

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

301 ROWE BOULEVARD – ANNAPOLIS, MD – WWW.CALUMC.ORG OCTOBER 22, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRELUDE arr. Brenda Portman

Meditation on "Peace Like A River"

Betsy Lord, organist

THE GREETING & INVOCATION

Pastor: Sing to the Lord, and bless God's name.

People: Tell of God's saving power from day to day. (Psalm 96:2)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Laurel Scott, liturgist

Liturgist: Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, and queens,

God is the Lord of all life.

People: In God we live and move and have our being.

God requires our faithfulness and our service.

We reach out to others with the same kind of love

with which God has touched our lives.

Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

All: Let us praise God who walks daily by our side!

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*MORNING PRAYER

Holy God, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone. Therefore we offer ourselves to you, in service, love, and praise. Use us for the glory of your realm and the good of your people. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

As Long As I Have Breath

by Sue Farrar Calvary Choir

*New Testament Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NRSV)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

*Gospel Reading—Matthew 22:15-22 (NRSV)

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God. † All may be seated.

MESSAGE Rev. Phil Tocknell

Reflecting God's Love...

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

UMH 170

O How I Love Jesus

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

Gracious God, we trust you to multiply the blessings these gifts represent, as we pour out your love and grace on those who long to hear your word to them. May they see your power at work within them and feel your comfort beside them through the generous gifts of your Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Doxology UMH 94

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN UMH 157

Jesus Shall Reign

*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 Mendelssohn

Son. #3: Allegro maestoso e vivace

Betsy Lord, organist





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.