



REND YOUR HEARTS: CLAIMING THE PROMISE
Lent Worship Series

Palm / Passion Sunday
March 28, 2021

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.*

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Palm/Passion Sunday

Online Service

Welcome, announcements

Rev. Steve Larsen

THE PALMS

Children's Anthem

“Mantos y Palmas”
Join us in singing the refrain.

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Call to Worship

Hosanna!

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Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!

Blessed are we, for we have been created by that same God.

Blessed is the sound of our voices, lifted up in praise.

**Blessed are the hands that clap and wave, joining together in one glorious
Hosanna!**

Blessed are the bodies that march and dance in a tapestry of motion, embodying your love.

**Blessed is the breath that enlivens us, animates us, and sustains us in singing
our ceaseless praise to you, O God.**

Hosanna!

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The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem *Matthew 21:1-11*

Response

The word of God for the people of God!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Opening Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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Time with the Children

Sermon

The Lord Needs Them

Rev. Shannon Sullivan

A Sermon in the series Rend Your Hearts: Claiming the Promise

THE PASSION

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray:

**Holy Savior, in one Sunday it seems too much to go from shouts of hosanna to
the crucifixion. Yet Palm Sunday and Good Friday are bound together, just as
our own stories are bound together with yours.**

We read of the disciples in Gethsemane, and we remember that we too often find our eyes heavy with exhaustion or even apathy when we should be praying for deliverance.

We read of the betrayal of Judas and see in him our own betrayals, too often delivered with a kiss.

We read of the confusion of the disciples, even now getting Jesus' teaching wrong, and hear your call for peace even at the hour of your death.

We read of the desert of the disciples and cannot begin to count the times we have deserted you.

And we know what comes next in the story. We know that Jesus is handed over to be crucified. He is mocked, tortured, and then killed. He even cries out, feeling forsaken.

We read ourselves there too in some ways, in the pain and in the alone-ness.

But we rarely can read ourselves in your solidarity and love for all people.

We read and we know we are so many in the story. The disciples in their confusion and abandonment, even Judas and Peter in their betrayals, the chief priests in their deception, the Roman in their senseless violence, and perhaps even Simon of Cyrene with his burden and fear and the women who stood watch even when the horror was too great to bear.

Forgive us when we enact the fear and violence more than than the solidarity and love exhibited in the story. Forgive us for our greed and our deceptions. Forgive us for our betrayals.

Words of Assurance and Pardon

The Lord is our strength and might. Jesus is our salvation.

In Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

In Jesus our cries are answered, our salvation is at hand.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus *Matthew 27:24-26, 32-56*

Response

The word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD?

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

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

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"
Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded,” st. 1 & 3

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Benediction

Voluntary

“Lux Aeterna”

John Rutter

Call to Worship adapted slightly from Laura Jaquith Bartlett, #21, *Worship and Song, Leader's Edition*.
Prayer of Confession based on Matthew's Palm/Passion narrative, written by Shannon Sullivan, 2015.

Our worship series for the season of Lent is **“Rend Your Hearts: Claim the Promise”** from Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church. 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. You can find others messages in the series at www.calvaryumc.org

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.

Church Scholarship

Each year the church provides scholarships to students in the congregation pursuing higher education in 2021-2022. See the church website, www.calvaryumc.org, click the News, then Scholarship for the application and information about the scholarship process. Applications are “live” starting April 1, 2021. Applications are due to the church office by June 1, 2021.

The Listening Path Book Study, Wednesday evenings beginning April 7

The Listening Path is a transformational journey to deeper, more profound listening and creativity. Over six weeks, readers will be given the tools to become better listeners-to their environment, the people around them, and themselves. The reward for learning to truly listen is immense. As we learn to listen, our attention is heightened and we gain healing, insight, clarity. Above all, listening creates connections and ignites a creativity that will resonate through every aspect of our lives. Join us for our online book study: Wednesday evenings, 7 p.m. on Zoom, beginning Wednesday, April 7- Wednesday, May 12. Led by Christy Mossburg. For more information, email Christy@calvaryumc.org

COVID Vaccinations

Your pastors encourage everyone to get a vaccination for COVID-19 as soon as possible. All three types of the vaccine have proven to be highly safe as they have been given to tens of millions of people across the U.S. The vaccines are highly effective at keeping you from getting sick with the virus. We hope that you will not only take the vaccine for the sake of your own health, but also as a way of limiting the spread of the virus to other people.

With limited supplies, it has not been easy to get the vaccination. It has been difficult to use the vaccine websites to secure an appointment. If you would like help getting an appointment or need transportation, please let me know by calling the church office and we will match you up with someone who can help.

If you are someone who would like to help others in the church secure an appointment, please let us know so we can match you up with those who are having difficulties.

Easter plans at Calvary United Methodist Church

We will be holding two services in the sanctuary that morning 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. The services will include organ and piano music and lilies and tulips to decorate the space. We will require everyone to wear a mask and practice social distancing. We ask that people let us know they are planning to attend so that we can know how many to expect.

We will have a fellowship time for people to greet one another in Memorial Park across from the church at 8:30 and 10:30 on Easter morning. People can also gather informally in the park after each of the worship services as well.

Prayer Concerns:

Members of Calvary: Robert Summers, Rita Sharpe, 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: Family of Joyce Friel, Family of Mason Smith (Friends of Leisa Moyer), Valentin-Morales family, Mary Fraser (Friend of Terri Giambarresi), Kitty Cooley (Sister of Connie Soggins), Ellie (Friend of Gloria Orrison) Eleanor Verna (Mother of Colleen West), Georgia Riggelman, 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), Mark Dixon (Friend of Rita Sharpe), Virginia Painter Floyd (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, Clark Davis (Friends of Rita Sharpe), Marion Woodward (Brother in-law to Rita Sharpe)

