



June 23, 2024

“Go, and may the LORD be with you!” – 1 Samuel 17:37b

Ordinary Time

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Preaching Pastor: Rev. Brad Zwiers
Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos
Ministry of Music: Rachel Quillian
Scripture Reader: Bob Houskamp
Audio/Video: Don Buist, Steve Triezenberg

Ten o'clock

June 23, 2024

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: “Voluntary in E Minor”
“Voluntary in A Minor”

John Stanley
John Stanley

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Come, Thou Almighty King” [#492]

* Opening Hymns: “How Lovely Is Your Dwelling”
“As the Deer”

#507:1-3
#503

* God's Greeting

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**All: Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn of Assurance: “I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace” **#690:1-2**

* God’s Guide to Grateful Living

Leader: As we are to walk humbly with our God in lives of gratitude,
let us hear again his Word:

God commands us to serve him alone as God,
to serve him according to his Word,
to speak of him only with deep respect and love,
to attend faithfully the assembly of God’s people on the day of rest,
and every day to let the Lord work in us through his Spirit;
to respect and cooperate with all God-given authority,
to nurture human life as God’s precious gift,
to live purely and joyfully with the gift of sex,
to use the resources of this earth as stewards of God’s creation,
to use the gift of speech for promoting the truth in love,
and to exercise purity of heart in all of life.

All: May the Spirit of God guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen!

* Song of Response: “Glory Be to the Father” **#961**

(Children may come forward during this hymn.)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Message for Children

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.

Anthem: “The Call”

Text: George Herbert

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: “How Firm a Foundation”

#427:1,2,4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 17:31-49

page 228

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **NOT BY SWORD**

Prayer of Application

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

front cover of hymnal

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Lead On, O King Eternal”

#328:1-3

* Invitation to Offering: Gwen Overbeek

* Offertory Prayer for Community Care

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: “God of Grace and God of Glory”

#926:1-2

**God of grace and God of glory on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church’s story, bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and
praise.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days. Amen.**

* Postlude: “God of Grace and God of Glory” [#926]

David Cherwien; Gerald Krapf

Calvin CRC Announcements for June 23, 2024

WORSHIP Today, 10 AM

Morning worship: Rev. Brad Zwiers preaches from 1 Samuel 17:31-49 as we continue to move through the early states of ancient Israel's monarchy. Rachel Quillian leads us in ministry of music.

WORSHIP Next Sunday, June 30

Morning worship: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys will continue our sermon series with a message from 2 Samuel 1:17-27, "A Fight Without a Winner." Henry Ottens will lead us in ministry of music, and the offering will be for Family Assistance.

Staff notes: Pastor Brad will be on study leave June 24-July 1.

COUNCIL NEWS

All are invited to another "Coffee with the Council President" scheduled for July 14 following the morning worship service. The meeting will be held in room #1 and the coffee pot will be on for you. We will discuss the decisions of Synod 2024 and their ramifications for Calvin Church. The members of Council want to listen to the comments of the members of our congregation prior to making their discernment about future action.

CHURCH FAMILY

Joy DeBoer (district 6) is at Breton Rehab recovering after a fall that resulted in a broken pelvis. Please pray for healing and strength as Joy recovers.

David Laverell (district 8) remains hospitalized after suffering a heart attack last week. He had a cardio catheterization procedure on June 18. May God bring David healing, strength, and comfort.

Grayden Slowins (district 4) is nearing death. Pray for God's comfort to surround him, and for the peace that passes all understanding to wash over him.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: June 17 – August 22, Monday – Thursday, 8am-3pm.

PICNIC COOLERS: We would like to borrow some coolers for our July 17 church community gathering. Please let Sue Keegstra know if this works. Thank you.

WE'RE ON A ROLL: Keep bringing in those empty paper towel tubes. The community event team thanks you!

CAN YOU HELP? The community event team is looking for two sawhorses of matching height to borrow. Also, if you have an “easy up” tent, we would love to use it on July 17. Please connect with Jan Wilkins if you can help us out (616-485-9550).

JOIN THE FUN, BECOME A GAME HOST! The Community Cook-out event on July 17 will include fun Olympic themed games. Anyone, teenager or older can help. The games are simple to play and will be all set-up. You just need to help guests enjoy the fun. Please connect with Jan Wilkins to volunteer (616-485-9550).

HOLLYHOCK LANE PARADE: Show support for our Calvin Church neighborhood by joining our group participating in the Hollyhock Lane parade on July 4! Before you walk/bike/roll in the parade, grab a Calvin Church t-shirt in your size from the table by the kitchen. If you aren't able to be there, you can participate by donating candy or by sponsoring the expense of the t-shirts - contact Pastor Rebecca about this option.

MISSION OUTREACH: Our display case in the hallway near the main kitchen has been simplified. While it's true that we're now supporting fewer missions, we intend to continue a rotating display of current materials but representing a sampling of newsletter and publicity pieces as they arrive. Our hope is that the display will invite interest and attention while being a bit less overwhelming.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help keep the mission of Global Gifts moving forward

Since Global Gifts was founded in 1986, we have relied on volunteers to help sustain and staff the store. For a variety of reasons, our volunteer force has dwindled over the last couple of years.

We are actively seeking mission-minded, fair trade-enthusiastic, people-loving individuals to help us throughout the year. You can even volunteer with a friend.

Do you have 2 or 4 hours available a month?

Would you like to spend that time getting a first look at the gorgeous new artisan-made products in the store, as well as helping customers purchase those products?

Do you have marketing or IT skills that you would be willing to share with our current Board and volunteer force?

Please reach out to Libby (manager@globalgiftsgr.com) or connect with any of our volunteers the next time you're in the store.

Aside from the very important work of contributing to the fair-trade movement and supporting artisans from around the world and their crafts, our regular volunteers also are eligible for a 20% discount on their purchases. Win-Win!

The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship invites you to a free public lecture on Monday, June 24 at 7:00 PM in the Calvin Theological Seminary Chapel. Dr. Kevin Timpe, Philosophy Professor at Calvin University, will speak about disability in the church: “Can We Flourish Together When Some are Left Out? Intellectual Disability and Care in Our Churches.”

CALENDAR

	<i>Today, Sunday, June 23</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Maria Knapper
	Nursery Volunteers: Jan Wilkins, Kate Rayburn
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Judy Alphenaar
	Coffee Servers: Don and Karen Trap
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Ron Rozema
2:00p	White Caps Outing
	<i>Tuesday, June 25</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Thursday, June 27</i>
9:00a	Family Assistance
	<i>Next Sunday, June 30</i>
9:40a	Nursery Lead: Rosemary Stevenson
	Nursery Volunteers: Larua Prince, Kate Triezenberg
11:15a	Library Volunteer: Irene Konyndyk
	Coffee Servers: Bob and Beth Schoone-Jongen
12:00p	St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church meets in the Sanctuary
	Calvin host for St. Luke: Dan Bode



Growing in DiscipleshipTransformed for Ministry

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 Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship*, and the reading of the law is from *Reformed Worship*.
- This banner expresses the Christian belief that in one God there are three divine persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Large-print resources are available at the Information Desk.
- Our facility is equipped with the Loop hearing system.



For Children:

- Infant and toddler nurseries are available.
- 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.
- “Like” us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel: youtube.com/@calvincrc/streams

Church office hours: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Monday—Thursday

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

616-451-8467 Office@CalvinCRC.org www.CalvinCRC.org