



# CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

MARCH 17, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### GATHERING

PRELUDE

Stephanie Sloan-Barth, *guest organist*

*Prayer*

by Jean Langlais

THE GREETING & INVOCATION

Pastor: I was glad when they said unto me,

**People: Let us go into the house of the Lord.** (Psalm 122:1)

INTROIT

Calvary Ringers

*Give Me Jesus*

by Susan T. Nelson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Martha Strong, *liturgist*

Liturgist: Gathered as your community, we call upon the name of Jesus to transform us.

**People: By faith in the name of Jesus, we have been made strong.**

Gathered as your people, we can do all things through the name of Jesus and the power of your Holy Spirit.

**By faith in the name of Jesus, we have been empowered.**

Gathered as your people, we are the Body of Christ, the Church, and we can transform the world.

**All: By faith, in the name of Jesus, we have become your hands, feet, and voice. Let us move out into the world as your people and your church. Let us worship God!**

### PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

\*OPENING HYMN

UMH 98

*To God be the Glory*

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

## \*LENTEN PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sending God, too often we forget we are a sent people. Sometimes, we get things backwards and think the church belongs to us, forgetting the church is yours. Remind us, Lord, that you created us for community so we could be your agents of change in the world. Remind us that even as you are in the process of transforming us, you also use us to transform the world. Empower us by your Holy Spirit to share our God stories, so that others might have the hope that is in you. (*all confess sins in the 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.**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

† *All may be seated.*

## THE NEWS TO KNOW

## 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 217.*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## ANTHEM

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Calvary Ringers  
by Lowell Nelson

## FIRST NEW TESTAMENT READING - ACTS 2:29-33 (NRSV)

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you see and hear.

## SECOND NEW TESTAMENT READING - ACTS 3:11-21 (NRSV)

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets.

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 Church: Bold and Bodacious*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

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

**Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Bless these gifts, tithes and offerings to share Christ's love in this world to the glory of your holy name. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## \*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

## SENDING FORTH

## \*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 545

*The Church's One Foundation*

## \*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

*Toccata in E minor*

*Stephanie Sloan-Barth, guest organist*

by J. Pachelbel

*The altar flowers are donated in loving memory of Letha and John V. McReynolds.*

*Love Lynn McReynolds*

