

ORDER OF SERVICE

September 6, 2026 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another.
Prepare our hearts to receive your love. Turn our feet from evil paths, our hands
from shameful deeds, our minds to your wisdom, and our hearts to your grace. Amen.

PRELUDE "Have Thine Own Way"

Calvin Ensemble

WELCOME

Curtis White

SONG OF PRAISE "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 119:33–40 NLT*

Edna Bulaong

One: Teach us your decrees, O Lord; we will keep them to the end.

All: **Give us understanding and we will obey your instructions;
we will put them into practice with all our heart.**

One: Make us walk along the path of your commands, for that is where our happiness is found.

All: **Give us an eagerness for your laws rather than a love for selfish gain.**

One: Turn our eyes from worthless things, and give us life through your word.

All: **Reassure us of your promise, made to those who fear you.**

One: Help us abandon our shameful ways, for your regulations are good.

All: **We long to obey your commandments! Renew our life with your goodness.**

SONG OF PRAISE "The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"

Dean Family

FIRST FRUITS COLLECTION AND CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Curtis White

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patrick Meagher

One: The daily grind of life wears us down. Our vision grows narrow, our joy disappears.

All: **We work. We worry. We may weep. We grow weary.**

One: The blessings of gladness and peace that flow from God's love seem fewer than before.

All: **Our faith falters. Our trust dissipates. Lord, have mercy — help our unbelief.** *(pause for music)*

One: God holds time in his hands. Our Creator knows our weaknesses,
and she has compassion for her children.

All: **Quiet our hurried thoughts, guide our choices and guard our hearts.**

One: Hear the voice of the One who is all Wisdom and gives mercy to those who ask.

All: **Gracious God, forgive us and renew our joy in you and your blessings
and our daily work and prayers.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

DOXOLOGY

OFFERING "You Are My Hiding Place"

Sande Gillette, *violin* and Jonna Reeder, *piano*

SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 3:9–15 NLT

Edna Bulaong

SERMON "Eternal Hearts, Finite Understanding"

Patrick Meagher

SONG OF RESPONSE "For the Fruit of All Creation"

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION "For You, O Lord, My Soul Waits in Stillness"
"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Calvin Ensemble

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Curtis White

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "O Day of Rest and Reflection"

Calvin Ensemble

Happy Labor Day Weekend!

// The church office will be closed on Monday

Taste and "Sea" that the Lord Is Good

// Annual salmon bake and congregational celebration next Sunday

Calvin Church's Salmon Bake and Annual Meeting will take place next Sunday, September 13, immediately following the worship service. This yearly gathering is a classic time of food, fun, and fellowship.

Lisa Allen is staffing a signup board in the Narthex today. Stop by and sign up for shopping, prepping salmon, shucking corn, grilling meat, prepping food, setting up, or cleaning up. Your help is invaluable.

If you forget to sign up in the Narthex, you can email Lisa, or call her at 206-369-4038.

See a Maintenance Issue?

// Scan a QR code!

Calvin Church has a quick new way to address maintenance issues: by scanning a QR code! Have you spotted a leak, a clog, or a damaged surface? Rather than leaving a note for Christi that might get misplaced, send your request electronically. Christi has posted these handy codes around the building — in the restrooms, at the sink in the foyer, and at the Welcome Desk.

Scanning the QR code is fairly straightforward: Aim your smartphone camera at the code, then tap on the link that appears on your screen. This will open a

request form, where you can input your maintenance issue. If you need help doing this, ask a tech-savvy friend.

Messy Church Resumes

// Join us on Wednesday at 5:30

Messy Church is this Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 pm in the Activity Center. Due to feedback from last year's Messy Church participants, we have changed the format to include some collaborative activities that will help us get to know one another, rather than focusing on individual craft time. Along with new activities, we'll have worship and pizza. Please join us, and invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

Join a Small Group at Calvin

// Fall is a great time to start new habits!

Fall is a great time to start something new, and that something could be joining a small group at Calvin!

Small group leaders Barry Baker and David Rood will resume their weekly bible study using the *Bible Project* as a resource. The study focuses on the life of Jesus and the early church through the eyes of Luke, the physician, and includes four podcasts on the book of Luke and nine on the book of Acts. The group meets on Monday mornings from 9 to 10:30 am in the Fireside Room, beginning on September 21.

If you're interested in joining this or any other small group, pick up a flyer at the Welcome Desk. Some groups are meeting on

new days/times, and some haven't changed. Take a look and see if there's a group that might work for you!

Special Request from the Banner Team

// Fabric donations needed

Worship Ministries, in cooperation with the Banner Team, needs sheer fabric to go over a set of banners for a few weeks in October. The fabric needs to be at least 18 inches wide and at least five feet long. Contact Jonna if you have some fabric to loan or donate.



Happy Birthday!

Jan Allen Today!
Jack Janacek Today!
Trish Bodine Sep 07
Donna Miller-Parker Sep 09
Kofi Serebour Sep 09
Liz Randles Sep 12
Warren McAndrew Sep 18
Sande Gillette Sep 19



Upcoming Events

Communion & First Fruits
(collecting easy-open cans of chicken & Spaghetti-O's) Sep 06
Messy Church, 5:30 pm Sep 09
GriefShare group,
10 am in the Fireside Rm Sep 12
Salmon Bake & Annual
Meeting, after the svc Sep 13
Young Adults Theology
on Tap, 6:30 pm Sep 14
Choir rehearsal, 7:15 pm Sep 16
Get Together for Families
with Young Children,
5 pm Sep 19
Rhythms of Grace begins,
after the svc Sep 20
Bridge Disability Ministries
Sunday Celebration Sep 27