



CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

APRIL 28, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING

PRELUDE

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Betsy Lord, *organ*

African-American Spiritual, arr. Barr

THE GREETING & INVOCATION

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremy McCumber, *liturgist*

Liturgist: Come and sit with me. We shall study the Word.

People: Together, we shall read and understand.

Come and kneel with me. We shall break the bread.

Together, we shall eat and be satisfied.

Come and walk with me. We shall part the waters.

All: Together, we shall risk and behold. We shall be changed.

Let us worship God!

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 92

For the Beauty of the Earth

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

*MORNING PRAYER

Amazing God, open our senses to your direction so we may be alert to opportunities you give us. Fill us with good news to share with those who seek meaning for their lives. We are here because we need the good news ourselves. We seek to know your Word and to be led by it. As we meet you here, our hearts are lifted up in praise. May our worship glorify your name and be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

† *All may be seated.*

THE NEWS TO KNOW

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Caring for God's Creation

Melissa Flaherty, *director*
Betty Hepler, *piano & composer*
Childrens Choir & friends

Children are invited to come forward. 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. A nursery is available for infants through 4 years old in Room 205 with certified and compassionate staff.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

Beside the Still Waters

Calvary Choir
Andrea Ramsey

NEW TESTAMENT READING - ACTS 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So, he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So, Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone

else?” Then Philip began to speak and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Linda W. Motter

Follow the Verbs

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF REFLECTION

UMH 402

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

NEW MEMBERS JOIN

UMH 34-35, 38

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

Creator God, through our offerings, give your loving Holy Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world. In the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 571

Go, Make of All Disciples

*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

Betsy Lord, *organ*

Hornpipe from Water Music

G. F. Handel

The altar flowers are donated in loving memory of my parents, Joe & Betty Ruddle.

Love, JoHannah Weldon

Calvary UMC

Scan the link & 'Check-in'
so we know you worshiped with us.

