



CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

OCTOBER 29, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Our Father in the Heaven Who Art

J. S. Bach

Betsy Lord, *organist*

THE GREETING & INVOCATION

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.** (Psalm 107:1)

INTROIT

A Joyful Alleluia

by Cynthia Dobrinski

Calvary Ringers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Andrew Frantzich, *liturgist*

Liturgist: We are called to be the people of God's kingdom.

People: **In God's realm, we will find healing and hope.**

We are called to be people who love as God has loved us.

**In God's world, we will reach out with God's love
to all God's people.**

We are called to be those who would serve.

All: **Lord, be with us as we serve you by helping those in need.**

Let us worship God!

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 110

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*MORNING PRAYER

Loving God, you not only welcome us, you receive us into yourself. Give us courage to be so open to others, to let them become so dear to us, that we might share not only your gospel but also our lives, through Christ, who makes room for us all we pray. Amen.

† *All may be seated.*

THE NEWS TO KNOW

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Ken Medema, arr. R. Sterling

Tree Song

Children's Choir

Maggie Flaherty & Charlotte Longabaugh, *duet*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Melissa Flaherty

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

by Peggy Bettcher

Shine, Jesus Shine

Calvary Ringers

*NEW TESTAMENT READING - 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8 (NRSV)

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly

caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

***GOSPEL READING—MATTHEW 22:34-46 (NRSV)**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? “If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

† All may be seated.

MESSAGE

Rev. Linda W. Motter

The Great Bottom Line

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

UMH 408

The Gift of Love

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

Generous and life-giving God, you made your people in your image, sent your Son to be the face of your healing love in our midst, and promised through the Holy Spirit your guidance and power. We thank you for the ways in which your people have cared for each of us. We thank you for the ability to give for the sake of others. We ask you your blessing on these offerings that through them the needs of this world can be met. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 402

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

*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

Cortège

by Louis Vierne
Betsy Lord, *organist*

The altar flowers are in dedication to God's glory and grace!

- 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 sign up genius QR Code in the image to the left.