



CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

NOVEMBER 23, 2023 – 9:30 A.M.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Michael Larkin

Betsy Lord, *pianist*

THE GREETING & INVOCATION

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

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Wes Motter, *liturgist*

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness!

People: Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord is God!

It is he that made us, and we are his.

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him, bless his name! For the Lord is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Let us worship God!

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*OPENING HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

UMH 694

*THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, your blessings are countless and your love is never-ending. As we celebrate this Thanksgiving, we pray that you will open our hearts to you and to one another, that we may share the gifts you have given us in loving service to all people. Lord, our God, you have done wondrous things on earth and in our lives. Grant us joy of heart, and may peace dwell within us. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

† *All may be seated.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

All Good Gifts

John-Michael Tebelak, Stephen Schwartz

Alicia Sweeney, *soloist*

*NEW TESTAMENT READING - 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15 (NRSV)

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry, you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

*GOSPEL READING - LUKE 17: 11-19 (NRSV)

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

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All Good Gifts

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

UMH 77

How Great Thou Art

LITANY PRAYER *with* THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

God our Father, we give thanks for all the gifts so freely bestowed up on us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth, sky and sea,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ.

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice.

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, on this Thanksgiving Day, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray saying...

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

O God, for food and water, for all the blessings of the land you have given us, for family and friends who enrich our lives, our hearts overflow with thanksgiving to you. We have been sheltered, educated, and empowered by your generosity. In Jesus Christ, we have been show a way to the wholeness you intend for us. Receive these offerings as a joyous expression of our gratitude. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 102

Now Thank We All Our God

*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

Andre Campra

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Betsy Lord, *organist*

Clergy: Rev. Linda W. Motter

A/V Technician: Malcolm McFadden

Liturgist: Wes Motter

Organist/Pianist: Betsy Lord

Acolyte: Tyler Motter

Soloist: Alicia Sweeney