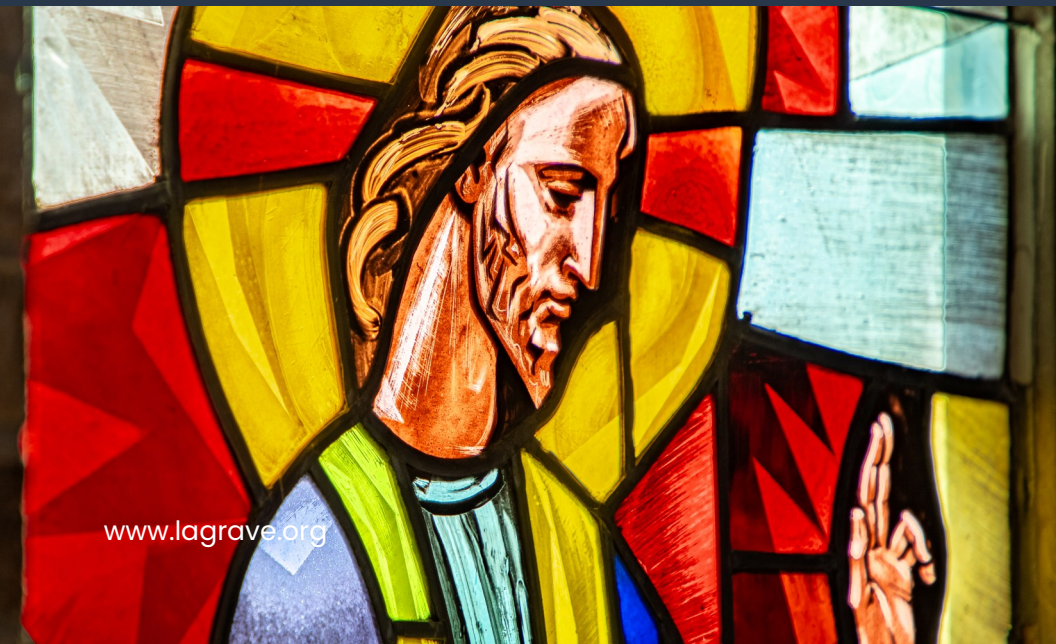




Evening Worship

October 5, 2025 | 6:00 PM

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Order of Worship

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Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship with a
time of prayer and meditation

Prelude:

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us; Much We Need Your Tender Care”

arr. Bruce Greer

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

arr. Dan Forrest

*Call to Worship:

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I
delight;

I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.

He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.

**A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he
will not snuff out.**

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be
discouraged till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope.

*Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 246: 1, 3, 4

“God Is Here”

*Greeting

*People’s Response: **Amen.**

Bible Reading: Luke 14: 15–24

When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus,
“Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet
and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his
servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is
now ready.’

“But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have
just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

“Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on
my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’

“Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

“The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’

“‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

“Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”

Message

Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 257: 1-3, 6

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Presentation: **“Caring Well: A Conversation About Sexuality and the Church”**

Rev. Dr. Mary Hulst

Prayer

*Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 927

“God, the Father of Your People”

1. God, the Father of your people, you have called us to be one; grant us grace to walk together in the joy of Christ, your Son. Challenged by your Word and Spirit, blest with gifts from heaven above, as one body we will serve you and bear witness to your love.

2. May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father’s boundless love, with the Holy Spirit’s favor, rest upon us from above. May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord, and possess, in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford.

*Benediction

*Postlude:

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

arr. Heather Sorenson

Rev. Kristy Manion.....minister
Rev. Peter Jonker.....minister
Dr. Larry Visser.....pianist
Rev. Dr. Mary Hulst.....presenter

Rev. Dr. Mary Hulst has served as University Pastor at Calvin University since 2009. Before that, she served as a church pastor, studied communications at the doctoral level, and taught seminary students as a professor of preaching.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by **Glenda Buteyn** in memory of her sister **Kathy Buteyn** who went to glory on October 6, 2016. "So the angels came and took you to your Father on his throne and you whispered 'Home.'"

The October special offering is for As You Are (AYA). AYA is a downtown youth collective with focus on ages 14-24 experiencing housing crisis/homelessness, counseling and basic support resources. AYA owns 9 homes providing affordable transition shelter and assists 400+ annually.

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