

September 21, 2025 | 10:00am
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

God Gathers Us

Prelude Tina
Welcome & Announcements Duty Elder – Maria B
Call to Worship The Rev. April Yamasaki
***Song** *Come, let us sing to the Lord our song*
#412

Prayers of Confession & Assurance of God's grace

God's Word Transforms Us

Story time The Rev. April Yamasaki
Musical interlude
Responsive reading Psalm 113 (NRSV) – Don
Old Testament reading Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1 – Michele M
New Testament reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Message **Above All, Pray for All**
The Rev. April Yamasaki
***Song** *Lord, listen to your children praying*
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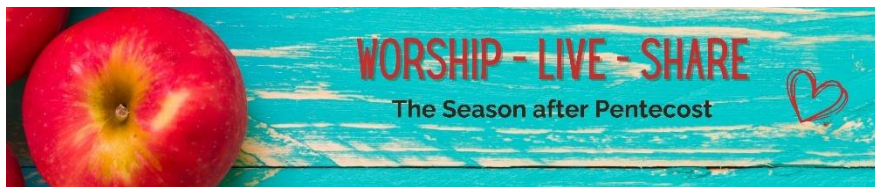
We respond, God hears our Prayers

Offering / Offertory
***Doxology / Prayer** *All creatures of our God and King*
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
followed by the Lord's Prayer (in unison) [sins/sin against us]

God Sends Us Freely, freely

***Song** *Take time to be holy* #638
***Benediction** *Amen* #780
Postlude Tina

*Please stand in body or in spirit



This week at Calvin: Sep 21st – Sep 27th

Tues	Ladies Bible Study at Margaret's home @ 9:30am CMA – Beginner Ukulele lessons
Wed	Friends & Coffee Social in the Fireside Room @ 10:00am
Thurs	Bible Study in the Gathering Space @ 11:00am Bagpipes Lessons CMA – all other music lessons
Sat	Calvin Clappers Handbell Choir rehearsal CMA – Violin beginners

Dates to remember

Sep 26-28 th	Camp Douglas Youth Retreat Weekend
Sep 30 th	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
Oct 4 th	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Oct 5 th	World Communion Sunday
Oct 10 th	Calvin Coffee House
Oct 12 th	Kid Connect classes begin
Oct 18 th	Harvest Luncheon



Thank You to our Volunteers this morning!

Greeter: Margaret H
Coffee Hosts: Alexandra & Edward

*The flowers in the sanctuary are placed Margaret W
in loving memory of her parents Muriel & Jack.*

ARE YOU VISITING OR NEW TO CALVIN?

If today is your first visit to Calvin or if you are new and want to learn more about Christianity or about church activities, please fill out the **BLUE CARD** found in the PEW RACK. Calvin is here to help you on your faith journey – we are a place where Jesus is WORSHIPPED, LIVED and SHARED and we are so glad you have come.

Today, we welcome the Rev. April Yamasaki to lead us in Worship.

Rev. Yamasaki served as lead pastor for twenty-five years at Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Abbotsford, B.C. Then she felt God's call to focus on the writing side of her ministry, and she currently serves as editor of *Rejoice!* daily devotional magazine and resident author with Valley CrossWay Church. Her new book was released this summer: *Hope Beyond Our Sorrows: Learning to Live with Life-Changing Loss*. Please give her a warm welcome.



SATURDAY SCRABBLE RETURNS!

"Scrabble Time" is back at Calvin – a time to gather with others for a friendly match with words or 'Snakes and Ladders' if you prefer. All skills levels invited and no experience necessary. Come enjoy fellowship with refreshments and cookies. Every Saturday from 1:00-4:00pm in the cozy Fireside Room and bring a friend.

WEDNESDAYS ARE WONDERFUL

Want to meet some new people while enjoying a coffee, tea and treats? Come join us on Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:00am for good conversations, laughs and encouragement. All are welcome at our *Friends & Coffee Social*.

JOSHUA HOUSE

A new season means time to purge that wardrobe. If you have Men's FALL or WINTER attire that you will no longer be using, be sure to donate it to the big **BLUE BIN** available in the Gathering Space. They also accept donations of toiletries, blankets and linens for men struggling with addiction. Thank you for your generosity.



FOOD BANK

Keep it coming –

There is nothing more heartwarming to see than a FULL RED WAGON!
Thanks, from your Food Bank Team: *Lois, Joyce and Ken!*



Hey kids!

Be sure to check out the activity table and tell us what you're thankful for!

LITTLE WONDERS DAYCARE BARBECUE VOLUNTEERS!

A huge shout out to the team of Volunteers who served at the Little Wonders Day Care Barbecue. We couldn't have done it without you. You served willingly, joyfully and with a smile. Thank you!

ST.ANDREW'S HALL 70TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

On Thursday, October 16th beginning at 6:00pm in the beautiful Sage Bistro at UBC, St. Andrew's Hall will be celebrating seven decades of faithful presence and public witness. The theme speaker is Dr. Andrew Stirling, the Ambassador for the Canadian Bible Society. Music will be provided by their new Centre of Missional Leadership Director, Mark Glanville and his jazz trio. Several Calvin members will be attending and carpooling will be available. For further information about the event see: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/st-andrews-hall-115339507201>

A portion of your ticket price will be eligible for a tax deduction receipt. If you wish to arrange carpool or seating with other Calvin members speak to Rod T.



HARVEST LUNCHEON:

Coming October 18th

Gather your family, friends and neighbours for an afternoon of FUN and COMMUNITY at our Harvest Luncheon from noon till 2:00pm. There is a small fee of \$5 per person. RSVP envelopes can be found at the Information Desk or from the Church Office.

PRAYERS FOR OUR YOUTH

Next weekend, September 26th through 28th several of our youth are heading to Camp Douglas on the Sunshine Coast for a weekend retreat with other youth from our Presbytery. Please keep the youth and leaders in your prayers that this maybe a time of renewal, a time for youth to see God in a new light, and a time to make new friends. Grant them safety, wisdom and a desire to serve the living Christ.

SEPTEMBER 30th is the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.

Also, known as Orange Shirt Day. We wear the colour orange on September 30th to honour the children who went to residential school and to recognize the importance of survivors' stories. Take a moment this week to pray for the survivors and their families and we encourage you to wear something orange to church on Sunday, September 28th.



THE FLOWER CALENDAR BOOK

The Flower Calendar book has openings for the next few months. If you would like to donate flowers in celebration of an achievement /event, or in memory of a loved one – it is easy to do. You can bring your own flowers or have Patti do it for you. If you wish Patti to handle, please give \$30.00 to her in an envelope with your name and the date you have chosen to supply flowers. Flowers will be placed on the communion table and at the end of the service they are yours to take home or give away. Sign up today! The Flower Book is located on the Information Desk.



Want to support the ministries of Calvin online through e-transfer?

Use the email CalvinChurchDonation@gmail.com

Be sure to include your NAME or envelope number if you have one.

Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

**Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity,
I know I am moving from fear to love.**

*Henri Nouwen (1932 – 1996),
priest, professor, writer & theologian*



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Volunteers for next week, September 28th Worship:

Greeters: Marilyn & Ron
Coffee Hosts: Philippa H & Margaret W

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