



I write these things to you
who believe in the name of
the son of God that you may
know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:13

May 5, 2024

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday
Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon
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“And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.” – 1 John 5:11

Eastertide

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Evie Dykhouse and Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Scripture Reader: Suzi Steketee

Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Steve Triezenberg

Ten o'clock

May 5, 2024

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer” [#43] Robert Lind, Wayne L. Wold

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “In the Stillness of This Hour”

Text and music: Daniel Charles Damon

In the stillness of this hour, drawn again by grace,
God of mercy, God of love, here we seek your face.
We have wandered lost and lonely, living out our days
but your Spirit calls us back, bids us pray and praise.

In the stillness of this hour, help us hear your voice.
As we learn your law of love, teach us to rejoice.
We have wasted time and treasure in our wanton ways,
but your Spirit calls us back, bids us pray and praise.

* Opening Hymn: “Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace”

#7:1,2,4

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

**All: Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Hymn of Confession: "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

#884

* Assurance of Pardon

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

front cover of hymnal

* Song of Response: "Glory Be to the Father"

#961

GOD PROVIDES SERVANT-LEADERS FOR THE CHURCH

Words of thanks to retiring Elders, Deacons, and continuing Care Coordinators

Obligations and Vows

Charge to the Elders, Deacons, and Congregation

Prayer of Thanks and Dedication

(The children are invited forward before this prayer
and will be dismissed before the song.)

Blessing for Children

Leader: People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

All: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

All: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Song of Response: "Be Thou My Vision"

#859:1-4

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Anthem: “Come, Sing of Years Gone By”

Text: W. Bruce Benson Music: Arthur H. Messiter, arr. John Ferguson
Come, sing of years gone by, acclaim our forebears bold,
their roots in faith and hope and love, of God’s own flock and fold.
Amen. Amen, to them we say, Amen.

And still the world has need for those who hear God’s call
to rise in faith, in hope and love, seek justice, grace for all.
Amen. Amen, to this we say, Amen.

We join our forebears now; our time has come to choose:
What values shall our lives uphold? Which claim, and which refuse?
To faith and hope and love we say, Amen.

To walk the way of Christ, though daunting, is not grim,
but rich in blessing, full of love, joyous, living hymn.
Amen, Amen. Sing, shout, live out Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever

Amen.

* Hymn of Preparation: “As Moses Raised the Serpent Up”

#674:1,3,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:1-21

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **POWER IN FAITH**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “In Christ Alone”

#770:1-4

* Invitation to Offering: Tom Hendrikse

* Offertory Prayer for Benevolence

Deacon: God, your generosity to us is abundant and gracious.
Everything we have comes from you.

**All: Receive our gifts of our time, our selves, and our possessions.
Help us to grow in gratitude and joy as we follow Jesus. Amen.**

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Praise God, from whom All Blessings Flow”

#964

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen, amen.**

* Postlude: “Orgel Fantasie”

N.H. Andriessen

Calvin CRC Announcements for May 5, 2024

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: We install Elders and Deacons this morning for a term of service. Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys preaches from 1 John 5:1-21, “Power in Faith.”

WORSHIP Next Sunday, May 12, Sunday after Ascension

Morning worship: We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, and Rev. Kelly Buist will preach from Acts 1:1-11, “Ascended into Heaven.” The Sanctuary Choir will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for Mission Outreach.

Staff notes: Next week Sunday, May 12, will be Evie Dykhouse’s final Sunday as our pastoral intern at Calvin Church. We will include a time of gratitude and blessing for her in that worship service, and we encourage you to find ways to express your thanks to Evie as she concludes her internship with us. Evie will continue her M.Div. studies at Calvin Seminary for the next few years, and she will begin an internship this fall in a Reformed Church in America congregation as part of her ordination requirements in that denomination. Thank you, Evie, for your wonderful ministry with us this year!

COUNCIL NEWS

Today, we install our new Council members. Deacons: Kris Bergh, Dan Hubka, Elly Nyhof, Joanne Rozema, and Jan Wilkins. Elders: Cindy Lanning Burch, Ron Rozema, Don Trap, and Mark Vanderhill. We thank our retiring members: Kurt Frisch, Tom Hendrikse, Donna Houskamp, Judy Jongsma, Graham Rayburn, Mark Sytsma, Ed Tolsma, Bruce Van Oss. Cindy Lanning Burch is a retiring deacon that will be an elder for this coming year.

CHURCH FAMILY

A memorial service will be held for Marilyn Lobbes tomorrow evening, May 6, at 7:00 PM here at Calvin Church, with visitation for an hour prior to the service.

The congregation would like to express thanks to all of the musicians who participated in the orchestra at last week's worship service. The participants were: Allory Netz (flute), Molly Netz (clarinet), Jacob Netz (trumpet), Aubrey Visker (cello), Josh Meyer (cello), Nate Meyer (clarinet), Corrin Meyer (cello) and Lisa Meyer (cello). Tyler Netz and Nate and Lydia Meyer added percussion during the postlude. The conductor and arranger was Amy Netz and the accompanist was Gwen Hendrikse. Thanks to all of you for leading us in worship last Sunday.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

BOOK CLUB: We will gather on Monday, May 6 at 3:00 PM to discuss the book, *Van Gogh's Ear* by Bernadette Murphy. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, contact Pat Elders.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We will meet this Wednesday, May 8, from 2:30-4:00 PM in Room 1. Contact Pastor Rebecca with any questions.

From the Christian Schools Committee: In an effort to make Christian school education an affordable opportunity for all member families, this congregation provides K-12 tuition assistance. The tuition support request form for the upcoming school year is now available. Forms are due back to Lisa by April 28. If you have questions, need a form, or would like to know more, please contact Lisa TerBeek.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Classis-wide Pentecost Worship Service: Over the past months, as the churches of Classis GRE have been discerning their relationships to the denomination and to each other, there have been opportunities for the members of Classis GRE to gather for communal prayer via Zoom. As we've moved through the themes of LAMENT, SURRENDER, and RESURRECTION, we've been able to celebrate our life together, seek the Spirit's leading, and surrender our hurts, fears, and desires to God's will. **We now look forward to gathering in person on May 19, 6:00 PM at the Calvin University Chapel, to worship, pray, and gather at the Lord's Table.** Everyone is welcome! Various pastors will guide us

through prayer and communion, and we will pray over our classis delegates to synod. (Those who are interested in being part of a combined choir should plan to attend a rehearsal at 4:00 on May 19; please reach out to Chan Gyu Jang, director of music at Woodlawn CRC (music@woodlawncrc.org) to RSVP or request more information.)

The Choral Scholars (including Pastor Rebecca) will give a concert on Saturday, May 18 at 7:00 PM at Central Reformed Church, 10 College Ave NE. No tickets are required.

	<i>Today, Sunday, May 5</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Yvonne Triezenberg Nursery Volunteers: Deb Tiejema, Lucy Molenbeek
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Beth Schoone-Jongen Coffee Servers: Mark and Julie DeKoster
11:20a	Worship and Wonder in Room 9 Catechism
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary Calvin host for St. Luke: Graham Rayburn
5:30p	CYG Bigger or Better end of year party
	<i>Monday, May 6</i>
3:00p	Book Club in the Lounge
6:00p	Visitation for family of Marilyn Lobbes
7:00p	Memorial Service for Marilyn Lobbes in the Sanctuary
	<i>Tuesday, May 7</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
7:00p	Council Orientation in the Atrium
	<i>Wednesday, May 8</i>
2:30p	Women's Bible Study in Room 1
6:30p	78ers End-of-Year Party
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i>Thursday, May 9</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:30p	Education committee meeting in the Conference Room
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Welcome to Calvin Church

In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- Reprint and streaming licenses are One License A-730126, CCLI#2532147, and CSPL#175060.
- As the empty tomb revealed to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary that Christ had won for us the victory over death, so the bursting life-form radiates from a void to symbolize the dynamic and everlasting life of the redeemed. The metallic stitchery and satin trapunto express the concept of glory. The white background, which symbolizes purity, is borrowed from our medieval art heritage.
- Large-print resources are available at the Information Desk.
- Our facility is equipped with the Loop hearing system.



For Children:

- Ages 0-2: Infant and toddler nurseries are available.
- Preschool: The Little Children (TLC) gathers in the nursery prior to the morning worship.
- K-2nd: After the Children's Message the Children's Worship ministry meets downstairs in Rooms 11 & 13 until the conclusion of worship. Parents meet their children there following the service.
- Busy Bags for young children are on the picket fence in the Atrium.
- Bulletins for older children are in the rack in the Narthex.

Fellowship and Information:

- Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the morning service.
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- Subscribe to our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@CalvinCRC/streams

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