



Purveyors of Awe

March 16, 2025

### Quiet Meditations

Quote from a Researcher:

*"...the neocortex of the brain...makes language possible and gives meaning to the word 'meaning.' It enables me to talk to myself and observe myself. It integrates current awareness with memory of past experiences and with the ability to imagine future scenarios. It organizes my experience in stories with beginnings, middles, and ends. It helps me think critically, creatively, and independently. Without the meaning committee [in my brain], there would be no Bach or the Beatles, no Galileo or Einstein, nor Moses or Mary or Jesus or the Buddha or Mohammed. It is the most recently evolved part of me, and frankly, it still has a lot of bugs and glitches that haven't been worked out yet."*

- Brian McLaren, *Life After Doom: Wisdom and Courage for a World Falling Apart*

### Synopsis

We humans are "meaning-mongers." Our brains are wired to interpret the ordinary stuff of life in metaphorical ways so that we can make some sense of it all. We long for meaningful lives in which we are more sure about the direction of our lives and about what we are to bring to this world. We yearn for experiences that leave us feeling more fulfilled. When we are "on the lookout" for meaning in our lives, we live at a deeper level and mere existence turns into purpose.

Quote from a Mystic:

*"It is through wholehearted living that meaning flows into our lives."*

- Brother David Steindl-Rast



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## Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

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**\*Gathering Hymn**

"You Are My All In All"

Hymnal #519

**Welcome, Quiet Meditation (spoken and experienced), Centering Breath, Sanctus Bell**

**Opening Chant (#471)**

*You are my God so full of awe,  
Your wonders we proclaim.  
You are our Rock, our Strength, our Shield,  
From age to age the same.  
You forgive us all our sins.  
You transform us with your love.  
With joyful, grateful hearts we sing,  
You are my God so full of awe.*

**Contemporary Texts:** An excerpt from Brian McLaren's "Life After Doom"

Tom Surgalski

**Ancient Texts:** Psalm 19

**Prayer of Humility**

"For All the Times"

*For all the times we have neglected you  
O Lord, O Savior, please forgive  
For all the times we've failed to make for you  
A welcome place inside our hearts  
Please be patient with us  
Please be patient...with us*

*For all the times we've strayed away from you  
Please pursue us all the more  
Give us faith to be aware of you  
To welcome you into our hearts.  
In your name we pray  
In your name ... we pray*

(Continue by offering your silent confession)

**Prayer of Humility Response**

*In your name we pray. In your name ... we pray.*

**Assurance of God's Love**

L. Friends: Believe the Good News of the Gospel  
P: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

**\*Congregational Response (#606)**

Doxology

*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*

**Children's Sermon**

**Choral Anthem**

"For The Beauty of the Earth"

~ Lynn DeShazo; arr. BJ Davis

**Sermon**

"**Meaning**"

**Rev. A. David Paul**

**Musical Meditation**

"Fanfarinette"

~Rameau

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TO CHECK IN

## The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: *We lift them up to the Lord our God.*

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Prayer

Communion Song:

*Heal us, Lord. Heal us, Lord.*

*On this thirsty ground, may your love flow down.*

*Come and heal our hearts, O Lord.*

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

### \*Presentation of Gifts

### Announcements, Minutes for Mission, Concerns and Celebrations

#### \*Hymn

"Sing Praise To God, You Heavens!"

Hymnal #17

#### \*Blessing and Benediction

#### \*Response

*God be with you, God be with you,  
God be with you 'til we meet again.*

#### \*Postlude

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### Serving This Week and Next Week

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❖ Greeters this week: Robin Wuchina & Steve Fowler

❖ Greeters next week: Lisa Buechele & Paul Morrow

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### Coffee Hour

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Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

❖ This Week: Barb Christy

❖ Next Week: Diane Standish

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### Prayer Ministers

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Every Sunday after worship service , prayer ministers are available at the back of the sanctuary to offer confidential prayers.

❖ Today's Prayer Minister: Lisa Buechele

\* Additional pages with Announcements and other information available upon request. Please see your greeters.



## Calvin 2Gether:

- FIND:** someone you don't know as well as others and introduce yourself, or discuss with your family around the dinner table.
- DISCUSS:** *How can we Live wholeheartedly and expectantly each day, keeping watch for the deeper meaning surrounding us? How can we say an unconditional "yes" to the simplest of moments as we invite awe to live and breathe new life in us? How can we be "purveyors of awe," curating a life of spiritual depth that inspires others to join us on the journey.*
- PRAYER COVENANT:** to pray for each other daily, by name until you meet again (the prayer to the right is offered as a suggestion).

### The Serenity Prayer

"God, grant \_\_\_\_\_ and me the Serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the Courage to change the things we can, and the Wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; Taking, as He did, this sinful world As it is, not as I would have it; Trusting that He will make all things right If I surrender to His Will; So that I may be reasonably happy in this life And supremely happy with Him Forever and ever in the next. Amen."

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## Prayer Concerns

Please offer God prayers for the different ministries & activities of Calvin Church

### Especially pray for

- \* Communications and Mission Ministry Teams
- \* Caroline Baker, who graduated from seminary and is discerning next steps

### Prayers for the World

- \* For Calvin Church's partnership with Oti Presbytery – Ghana
- \* For first responders and front line medical workers
- \* Our congressmen, senators, governor and president
- \* Josh Heikkila, our missionary in Ghana
- \* For people across the world who are victims of terrorism
- \* For Syria refugees and for the Syrian conflict
- \* The people of Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, and their liaison, Ron Cotner
- \* Ukraine, Palestine and Israel during this time of war
- \* Ellen Smith, our mission co-worker based in the States, serving in Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Poland
- \* All those affected in the south by Hurricanes Helene and Milton
- \* All those affected by the wildfires in California

### Please pray for these members of Calvin Church

- ~ *Bob and ChrisAnn Goossen* thank you for your prayers for ChrisAnn's mother, Mary Koepke. They appreciate your prayers as they mourn her passing on February 20
- ~ *David English*, whose mother, June English, recently passed away
- ~ *Bob Van Ingen*, continued prayers
- ~ *Vickie and Tom Baker*, continued prayers
- ~ *Ken Weaver*, for continued healing
- ~ *Wayne Brinda*, for continued healing

If you would like to include someone in these weekly prayers, please contact the church office at 724-452-7560, [office.admin@calvinchurchzelle.org](mailto:office.admin@calvinchurchzelle.org) or place a note in the offering plate.