



CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

APRIL 7, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER & THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING

PRELUDE

The Celebration Canon

Betsy Lord, *organist*

by Pachelbel, arr S. Drummond Wolff

THE GREETING & INVOCATION

Pastor: Great is the Lord,

People: and greatly to be praised. (Psalm 48:1)

INTROIT

Shake Another Hand

Children's Choir

Traditional

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bev Eanes, *liturgist*

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We have not seen the risen Christ.

But, we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

We have not seen Jesus face-to-face.

But, we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

We have not touched the wounds from the cross.

**All: But, we have been called to bring healing to the hurt of the world.
May the risen Christ bless us as we worship what we have not seen,
yet believe. Let us worship God!**

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

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 307

Christ is Risen

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have shown yourself to us, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood. And yet, we still struggle to live and believe the Good News of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us. Forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name ...

(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.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

This Beautiful Day

Children's Choir

Robin & Bill Wolaver

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

ANTHEM

Come Unto Jesus

by J. Kauflin, M. Merker, & L. Story

Beth Colley, *guitar & vocals*, Rita Trew, *vocals*

Gaby Garzon, *cello*, Betsy Lord, *piano*

Bruce Smith, *percussion*

***GOSPEL READING - John 20:19-31 (NRSV)**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

† All may be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Linda W. Motter

In Defense of Doubt

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

Variations on Christ is Arisen

Betsy lord, *organ*

Harald Rohlig

*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

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love, and- above all- the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Holy Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 304

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

*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

Robert Lau

Trumpet Tune

Betsy Lord, *organist*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to in loving memory of husband, Bob Faass,
love Tina Faass.*



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.

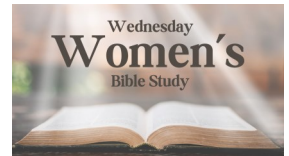


VBS Decorating Team Meeting

It's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School. Calvary loves to go all out on decorating the church and we will need your help. There will be a VBS Decorating Team meeting, **TODAY at 5:00PM** and all are welcome to help - no matter your skill level. Contact Melissa Flaherty at melissapflaherty@icloud.com for more information.

Women's Bible Study

Beginning **Wednesday, April 10**, the Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin a 6-week study on the book of Esther. Come join us as we explore how the Book of Esther is relevant for our lives today. **The group will meet in Room 114 from 10:00- 11:00AM.** Contact Nancy Mills at discipleship@calumc.org for more information.



Cookie Factory Reunion - Spread the word!!

The Cookie Factory is 42 years old this year and is having a reunion for everyone who has participated in Cookie Factory during that span. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 27th** (a Cookie Factory baking day) from **4:30PM- 7:00PM**, and help spread the word to all who have served in the past. **The reunion will be in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck and fellowship.** For more information, contact Dr. Joe Gryder at calvarycookiefactory@gmail.com.

New Members Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of Calvary UMC? Are you ready to become a member but still want to know more information about the ministries of Calvary? Join Pastor Linda and Julie Taylor for a **New Members Class, Sunday, April 28th at 8:45am in the parlor.** You do not have to attend the class in order to officially join but we would love to get to know you better in this informal environment. Contact Julie Taylor at community@calumc.org or Pastor Linda at pastor@calumc.org if interested.



Have you included Calvary United Methodist Church in your will?

Consider naming Calvary Church last in your will. After all family and loved ones have been well taken care of, name Calvary as recipient of the residuary estate (the amount that is left).

Rise Against Hunger

Mark your calendars for this awesome volunteer opportunity for the entire family. **May 4th, 9:00AM - 12:00PM**, Calvary UMC will be helping to prepare 20,000 meals for people in impoverished countries who may not know when or if they will have another meal. Scan the QR code to sign-up and join in the fun! Contact Bill Lovelace at wlove81162@aol.com with questions.



Fill My Cup Café

Come help with Calvary's *Fill My Cup Cafe!* It's fun and easy to do: just pick up breakfast treats for 30 people (Calvary will reimburse you and coffee and beverages provided) set up, enjoy breakfast and coffee with your church family and visitors, and clean up. Training included. **Scan the QR code to sign-up.** contact Julie Taylor at community@calumc.org for more information.

We hope you had a meaningful experience at one of the Holy Week services and were able to rejoice with all of us at the beautiful Easter Sunday celebration (online or in-person).



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*
Dr. Joseph Gryder, *Dir of Youth Ministries*
Kathryn Longabaugh, *Children's Assistant*
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