



CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

301 ROWE BOULEVARD – ANNAPOLIS, MD – WWW.CALUMC.ORG

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving

Betsy Lord, *organ*

Brahms

THE GREETING & INVOCATION

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.** (Psalm 107:1)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tracy Tischer, *liturgist*

Liturgist: Come together as God's community to hear the story told.

People: **The story of the Lord God who is faithful,**
the story of our God who is compassionate and gracious.
The story of our God who is slow to anger,
and abounding in love and faithfulness.

**The story of this God who would go to any length to
rescue God's people—
the greatest love story every told.**

All: **Come together, as we share the story of God's abounding love
for us! Let us worship God!**

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*OPENING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH140

**Indicates please stand as able in body or spirit.*

*LENTEN PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, we strive to be faithful, but we fall short of the mark. While you are faithful to us and call us into fellowship with your risen Son, often we find ourselves pursuing those things that are not of you. Forgive us we pray. Impress upon us the importance of talking about you when we “sit” at home, when we walk along the road, when we lie down, and when we get up. Empower us to always remember our past, so that we can live into the future you have set out before us.
(all confess sins in the silence...)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE

Pastor: Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

† *All may be seated.*

THE NEWS TO KNOW

Anthem

Welcome Song

Children’s Choir

Toni Sullivan

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Nancy Mills, *Dir. of Discipleship*

Children are invited to come forward for a special message. Afterwards, all children are dismissed to Sunday School in Room 214/216 with Ms. Kathryn where parents may pick them up after worship.

Middle and High school youth are invited to join Ms. Nancy for a small group gathering in Room 114.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

God and God Alone

Calvary Choir

P. McHugh, arr. T. Fettke

OLD TESTAMENT READING - DEUTERONOMY 6:4-15 (NRSV)

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. “When the LORD your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—a land with fine, large cities that you did not build, houses filled with all sorts of goods that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant—and when you have eaten your fill, take care that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. The LORD your God you shall fear, him you shall serve, and by his name alone you shall swear. Do not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who are all around you, because the LORD your God, who is present with you, is a jealous God. The anger of the LORD your God would be kindled against you and he would destroy you from the face of the earth.

NEW TESTAMENT READING - 1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-9 (NRSV)

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Linda W. Motter

Sharing Our God Stories: God is Faithful

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF REFLECTION

UMH 572

Pass It On

PASTORAL PRAYER *with* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom,
and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*All are invited to give of their morning offerings online at CALUMC.org, in the collection
black box in the Narthex, Venmo (@calvaryumcannapolis) or US Postal Service
to support the work of Calvary United Methodist Church sharing God's love with the world.*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we thank you for the covenant you
established with Abraham and Sarah, which you have opened to us through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives, that we may
be for the world a sign of your abiding love and a witness to your enduring promise.
In the name of Jesus the Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

TFWS 2172

We Are Called

*THE BLESSING & BENEDICTION

**The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)**

POSTLUDE

Recessional

Robert Cundick

*The altar flowers are in loving memory of husband Buzz's birthday on 2/28, along with honoring GD,
Emily Raines & Bailey Cloninger who shared his day. Love, Joan Stillinger.*