

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Calvary United Methodist Church seeks and invites all to become disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of our community and our world.*

Sunday, May 3, 2020

4th Sunday of Easter

Online Worship

A Note about Communion

It has long been the custom to share in Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. When we come together to share the bread and the cup, we find connection with God and one another. As much as we long for that connection, there presently is no safe way we can come together physically and share at the Lord's Table. However, when you eat, say a prayer for God's peace and healing presence to be with all people as we look to the day when we can come together "one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory."

Opening Music

You are invited to light a candle during the time of worship. Please greet one another in the comments online.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steve Larsen

*Call to Worship

How glorious it is to hear of Jesus' resurrection.

At his death, our hearts cried out and we felt lost.

But he comes to us and walks with us, even now.

In the holy word, in the music, in the prayers, he is present with us.

Open your hearts to the Lord.

Lord, help us really be ready to receive you into our lives!

Opening Prayer

Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives.

Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. For we pray in Christ's Name. Amen.

Hymn

"Open My Eyes that I May See"
performed by Fountainview Academy

UMH #454

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XSN7aVTAFU>

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Act of Praise

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Rev. Steve Larsen

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I
suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

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What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.

You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the
LORD!

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13-34

Owen, Sylvie, and Sebastian Duthoy

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus,
about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these
things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself
came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.
And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk

along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”

The word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Children’s Time

Rev. Shannon Sullivan

Sermon

On the Road to Emmaus

Rev. Shannon Sullivan

This week is part of our sermon series called: The New Normal. We are looking at several of the accounts of what the disciples saw and did following Easter morning as they worked out what it means to walk by faith in light of the resurrection.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Steve Larsen

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.**

Offering Rev. Steve Larsen
Although we are not able to put our contributions in the offering plate, there are other ways that we can give. Checks can be sent to the church office at 131 West 2nd St, Frederick, MD 21701. Online payments can be made easily and securely by going to the church website and clicking on the "Donate" button to find several options.

Offertory arr. Nathan Zullinger
"Aleluya! Cristo Resucito"
Performed by the Sanctuary Choir, 2019

Aleluya! Cristoresucito (Alleluia! Christ is arisen)
La madrugada del domingo. (at dawn on Sunday)
Run, faithful women, to the graveside. Marvel, the stone is rolled away.
Hear from the Angel, "He is risen." Christ goes before you all the way.
Rise, Magdalena from your weeping; Christ stands before your very eyes.
Quickly return to the disciples; bear the good news: "He is alive!"
Aleluya! Cristo resucito!

Doxology UMH #94
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.**

Prayer over the Offering Rev. Steve Larsen

Hymn TFWS #2196
"We Walk by Faith"
arr. David Lasky from GIA Publications on YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECzfsouUgC0>

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear

from him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.

2. We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
Benediction

and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.

4. That, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light,
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

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Voluntary

"Toccata on EASTER HYMN"
Performed by Joche Wilmot, 2019

arr. Diane Bish

Worship Notes:

Our Call to Worship and Opening Prayer are from Ministry Matters.