



*“Why do you stand here
looking into the sky?”*

“This same Jesus, who has been
taken from you into heaven, will
come back in the same way you
have seen him go into heaven.”

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Acts 1:11

May 12, 2024

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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“They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven?’” Acts 1:11a

Sunday after Ascension Day

* Please stand in body or in spirit

This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, a gracious gift that God provides to Christ’s body, the church. All who have been baptized into Christ and who desire to honor him with grateful and obedient living are invited to participate in this sacrament, discerning that this bread and cup are signs and seals of God’s love for us and that we who participate are members of Christ’s body.

We serve gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.

Ten o’clock

May 12, 2024

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: "I Am Black and Comely, O Daughters of Jerusalem"
"How Fair and How Pleasant You Are"

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: "Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart"

Text and Music: Traditional Spanish

arr. Jorge Lockward

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart pours out my praise to you; you are holy, Lord.

* Opening Hymns: "Jesus Shall Reign"

#219:1,3,5

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

#208:1-3

* God’s Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All: We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust.

While we sing of your lordship over all creation,

we have too often acted as though you are powerless

in the face of today’s events.

Help us to live with confidence in your presence today

and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.

Hymn of Confession: “Come to the Savior Now”

#613:1,4

Assurance of Pardon

Ordination and Installation of Don Trap as Elder

* Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q and A 49

Our Faith p. 85

* Song of Response: “Glory Be to the Father”

#961

(Children may come forward during this hymn.)

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Words of Gratitude and Blessing to Pastoral Intern Evie Dykhouse

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

#823:1,3,5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-11

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN**

Prayer of Application

CHRIST WELCOMES US TO THE TABLE

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God,
for you have created heaven and earth,
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us –
even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who was exalted as King of the universe,
that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.
Therefore, we join our voices
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Most righteous God,
we remember in this supper
the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross
by our Lord Jesus Christ
for the sin of the whole world.
Therefore we proclaim our faith
as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray,
that the bread which we break
and the cup which we bless
may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
Grant that, being joined together in him,
we may attain to the unity of the faith
and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf,
and these grapes from many hills into one cup,
grant, O Lord, that your whole church
may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.
Even so, come Lord Jesus!

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(God has given us his peace, and we are invited to offer that peace to one another. Many people do this by shaking hands, but if for any reason you would rather not shake hands, you are encouraged to pass the peace with a smile and a nod, as you say, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

Institution and Invitation

Distribution Anthems: "Psalm for Ascension"

Text: Psalm 47

Music: Genevan Psalter, arr. Valerie Stegink Sterk

Nations, clap your hands; shout with joy, you lands!

Awesome is the Lord; spread his fame abroad.

He rules every land with a mighty hand.

God brings nations low; he subdues each foe.

From his mighty throne God protects his own.

Our inheritance is our sure defense.

God goes up on high with a joyful cry,

with a mighty shout; people sing it out!

Let your voices bring praises to our King.

Praise him with a song; praise with heart and tongue;

praise with every skill; praise with mind and will.

God rules all the earth; magnify his worth.

God reigns over all rulers great and small.

Leaders of the world, servants of the Lord,

rally round his throne; he is God alone.

Sing before him now, in his presence bow.

God of Abraham! God of every land!

Worship and adore God forevermore.

"If I Take the Wings of Morning"

Text: Rae E. Whitney

Music: Amanda Husberg

If I take the wings of morning and to foreign lands I flee;

if I force the night to hide me, who will then come seeking me?

There, O Love, I know you'll find me, there O Love, I know you'll be

with Love's light you'll blind the darkness,

with Love's life you'll rescue me.

If near Eden's tree I wander in the place where sin began,

where the serpent mocked obedience, separating God from man.

There, O Love . . .

If I build an ark to bear me safely to a mountain's crown,
if the tower I raise to touch you wounds me as it tumbles down:
If fears bid my tongue deny you, if to treachery I yield,
if remorse and bitter sorrow send me to that potter's field.

Neither death nor life, nor angels, present things, those yet to be,
neither height nor depth can ever separate God's love from me.
There, O Love . . .

Prayer

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

- * Hymn of Response: "There Is a Redeemer" #833:1-3
- * Invitation to Offering: Ron Rozema
- * Offertory Prayer for Mission Outreach
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: "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" #208:4
**O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- * Postlude: "Solemn Festival" J. Rheinberger

Liturgists: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys and Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Kelly Buist

Organist: John Tiemstra

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Guest Choir Director: Randy VanWingerden

Choir Pianist: Lisa Meyer

Percussionist: Jan Postma

Cellist: Corrin Meyer

Scripture Reader: Donna Houskamp

Audio/Video: Don Buist, Sarah Frisch

Calvin CRC Announcements for May 12, 2024

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Rev. Kelly Buist preaches from Acts 1:1-11, "Ascended into Heaven." The Sanctuary Choir leads us in ministry of music.

Staff notes: Today is Evie Dykhouse's final Sunday as our pastoral intern at Calvin Church. We are including 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! We thank Evie's family for donating cookies for after worship fellowship.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, May 19, Pentecost

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will preach from Acts 2:1-21, "Every Nation Under Heaven," and the Sanctuary Choir will lead us in ministry of music. Second grade students who are finishing their time in Worship Center will receive Bibles. The offering will be for the Ministry Fund.

Evening worship: We will have a Classis-wide Pentecost worship service at 6:00 PM at the Calvin University Chapel. Various pastors will guide us through prayer, scripture reading, 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.)

COUNCIL NEWS

Classis Grand Rapids East will meet this Thursday, May 16 at Boston Square CRC. Calvin Church delegates are Minister Rebecca Jordan Heys, Elder LeRoy Stegink, and Deacon Kristy Ippel.

CHURCH FAMILY

On Tuesday, May 14, **Bob De Vries** (district 3) will have a device, called a "Watchman," implanted in his heart. Please pray that the procedure will go well and that he will have a good recovery.

Dorothy Frisch (district 5) recently moved from in-patient care at Pine Rest to Provision Living at Forest Hills. Pray for her continued treatment.

Judy Jongsma (district 6) was in an auto accident on Thursday, May 2. Judy is home after a hospital stay but continues to manage pain from a compressed fracture of a vertebrae. Please pray for relief from pain and strength in recovery.

Pat Keyser (district 4) is in the hospital for two unrelated health issues: complications from diverticulitis, and a knee injury following a fall over the weekend. May God heal and strengthen her as she endures this hospital stay.

We pray for **Timothy Nunn** (district 6) following the death of Timothy's sister, Liz. May the God of all comfort and resurrection hope be near to Timothy, Louise, Hazel, Nora, and Ruby as they grieve.

Catherine VandeZande (district 6) has recently suffered two mini-strokes that have left her very weak. Please pray for strength as well as comfort and peace in this difficult time.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Worship and Wonder will not be meeting today (Sunday, May 12) because of Mother's Day.

Teacher appreciation Sunday is May 19. In this service we will be recognizing our volunteers who have been helping out in all of our children's ministries. That Sunday is also the last day that TLC, Worship Center, Worship and Wonder, and Catechism will meet for this school year. We will see you all again next fall!

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We will meet this Wednesday, May 15, from 2:30-4:00 PM in Room 1. Contact Pastor Rebecca with any questions.

Family Promise/IHN Support, Saturday, June 15: Calvin Church partners with Grace Episcopal Church to support families who are temporarily homeless while they are assisted by Family Promise/IHN to secure a more permanent residence. We are committed to hosting families in the Grace facility from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, June 15. If you are willing to assist for a couple hours on that date, please contact Don Trap at djtrap46@gmail.com or 616-916-7867.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

All One Body presents the documentary film *1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture*, which explores how the word "homosexual" entered modern English language translations of the New Testament. **Event details:** Monday and Tuesday May 13 & 14, at 7:15 PM at Celebration Cinema South, 1506 Eastport Drive, SE, Grand Rapids, MI. Admission is \$5.00 and tickets must be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/all-one-body-81381741203>. Seating is limited, advance ticket sales only.

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.

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, May 12</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Dale Rosema
	Nursery Volunteers: Corey Visker, Aubrey Visker
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Suzi Steketee
	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: Phil DeJonge
	<i>Tuesday, May 14</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
6:00p	Executive meeting in the Conference Room
7:30p	Council Orientation in the Atrium
	<i>Wednesday, May 15</i>
2:30p	Women's Bible Study in Room 1
7:00p	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in the Balcony
	<i>Thursday, May 16</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
5:30p	Community Care-Social Justice committee meeting at Family Assistance
	<i>Next Sunday, May 19</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Yvonne Triezenberg
	Nursery Volunteers: Cindy Lanning Burch, Allison Coulter
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Kristy Ippel
	Coffee Servers: Bob and Beth Schoone-Jongen
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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.
- The Prayer of Confession is from *The Worship Sourcebook*.
- 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