



CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Processional of Joy

Beethoven, arr. Hal Hopson

Betsy Lord, *organist*

THE GREETING & INVOCATION

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Joah Pereira *liturgist*

Liturgist: Come, let us gather in the awareness of God's love.

People: God's love has brought us together, it has made us a church.

We can live with confidence and hope, in the assurance that
we are forgiven and accepted by a power greater than ourselves.

Because we are forgiven, we too, can forgive.

**All: Let us praise this God of endless grace, and offer our hearts'
true worship. Let us worship God!**

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

**He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

*GOSPEL READING - MATTHEW 18:21-35 (NRSV)

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw

him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

† All may be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Linda W. Motter

Forgiving From My Heart?

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

TFWS 2214

Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (2X)

NEW MEMBERS JOINING

UMH 34, 38-39

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 and merciful God, we thank you for these gifts. Multiply them, and enable the work of your love and the righteousness of your kingdom in the world. We thank and praise you in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 549

Where Charity and Love Prevail

*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

G.F. Handel

"Hornpipe" from Water Music Suite

*The altar flowers are in celebration of David & Pulous Conover's 55th Wedding Anniversary!
Happy Anniversary!*



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.