

ORDER OF SERVICE

September 7, 2025 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, and free us to worship in Spirit and Truth. Amen.

PRELUDE "El Shaddai"

Jonna Reeder, *piano*

CALL TO WORSHIP "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

SONGS OF PRAISE "Holy Is the Lord" and "Mighty to Save"

Worship Ensemble

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Norm Underland

**Our Savior and our God, whom we so quickly and easily call Lord:
Forgive us our failure to understand and accept
the great demands placed upon us by your Lordship.
We pray, "Thy will be done," but we don't always do what you say.
We long to see your kingdom revealed in our world,
but our doubts and selfishness blind us.
We want you to show us mercy, but we withhold forgiveness from others.
And we ask you to provide for our daily needs,
even as we anxiously worry and strain for more.
Forgive us, O Lord, when we have been childish rather than childlike in our faith.
And hear us now as we silently confess our sins to you.**

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

FIRST FRUITS COLLECTION AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY LIFT

Chris Jackson

OFFERING "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Art Nelson, *trumpet* and Jonna Reeder, *piano*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 15:21–39 NLT

Cheryl Minnig

SERMON "Mercy Left Over"

Neil Trainer

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION "Come to the Table of Grace"
"It Is Well with My Soul"

John & Shelley Ockwell
Art Nelson, *trumpet*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Norm Underland

SONG OF SENDING "We Are Called To Be God's People"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Sing to God With Joy and Gladness"

Jonna Reeder, *piano*

Salmon Bake and Annual Meeting Today

// Join us after the service

New Banners for Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

// Thanks to our Banner Team

We welcome two new banners today, in the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. In the Sanctuary, we have "Let There Be Light." The banner invokes the moment of creation when God created light out of chaos. And that was just the beginning of his creativity!

In the Fellowship Hall, we have the first of a set of four banners, changed seasonally, titled "Salvation." The cross is not a symbol of defeat and death, but of the salvation offered to all through the resurrection of Jesus Christ throughout all seasons of our life.

The Banner Team:

Jan Christophersen, Cindy Darling,
Martha Hayden-Ledbetter,
Kat Langenheimer, Dorothy
Lindstrom, Christi Nixon, Mary Ann
Rohrer, Rebecca Thomas, Ruth Van Dyke,
and Marilyn Wirtz.

Backpack Kids Starting Up Again

// Donate an hour of your time on Monday, September 15th

School is back in session and we are gearing up to pack even more food bags this year! If you are interested in seeing what happens with your earmarked funds or would like to help for an hour on our first packing day — Monday, September 15th — we would love to have your hands and feet serving with us! Contact [Polly Terman](#) for details.

September Outreach Focus: Bridge Disability Ministries

// A message from Dan Coppin

Bridge fulfills its mission to the developmentally and physically disabled through three ministries: Spiritual Connections, Guardianship, and Medical Equipment. Our Spiritual Connections ministry is a bridge to inclusion and belonging in area churches and faith communities. Through this ministry we connect hundreds of persons with disabilities to area churches. Calvin has been a welcoming congregation for those with disabilities for nearly 30 years.

On Sunday, September 28th from 4–6 pm, Calvin will host a Sunday Evening Celebration — a time of fellowship, food, and fun that connects our congregants with people Bridge serves. Please contact [Dan](#) if you'd like to volunteer for this event.

Why Community Engagement?

// A message from Norm

During the past year, I have been working with two local grant programs designed to help ask and answer the question: *What do our neighbors need to thrive where they are?* Through the Seattle School of Theology and Psychology's Center for Transforming Engagement and Urban Impact, Calvin has received a total of \$6,000 to start two community-focused initiatives designed to create spaces for Calvin members and our neighbors to interact and find the answer together, to learn with each other how to thrive in our place.

You should have received a letter from me this week about Calvin's newest community-focused initiatives: The Volunteer Hub and Community Dinners. Copies are also available at the Welcome Desk.

Choir Rehearsals Begin Soon

// Come, lift your voice and sing...

Calvin Choir is planning to start a new season of praise and fellowship. Our first rehearsal will take place on September 10th at 7:15 in the Choir Room. If you enjoy singing and are curious about participating, now is an excellent time to give Calvin Choir a try! We rehearse on two Wednesdays and sing in one morning service per month. Previous choral singing experience is a plus, but not required. Come and help us make a joyful noise unto the Lord (Psalm 100:1).



Happy Birthday!

Trish Bodine Today!
Donna Miller-Parker Sep 09
Hanna Wu Sep 11
Liz Randles Sep 12
Warren McAndrew Sep 18
Sande Gillette Sep 19



Upcoming Events

Choir rehearsal, 7:15 pm Sep 10
Vol. Hub BBQ, 11 am Sep 13
Ron Wirtz mem svc, 2 pm . Sep 13
Rhythms of Grace Sep 14
Community Dinner, 6 pm... Sep 15
Women's Retreat..... Sep 26 & 27
Harambee!, 6 pm Sep 27
Bridge Ministries
Celebration, 4 pm Sep 28
Mini Messy Church Oct 08
Missions Fest Oct 10 & 11