



# CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE MUSIC

*I Love to Tell the Story* (by Emma Lou Diemer)

Betsy Lord, *organist*

*Rejoice* (by Cynthia Dobrinski)

Calvary Ringers

### THE GREETING & INVOCATION

**Pastor:** O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

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

### INTROIT

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Calvary Ringers

arr. by David Angerman

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Andrew Frantzich, *liturgist*

**Liturgist:** Give thanks to the Lord!

**People:** **Call upon the name of the Lord!**

God's love and mercy are given daily for each of us.

**God's forgiveness and tenderness are poured out for us.**

Praise be to God who deals so kindly with us.

**All:** **Lord, help us offer the same compassion to others.**

**Let us worship God!**

# PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

## \*OPENING HYMN

UMH 121

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

## \*MORNING PRAYER

**Generous God, you come to us again and again, no matter how late it is in the day or in our lives. Calling to us, gathering us in, you give us your good work to do, daily bread, and boundless grace. Increase in us a generous spirit so that we may do your work with joy alongside others whom you also love. We celebrate your salvation not only in our lives, but also in the lives of other people, even those we had not imagined would be included in the kingdom you are bringing. Align us with your ways and help us receive your gift of justice and mercy as good news. In Jesus Christ we pray. 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

Calvary Choir

*O When I Sing the Songs of God*

arr. John Carter

## \*GOSPEL READING - MATTHEW 20:1-16 (NRSV)

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three

o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God.**

† *All may be seated.*

SERMON

Rev. Linda W. Motter

*It's Not Fair!*

## 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)

CALVARY'S NEW VISION STATEMENT

Prem Pereira

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

**God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom  
you have called, graced to have been given your work to do, and blessed to  
receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgivings  
and offerings, and do what you choose with what already belongs to you.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

SENDING FORTH

\*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 396

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

\*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

*Toccata in e minor*

Betsy Lord, *organist*  
Johann Pachelbel