

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 21, 2021

5th 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34)

The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.

Here in this place,

Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.

We are children of the living God.

Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!

Opening Prayer

Mighty God, you make a way for us in the chaos of the sea and give water to us in desert places: help us to live by the covenant you write on our hearts. Open us to receive the new thing you are doing. Give us grace to know Christ--the sharing of his sufferings and the power of his resurrection--that we may gain the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Amen

Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

UMH #577

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Gospel Lesson

John 12:20-33

Response

The word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

UMH #881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon

Written on the Heart

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.

Anthem

"Set Me as a Seal upon Your Heart"
Sanctuary Choir

arr. David Childs

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

UMH #399

Benediction

Organ Voluntary

The Call to Worship was written by Amy Loving, and posted on The Worship Closet: The Place for Creative Worship Ideas, <http://worshipcloset.com/baptism-of-the-lord-sunday-year-b-words-for-worship/>.

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.

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.

Getting vaccinated can be one way that we show love to our neighbors.

With limited supplies, it's not been easy to get the vaccination. It's 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.



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:

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), 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 (Friend of Rita Sharpe)