

ORDER OF SERVICE

May 3, 2026 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, grant that, as your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also set our minds on things above, where Christ is, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

PRELUDE "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Calvin String Ensemble

WELCOME

Neil Trainer

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 145:10–13 NLT*

Rebecca McAndrew

One: The LORD is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

All: **The LORD is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation.**

One: All of your works will thank you, LORD, and your faithful followers will praise you.

All: **They will speak of the glory of your kingdom; they will give examples of your power.**

One: They will tell about your mighty deeds and about the majesty and glory of your reign.

All: **For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations.**

SONG OF PRAISE "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" #155, vv. 1–3

FIRST FRUITS COLLECTION AND CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Curtis White

SONG OF PRAISE "How Great Thou Art" #467, vv. 1, 3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patrick Meagher

**Almighty God, who inhabits eternity but dwells
with those who are of a humble and contrite spirit:
before you and our Lord Jesus Christ we confess our sins.**

We have ignored the presence of your Spirit.

We have failed to look for the return of our Savior and Judge.

**We have been blind to your coming in the suffering of the hungry, the exiled,
the destitute, the sick, and the imprisoned.**

In your great goodness, put away our offenses and cleanse us from our sin, for Jesus' sake.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

SONG OF ASSURANCE "How Great Thou Art" #467, v. 4

PASSING OF THE PEACE

DOXOLOGY "How Great Is Our God"

OFFERING "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Calvin String Ensemble

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 24:1–51 NLT

Rebecca McAndrew and Patrick Meagher

SERMON "Jesus Is Coming!"

Neil Trainer

SONG OF RESPONSE "Joy to the World!" #40, v. 1

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION "Eat This Bread"
"One Bread, One Body"

Faith Ockwell, *guitar and vocals*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Patrick Meagher

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.

SONG OF SENDING "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #379, vv. 1, 2, 4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Joy to the World!"

Calvin String Ensemble

Vision House Luncheon on Tuesday

// Join us from 12–1 pm at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue

Vision House is hosting a luncheon on Tuesday with special guest Rev. Eugene Cho, Bread for the World President and CEO, and author of the book *OVERRATED*. Enjoy lunch while being challenged and encouraged, learning how you can end homelessness one family at a time. You may register at visionhouse.org. Don't forget to select Calvin Presbyterian Church as your group host.

For more information, contact [Sunny Coppin](mailto:Sunny.Coppin).

Lace Up Your Shoes!

// It's not too late to join the Calvin Walks 4 Water Team

Walk for Water is this Saturday, May 9, convening at Shoreline Christian School at 10 am. Sign up or donate here: <https://www.pathfrompoverty.org/upcoming-events>. There are brochures in the foyer with detailed instructions if you should need them.

The Pain and Promise of Waiting

// by Heather Andrews

I'm a troubleshooter. When my loved ones have a problem or a grief, I'm on it. It's an automatic response; one that I began to investigate in sessions with my spiritual director a few years ago. She helped me to identify the feelings behind the urge to fix. In my case, it stems from a view I have had of God since childhood: that he is aloof; sitting on his throne watching all of us

struggle. How I constructed this view of God is a whole other story. But suffice it to say that I rush into action when I believe that God won't.

I remember the first time God audibly told me to wait. I was 30 years old, still single, and in love with my good friend. He was pursuing someone else. I wept with God in prayer, asking him if I should make my feelings known. God's voice was clear. I heard — and felt — a voice say, "Wait." I listened. It wasn't easy, but I stayed the course because I was so sure I had heard God. And at the end of my waiting, I had a husband. It was my first lesson that good things can happen even when I am still.

God continues to invite me to wait when I'd rather rush in. It's been one of his sharpest tools for my sanctification. I've had to wait for marriage (at age 32) and children (at ages 37 and 40, after two miscarriages). Those waits were difficult, but they ended in the fulfillment of my longings. I'm still waiting for loved ones to come to faith, relationships to be restored, and emotional pain to be healed.

At present, I'm waiting for God to heal my relationship with my dad. Last time we were together, we fought. We've been estranged for over two years. I want desperately to solve our problems. But when I stop and attune my ears to God, I hear, "Wait." This waiting is even harder than waiting for marriage or kids. My dad is 83 years old and in poor health. I feel like time is running out for us. But I can't ignore the sense that my

waiting would be a greater act of faith than my fixing.

How long will I have to wait? Will I trust that God is living and active, or will I give in to fear and take matters into my own hands? Thankfully, even when I doubt him, God is patient with me. He tenderly invites me to wait for him.

*Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf
of those who wait for him.
— Isaiah 64:4 NIV*

Readers Needed for Pentecost Sunday and Beyond

// Let's share the word of God in multiple languages

If you are fairly fluent in a language other than English and willing to read a few simple lines on Pentecost Sunday, please contact Jonna.



Happy Birthday!

Lance Neubauer Today!
Eric Johnson..... May 05
Barbara Kline May 06
Janet Peterson May 06
Dick Michelson..... May 12



Upcoming Events

Communion & First Fruits
Sunday (collecting applesauce
cups and SpaghettiOs) Today!
Vision House Luncheon,
12-1 pm at the Meydenbauer
Center in Bellevue May 05
Choir rehearsal, 7:15 pm ... May 06
Walk for Water (Path From
Poverty), 10 am at Shoreline
Christian School May 09
Messy Church, 5:30 pm..... May 13
Community Advocacy
Dinner, 6 pm..... May 18