

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.*

March 14, 2021

4th 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

(inspired by Psalm 107)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

We cried to the Lord in our trouble,
and God saved us from our distress:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us thank the Lord for God's steadfast love,
for God's wonderful works to all humankind.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, so often we have missed your presence because we are looking for you clothed in a particular way. Let this time of worship be an encounter with you that will enable us to behold you in all the people we meet and all the situations we greet. You are from everlasting to everlasting, so we are confident that you are here; help us to be aware of your holy presence. O Lord, enrich this act of worship with the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

UMH #452

First Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

Gospel Lesson

John 3:14-21

Response

The word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Time with the Children

Rev. Steve Larsen

Sermon

Look Up and Live

From the worship series *Rend Your Hearts: Claim the Promise*

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

"God So Loved the World"
The Choir of Clare College Cambridge

John Stainer

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

UMH #295

Benediction

Organ Voluntary

The Opening Prayer is by *T. Anne Daniel, The Africana Worship Book for Year B, Discipleship Resources, 2007, p. 130.*

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.



Holy Vessels will be the theme for this year's Lenten Program. We will examine various ways that Christ offers healing and wholeness not just through physical healing but also the restoration of emotional well-being, community, and even environmental health. We will be looking at the Gospel of Matthew and using material provided by Worship Design Study.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86927791056?pwd=cFILUGpZM0gzUVQ5QnJEQVpxSyt4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 869 2779 1056

Passcode: 131

We will be offering the study on Zoom at 7 pm each Wednesday for 5 weeks. Zoom will allow us to see each other (if you wish) and also have some conversation around the theme and the scripture lessons. We will also be recording each session and making these available on YouTube and Facebook so that people can view the session at a different time or without having to use ZOOM.

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:

Recent Passing: Lucille Etzler

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: Mary Fraser (Friend of Terri Giambarresi), Kitty Cooley (Sister of Connie Soggins), Family of Daniel Eichner (Cousin of Eric Anderson), Ellie (Friend of Gloria Orrison) Eleanor Verna (Mother of Colleen West), Sonja Sharpe and family (Niece of Rita Sharpe), 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), 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)

