

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

301 ROWE BOULEVARD – ANNAPOLIS, MD – WWW.CALUMC.ORG NOVEMBER 19, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRELUDE arr. Wilbur Held

Simple Gifts 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 Douglas E. Wagner

A Joyful Noise Calvary Ringers

*CALL TO WORSHIP Stephany Clothier, liturgist

Liturgist: Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

People: Delight in God's goodness!

Praise God who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured

and shared.

Lord, we thank you for these gifts!

Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

All: Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us.

Let us worship God!

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*Opening Hymn umh 79

*MORNING PRAYER

Gracious God, fill us with a sense of your abiding presence. Help us to live with trust in you. Expand among us such mutual regard and encouragement as will build up community. Lead all of us to live in the light. May faith and love dominate all our relationships as we enter into the joy of serving in the name of Jesus. Amen.

† All may be seated.

THE NEWS TO KNOW

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Come with a Grateful Heart

L.S. Bailey & B. S. Mayo Children's Choir

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

arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

Songs of Worship and Praise

Calvary Ringers

*Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV)

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came

forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

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

SERMON Rev. Linda W. Motter

Using Our Talents

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

UMH 399

Take My Life, and Let it Be

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

For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. We wait in hope for the coming of your realm and offer these gifts, tithes, and offerings to further your kingdom on earth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY UMH 94

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN UMH 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

*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 Gerald Near

Old 113th: Let All on Earth Their Voices Raise

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.