you have any financial questions or concerns, please be sure to contact [Kirsty](#) or [Dan Coppin](#). Thank you again for your continued support of the

mission and ministries of Calvin Church!

Brown Bag Lunch Today

// An update and an invitation

This is week 3 of our *Conversation and Connection* lunches. Today, we will be looking at what abiding in community looks like and how we can better engage through our daily, long-term interactions. Connection takes time and consistency; it doesn't just happen overnight or from one conversation. Bring your lunch and let's learn together!



Happy Birthday!

Christi Nixon Today!
Serina Yemane Jul 22
Carole Cannon Jul 24
Betty Dost Jul 25
Neil Trainer Jul 25
Vivian Brown Jul 26
Martha Hayden-Ledbetter Jul 26
Katy Korpi Jul 26
Sera Boamah Jul 27
Benj. Parrilla Jul 28
Tim Julius Aug 01
Donna Timbrook Aug 01
Valerie Grissom Aug 02



Upcoming Events

Conversation & Connection
brown-bag lunch Today!
Lawrence Wong memorial
service, 2 pm Aug 02
Communion and
First Fruits Sunday Aug 03
Pool Party, 12-1 pm,
Innis Arden Pool Aug 16
Johnson Music Schol.
application due Aug 31

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