

Order of Worship for 8/6/23

10:00am CST

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*The beautiful flowers today are to welcome Pastor TJ, Maggie, Brooke & Allie to Calvin.
We are so excited they are now part of our Calvin family!*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather here in anticipation

All: seeking an encounter with our Holy God,

One: who comes to us when we least expect it,

All: who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,

One: who richly blesses us, and calls us each by name.

All: Let us worship God together!

OPENING PRAYER (all)

**O God, light of the hearts that know you, life of the souls that love
you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall,
to turn to you is to rise, and to abide in you is to stand fast forever.
Although we are unworthy to approach you or ask anything of you,
grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our
redeemer. Amen.**

****OPENING HYMN #210***

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

1 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

2 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

3 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

4 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

5 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

****PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)***

God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you, feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

****ASSURANCE OF PARDON***

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,
All: We are forgiven.

****HYMN #2026***

Halle Hallelujah

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-5 (p.685)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31 (p.30)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Wrestling for a Blessing
Pastor TJ Shirley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed (p. 14)

****HYMN OF RESPONSE #384***

Love That Wilt Not Let Me go

1 O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2 O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,

That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3 O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

4 O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY CALL & OFFERTORY MUSIC

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

****DOXOLOGY #592***

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

****CLOSING HYMN #357***

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

4 In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

****BENEDICTION***

POSTLUDE

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