

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.*

February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

Online Worship

Opening Music

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

Welcome, announcements

Rev. Shannon Sullivan

Call to Worship

The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.

What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Inspired by Genesis 9:8-17 and Mark 1:9-15

God, there's a lot of water out there! There's water that you call us from, nurtured us in, fed us through, wrapped us up in, and water that when the time was just right released us to newness, released us to life, released us to know the experience of pain. We wait on you, God who controls the water. We wait! We wait for the rivers to become calm again. We wait for the streams of peace to drench our feet, our feet as we go forward knowing our steps are ordered by you. God, the water is wide, but your grace to handle it is so much wider! Be with us, God, in the water, be with us, we pray. In the Only name worthy of such praise, we pray.

Amen

Hymn

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

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First Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:1-15

Response

The word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Time with the Children

Rev. Steve Larsen

Sermon

This Is the Sign

Rev. Steve Larsen

Pastoral Prayer

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

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 Anthem

"Head Above Water"

Avril Lavigne

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

"There's a Wildeness in God's Mercy"

UMH #121

Benediction

Organ Voluntary

Worship Series: Rend Your Hearts/ Claim the Promise

Lent is a period of preparation, of fasting and self-denial, of repentance and confession, of putting our spiritual house in order. We go through all of this so that we can be ready for Easter. Lent is about embracing the Resurrected One with a whole and longing heart. It involves putting some things away so that we can fully claim all that God offers.

The Opening Prayer is by Michael Parker, *Lenten Liturgical Resources from Africana Writers*, edited by Sa2ya Fosua, 2020.

In need of a pastoral call, a prayer, or just someone to talk to? Call one of your pastors! Rev. Steve Larsen at 301-848-8216 or Rev. Shannon Sullivan at 410-937-8835.

Looking for other ways to connect with your Calvary family?

Join our Facebook group where you can share prayer concerns and connect with church members and friends. Join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/212630313297563/>.

Telephone one another. If you need a directory, let us know or click on "MyCalvary" on our website: www.calvaryumc.org.

Our Women's Ministry Gratitude Group on Facebook is another place you can join us. We share daily gratitude and joys, daily prayer requests, and share inspirational messages. All are welcome. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/783900735353923/>

The Asbury Class is meeting through Zoom Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Here are the details, shared by class leader Pat Herber: We encourage folks to have their bibles available. We invite and welcome anyone to join us, please contact Pat Herber at pkherber@gmail.com for log in information.

Our Children's Sunday School program happens every Sunday morning with a short Zoom Story Time led by Rev. Shannon Sullivan and our Children's Sunday School leaders. If you are not already part of this group, email Christy Mossburg for details at christy@calvaryumc.org.

The March/April Upper Room is now available, please email or call the church office for a mailed copy.

Prayer Concerns:

Recent Passing: Dottie Mitchell

Members of Calvary: Tom Mullineaux, Larry Johnson, Karen Shipley Leggett (daughter of Greg Shipley), Laura (Daughter of Carol and Art Fennington), Lou Finneyfrock, Anna Belle Childers, Sebastian Duthoy, Wave Starnes, Beth Richards, Shauna Main, Nancy Slovikosky, Linda Sheridan, JoAn Ehlers, Nancy Dobbs, Charles Orrison, Betty Fawley, Ann Crum, Nancy Crum, Fannie Johnson, Bob Strine, Michael Boyer, Grace and Jack Heller, Grace Sheetenhelm

Friends of Calvary: Eleanor Verna (Mother of Colleen West), Sonja Sharpe and family (Niece of Rita Sharpe), Georgia Riggleman, Gail Crum (Friend of Rita Sharpe), Suzanne Simpson and Adam Shake (Sister and brother-in-law to Christy Mossburg), John and Lynn Mills (Friends of Charles Geisbert) Linda Horinie Henke (Niece of Charles Geisbert) Bob Hudak (Husband of Terri Hudack), Mary Zalatoris (Mother of Jeff Zalatoris), Pamela Pomblin (Daughter of Grace Sheetenhelm) , Sanvana Drone (Great granddaughter of Grace Sheetenhelm), Lillian Mingola (Mother of Maria Calcagni), Ed Kinsey, Jr (Father of Ed Kinsey), Anastasia Spadacino (Mother of Anastasia Slovikosky), Wendy Koch (Niece of Bruce and Helen Sheppard), Alice Woodward (Sister of Rita Sharpe), Martha Major (Friend of Rita Sharpe), Eli Yanike (Great-grandson of Ramona Yanike), Gay Ann Mazac (Niece of Steve and JoAn Ehlers), Harriett Lakel (Sister of Anne Mossburg), Jeremy Winn and Becky Woodward (Niece and Nephew of Rita Sharpe), Randy and Linda Miller (Friend of Rita Sharpe)