



Purveyors of Awe

March 9, 2025

### Quiet Meditations

Quote from a Researcher:

*"Gently peeking its head around mental corners or bombastically announcing its arrival into our trembling psyche, wonder changes our perspective, our bodies, our souls, and our lives. Art, music, religion, politics, science, nature, love, fear, birth, death; each of the myriad experiences that compress to form the bedrock of human life has a golden vein of wonder running through it."*

- Monica C. Parker, *The Power of Wonder: The Extraordinary Emotion That Will Change the Way You Live, Learn, and Lead*

Quote from a Mystic:

*"Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement... Get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually.*

*To be spiritual is to be amazed."*

- Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

### Synopsis

The *"wide eye of wonder"* creates optimal conditions for awe. When we open our senses to the *"extraordinariness of the everyday ordinary,"* we have begun the journey to a deeper existence than what resides at surface-level. Wonder can be an antidote to anxiety and depression, pulling us instead toward the awe-filled knowledge that there is more than meets the eye, there are solutions in the midst of problems, possibilities where we sense only dead-ends.



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**Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve**


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**\*Gathering Hymn**

"Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"

**Welcome, Time of Quiet Prayer and Centering Breath****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.*

**Ancient Texts** (Excerpts from Psalm 107 & 139)

Rachel Neelley

*They called to YHWH in their trouble,  
and God rescued them from their sufferings,  
guiding them by a direct route to an inhabited town.*

*Let them thank YHWH for this great love,  
for the marvels done for all people—  
for God has satisfied the thirsty  
and filled the hungry with good things.*

*For all these mysteries I thank you—  
for the wonder of myself,  
for the wonder of your works—  
my soul knows it well.*

**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****Anthem**

Sermon

"Wonder"

Rev. A. David Paul

Musical Meditation

"Inori (Prayer)"

~Pat Metheny

### 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

"When We Are Living"

Hymnal #822

### \*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: Jennifer & Tim Richart
- ♣ Greeters next week: Robin Wuchina & Steve Fowler

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### Coffee Hour

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Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

- ♣ This Week: Kay Tilton
- ♣ Next Week: Barb Christy

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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: Steve Fowler

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



## Calvin 2Gether:

- 1. FIND:** someone you don't know as well as others and introduce yourself, or discuss with your family around the dinner table.
- 2. DISCUSS:** *How can we be purveyors of awe this week? How can we be amazed as we gaze with the lens of wonder at the world around us, as we wonder with hope about what will unfold, as we invite wonder 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.*
- 3. PRAYER COVENANT:** to pray for each other daily, by name until you meet again (the prayer to the right is offered as a suggestion).

### Ephesians 3:16-19 (MSG)

"\_\_\_\_\_ and I ask God to strengthen us by the Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in us as we open the door and invite him in. And we ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, we'll be able to take in with all Christians the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God. Amen."

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## Prayer Concerns

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

### Especially pray for

- \* Personnel & Finance and Building & Grounds 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.