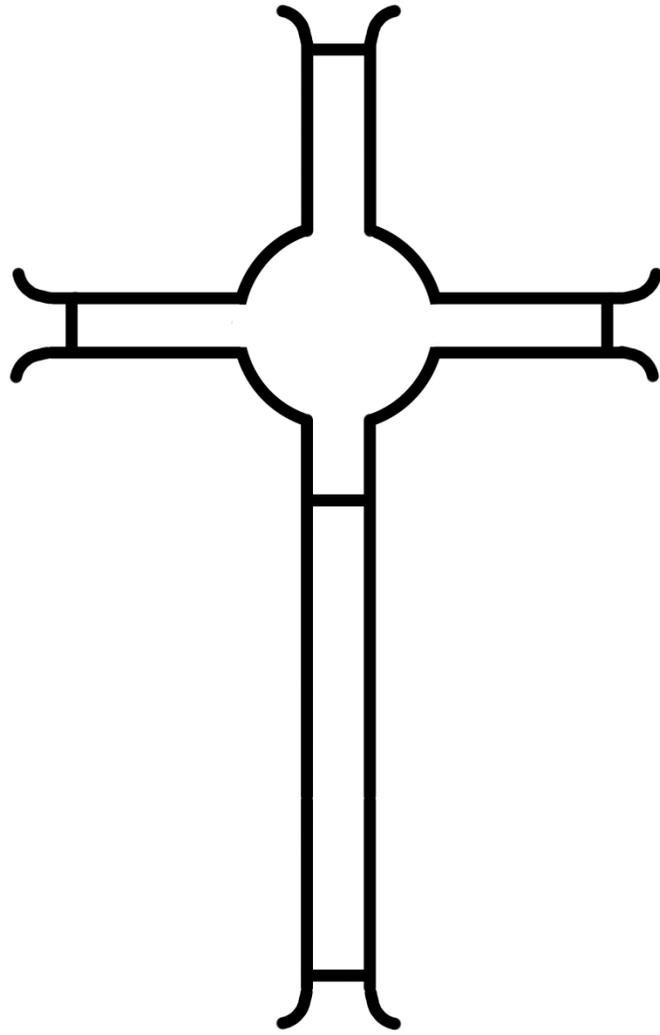


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# Order of Worship for 1/28/24

10:00am CST

Online at [www.calvinchurch.net](http://www.calvinchurch.net) | | via phone at (952) 208-6020 | | parking lot  
radio on 87.9FM

**\* Please rise in body/spirit | Congregational responses are in bold**

Unless otherwise noted, sing all verses on hymns

*Today's beautiful floral arrangement is from Sally Miller in honor & celebration of Mike's birthday  
on January 31st.*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

One: The work of the Lord is full of honor and majesty.

**All: The righteousness of the Lord endures forever.**

One: The Lord has sent redemption to the people.

**All: Holy and awesome is the name of the Lord.**

One: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

**All: The Lord's praise endures forever.**

OPENING PRAYER (all)

**Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your kingdom to the lowly and pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that by our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN #461

God is Here!

1 God is here! As we Your people  
Meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure  
What it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
All our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit  
Into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us  
Of our lifelong need of grace;

Here are table, font, and pulpit;  
Here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
Here in silence, as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome  
In the Shepherd's flock and fold,  
Here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
Seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living  
To believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
In an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel,  
Help us work Your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
All we have to give, receive;  
We, who cannot live without You,  
We adore you! We believe!

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

**Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God of us all. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**\*HYMN #579**

Glory Be to the Father

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

New Testament page 174

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

"Jesus Loves Me "

"I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

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

New Testament page 34

SERMON

Rev. TJ Shirley

CHORAL ANTHEM

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under**

**Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\*HYMN #307

Fight the Good Fight

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might;  
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace,  
Lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face;  
Life with its way before us lies,  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;  
God's boundless mercy will provide;  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear, God's arms are near;  
God changeth not, and thou art dear;

Only believe, and thou shalt see  
That Christ is all in all to thee.

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Handbell Choir

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## **SENT IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CLOSING HYMN #538

Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

1 Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration  
For Thy gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of Thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, Ever faithful  
To the truth may we be found.

3 So that when Thy love shall call us,  
Savior, from the world away,  
Let no fear of death appall us,  
Glad Thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, May we ever  
Reign with Thee in endless day.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Liturgical resources from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion* and *Book of Common Worship* (2018).

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