



CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

MARCH 3, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT & THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

J.S. Bach

Betsy Lord, *organist*

THE GREETING & INVOCATION

Pastor: God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress,

People: I shall never be shaken. (Psalm 62:2)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephany Clothier, *liturgist*

Liturgist: Who shall not fear you, O Lord?

People: And glorify your name?

For you, alone, are holy.

For all the nations shall come and worship before you.

For your judgments have been manifested.

Empower us, Lord, to be part of your greater design.

Your design that all nations shall come to know you.

All: Give us courage to share our God stories so that the nations might come to know your saving grace. Let us worship God!

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Nations, we confess that we, too, like the Israelites, have strayed from your ways. You continually call us back into right relationship. Yet, we often put your voice on the back burner, preferring to attend to our own needs, wants, and desires. Empower us to hear the call of the prophets and to be faithful to you, even as you have been faithful to us. Lord, we desire to “rend our hearts unto you.” Give us strength and courage, through the power of your Holy Spirit, to be fully yours... (all confess sins in silence)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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.**

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

† All may be seated.

THE NEWS TO KNOW

Children are invited to remain in worship with their parents to receive Holy Communion.

Activity bags are available from the ushers.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST OLD TESTAMENT READING - Isaiah 55:6-12 (NRSV)

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in

peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

SECOND OLD TESTAMENT READING - Jeremiah 6:16-19 & Isaiah 42:10 (NRSV)

Thus says the LORD: Stand at the crossroads and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, "We will not walk in it." Also I raised up sentinels for you: "Give heed to the sound of the trumpet!" But they said, "We will not give heed." Therefore hear, O nations, and know, O congregation, what will happen to them. Hear, O earth; I am going to bring disaster on this people, the fruit of their schemes, because they have not given heed to my words, and as for my teaching, they have rejected it.

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth! Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

† All may be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Linda W. Motter

The Call of the Prophets

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

INVITATION

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth... and join their unending hymn *singing*:

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you, and blessed... as we proclaim the mystery of faith. *Singing:*

*MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever, *singing:*

*THE GREAT AMEN



All
A - men, a - men,
a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray...

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Pastor: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As directed by the ushers, come forward up the center aisle to receive the bread and cup by intinction: partly dip the bread into the cup and receive both elements together. Gluten-free bread with a separate chalice is available upon request. If you prefer to receive from where you are seated, share with an usher and you will be served. Appropriate responses after receiving this gracious gift could include: "Thanks be to God"; "Lord, have mercy"; "Amen." Return to your seat along the side aisles.

THE AGNUS DEI

2. *mp*
1.2. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

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3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ave Verum

W. A. Mozart

Calvary Choir

Wayne Wold

The Glory of These Forty Days

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

O Lord our God, we want to follow you and to love only you. Lead us to not be worshiping the things of this world. We want to love our neighbor freely. Accept these offerings, we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Jesus Christ in this world. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*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

Wayne Wold

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Betsy Lord, *organist*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to celebrate the birthday of Estelle M. Pickett,
love Kathleen Pickett.*



If you would like to order flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Tracy Leahy at tracyleahy1@gmail.com or sign up via signup genius QR Code.



Thank you for worshipping with us today! To keep up with CALUMC events, services, and more, visit calumc.org, find us on Facebook, and/or YouTube. You may also sign up for our weekly e-News by completing the Connection Card in the pews, on calumc.org, or by contacting the Church Office at office@calumc.org or (410) 268-1776.

To notify clergy of a pastoral care concern, such as a birth, hospitalization, or death, please contact Julie at community@calumc.org or complete our Online Connection Card at CALUMC.org.

Announcements

Parents/Grandparents - this is your friendly reminder that there will be **no Children's Sunday School OR Middle/High School Sunday School the first Sunday of every month** so that families can receive Communion together. There are kids activity bags available to be used during worship for those who need it. Contact Nancy Mills at discipleship@calumc.org for more information.



Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group will meet **Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 7:00PM in the Parlor**. If you know a friend or relative that has experienced a loss, please suggest they consider joining the support group. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Drury at suzanne41.sd@gmail.com or Bill Thompson at bcthompson@verizon.net.

Lenten Study

Join us for a Lenten Book and Bible Study called *Sharing Our God Stories*. The studies will be available **Monday evenings at 6:30PM with Pastor Linda and Wednesday Mornings at 10:00AM with Nancy Mills**. For more information, contact Pastor Linda at pastor@calumc.org or Nancy Mills at discipleship@calumc.org.



Lenten Wednesday Dinners

Come for fellowship and soup every **Wednesday in Lent (Mar 6th, 13th, and 20th) from 5:30PM - 6:45PM** and listen to a Calvary friend share their life story. For more information, contact the church office at office@calumc.org. *Childcare provided for Lenten Dinners*. Sign up with Julie at community@calumc.org.

Easter Candy needed!

We are preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt and we need your help by providing individually wrapped candy. **There will be a collection bin in the Narthex through Palm Sunday, March 24th.**



The Easter Egg Hunt will be Easter morning, March 31st at 8:45AM. Families can meet in the Fellowship Hall for a light kid friendly breakfast, Easter activity, and then egg hunt before heading up for worship at 10:00. For more information, contact Melissa Flaherty at melissapflaherty@icloud.com.





Hymn Festival

For Everyone Born: Songs of Justice and Joy will take place **at Calvary on Sunday March 10 at 3:00 pm**. This is a hymn festival sponsored by the Annapolis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Come join us as we celebrate congregational singing with a mix of hymns old and new. Singers from eight area church choirs will combine forces to form the Festival Choir, under the direction of Daniel Aune. **A free-will offering will be accepted for the benefit of the Light House of Annapolis and the Annapolis Chapter of the AGO. A reception will follow.** Contact Betsy Lord at betsy.lord@icloud.com for more information.

Way of the Cross

Way of the Cross at Manresa, a beautiful and reflective Good Friday event hosted by Calvary and 11 other churches, will return this year: **Good Friday (March 29th) at noon**. Interested in helping by reading, beautifying Calvary's station, or planning? Contact Julie Taylor: community@calumc.org or 410-703-3575.



Have you included Calvary United Methodist Church in your will?

1. Where there is a will there is a way - to be an angel for our church. It can be as simple as including one specific sentence in your will – including a bequest to Calvary United Methodist Church.

Thank you to Melissa Flaherty (Director), Betsy Lord (Pianist), and the amazing Children's Choir who sing and share their gifts in worship.



Connect with our staff!

Rev. Linda W. Motter, *Pastor*
Gaby Garzon, *Director of Music*
Dave Rainey, *Handbell Director*
Betsy Lord, *Interim Organist*
Melissa Flaherty, *Director of Children/Family Ministries & Children's Choir*
Malcolm McFadden, *Audio Visual Technician*
Nancy Mills, *Director of Discipleship*
Julie Taylor, *Community Outreach & Congregational Care*
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Kathryn Longabaugh, *Children's Assistant*
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