

# ORDER OF SERVICE

August 17, 2025 • 10:00 AM



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Our Savior God, by the power of your Holy Spirit open our eyes, ears, hearts, and very lives to your presence so that today we may worship and serve you in faithfulness, and be healing reminders of your love to all whose lives we touch. Amen.

PRELUDE "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Calvin Ensemble

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cindy Darling

One: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

All: **Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.**

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.

All: **The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.**

SONGS OF PRAISE "Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

Summer Band

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Laurel Underwood

**God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: You are the giver of every good and perfect gift.**

**You have loved us freely and without conditions,  
but our love is often given with demands and expectations.**

**You give us abundant blessings, but we often hoard all we can get.**

**You are working among us to advance your eternal Kingdom,  
but our vision is often shortsighted and focused on ourselves.**

**Forgive us for our thanklessness, O Lord. Teach us to receive all that you give with open hands.  
And have mercy on us now as we silently confess our sin to you.**

*(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

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

DOXOLOGY "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #276, chorus only

CHILDREN'S BLESSING AND DISMISSAL TO SUMMER PROGRAMMING

MINISTRY MOMENT Session Update

Katy Korpi and Greg Terman

OFFERING "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #276

Calvin Ensemble

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:13–21 NLT

Cindy Darling

SERMON "What Counts"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "Break Thou the Bread of Life" #329, vv. 1–2

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Laurel Underwood

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

BENEDICTION

Neil Trainer

POSTLUDE "Eat This Bread"

Jonna Reeder, organ

## Deacons' Financial Aid Ministry

*// Helping people with housing insecurity or other urgent financial concerns*

The deacons at Calvin are charged with providing emergency financial aid to those who are struggling to pay their bills. This ministry focuses on keeping people in their homes with their utilities on. The first priority is to help those in Calvin's congregation, but the deacons will also aid to those in our community who need help, provided there is enough funding available.

As with other ministries provided by the deacons, the *only* source of funding is through financial gifts given specifically to the Deacons Fund.

## Taste and "Sea" that the Lord Is Good

*// Annual Salmon Bake is Sunday, September 7 after worship*

Calvin Church's annual salmon bake and congregational celebration is Sunday, September 7, immediately following the worship service. Come join us in-person to eat while we meet.

However, we need your help to put on this event. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve food, and other various tasks. If you are interested in volunteering, you can reach out to [Barbara Rood](#). We also hope to have the salmon for the event contributed by generous donors; financial donations for this event would also be greatly appreciated.

*Don't forget we need your pictures!* Send your photos of congregational life from the past year to [Heather Andrews](#).

## Save the Date! Women's Retreat in September

*// Sept. 26 and Sept. 27 at Calvin*

We are pleased to announce an upcoming women's retreat at Calvin, featuring Beth Moore in a simulcast presentation of her latest seminar. On Friday, September 26, we will start with dessert at 6 pm, followed by Beth Moore from 7 to 9 pm. Saturday, we'll meet for lunch at noon, and then listen to Beth from 1 to 4:30 pm. Bring your own food, or purchase a box lunch. Registration link and more details will be available soon! In the meantime, email [events@calvincpc.org](mailto:events@calvincpc.org) if you can help out with this retreat.

## LIFT Off!

*// LIFT kicks off September 7*

LIFT — Living in Faith Together — gathers people of all ages to participate in four activities focused on a theme or story from the Bible. Participants study God's Word together, break bread together, pray together, and play together. Last year, activities included baking bread, running an obstacle course, creating an earthquake to release Paul and Silas from prison, saying "popcorn" prayers and praises, making walking sticks for a hike around the church, playing games, and sharing many good snacks. Some Sundays, we also have ukulele players who lead us in worship.

One change for LIFT this year is that — other than our kickoff Sunday — LIFT will meet *not* meet on the first Sunday of the month (Communion and First Fruits Sunday). Of course,

worship bags will be available to keep our youngest members occupied during those first Sundays. All other Sundays, LIFT will meet, and, as we did last year, we begin by gathering in the Sanctuary, but move to Room 16 after the Children's Prayer and Dismissal to LIFT.

Facilitators this year are Ian Parrilla, Allison Neubauer, and Chris Jackson. Want to volunteer? Questions? Contact [Chris Jackson](#).



## Happy Birthday!

Jeannie Peck .....	Aug 17
Pamela Turner .....	Aug 18
Barry Baker .....	Aug 20
Tyran Johnson.....	Aug 21
Ruth Van Dyke .....	Aug 23
Jennifer Miller .....	Aug 25
Sunny Coppin .....	Aug 27
Kaye Ostgard .....	Aug 27
Judie Hagen .....	Aug 28
Noah Park.....	Aug 28
David Baker.....	Aug 29
Cecilia Bumcrot.....	Aug 29
Sue Kropf .....	Aug 29
Barbara Rood.....	Aug 29
Greg Terman.....	Aug 29
Stephen Weschler .....	Aug 30



## Upcoming Events

Johnson Music Scholarship applications due .....	Aug 31
GriefShare, 10 am.....	Sep 06
Communion & First Fruits Sunday (collecting chicken noodle soup and individual-serving size boxes of cereal) .....	Sep 07
LIFT begins .....	Sep 07
Salmon Bake.....	Sep 07
Rhythms of Grace .....	Sep 14
Women's Retreat.....	Sep 26 & 27
Harambee! .....	Sep 27

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