



CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

OCTOBER 8, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Mendelssohn

Sonata No. 3: Andante Tranquillo

Betsy Lord, *organist*

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)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephany Clothier, *liturgist*

Liturgist: Welcome to God's house, a place of faith.

People: From our homes, we come seeking God's word.

Here you will find nourishment and hope.

May we learn lessons of courage and peace.

Here you will find rest from your struggles.

**All: Lord, prepare our hearts to receive your words that we may
leave this holy house of faith and return to our homes,
encouraged and challenged to be your people.**

Let us worship God!

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 545, vs. 1,3, 5

The Church's One Foundation

*MORNING PRAYER

Holy God, maker of heaven and earth, out of your great love for the world you sent us your beloved Son—but we sent him to his death. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us, renew us, restore us so that we may be the people of your vineyard and bear good fruit for your holy realm. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

† All may be seated.

THE NEWS TO KNOW

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Nancy Mills, *Interim 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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

by Herbert Howells

Calvary Choir

*GOSPEL READING - MATTHEW 21:33-46 (NRSV)

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So, they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?’

“Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

† All may be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Linda W. Motter

Not So Fast My Friend

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

TFWS 2120

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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 (Calvary UMC @calvaryumcannapolis) or US Postal Service to support the work of Calvary United Methodist Church sharing God's love with the world.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ruler of all space and time, we want to be your faithful stewards in your vineyard. All that we have is yours. Our lives are in your hands. Help us to use well all that we devote to the work of your church. Help us to manage well, to your honor and glory, all that we retain for ourselves. May we know heaven on earth because you hold first place in our priorities and our daily goal is to serve you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 559

Christ Is Made the Sure 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

Ps. 19: The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello

Betsy Lord, *organist*



The altar flowers are in loving memory of beloved brother, John Stephen Gessner.

Love Katrina Gessner



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 in the image to the left.