

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 19, 2026

[Narrative Lectionary Readings](#)

[Third Sunday in Easter](#)

[Acts 9:1-19a](#)

[Matthew 6:24](#)

**indicates to stand in body or in spirit*

Prelude & Chiming of the Bell

Use this time to ask God to open your heart in worship this morning

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

adapted from Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give us a spirit of wisdom and revelations as we come to know him,

so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know what is the hope to which we have been called, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at God's right hand, above every name that is named in this age and in the age to come.

And has made him head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all..

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

***Hymn**

Now the Green Blade Rises

Confession

Acts 9:18

"...And immediately something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and his sight was restored."

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. But we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, believing that change is not possible. And so we are bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Yet Christ is risen – so forgive us, God of mercy. And in the rising of Christ, shatter our doubt and fear, that we may arise trusting in your resurrecting power to change lives and make all things new – yes, even us! – that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord.

(Silent Confession)

adapted from PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship* (2018)

Assurance and *Gloria Patri

1 Peter 2:24

“Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.”

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Time with the Children

Scripture and Sermon

[Acts 9:1-19a](#)

Rev. Blake Blakesley, Guest Preacher

***Hymn**

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

***[Affirmation of Faith](#)**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call for the Offering

1 John 3:16-18

“We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?...Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”

Please prayerfully consider the time, talent, and resources you have been given, and how they can be offered back to God in love and service. [Click here for Calvin Presbyterian Church online giving.](#)

Offertory

He Is Risen

Calvin Choir

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

In the Life of the Church

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Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn**

Just As I Am

***Benediction and Charge**

***We Go Into the World Singing**

Just As I Am (v. 4)

*Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
now to be thin, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I com; I come!*