

**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 9, 2025

The First Sunday of Lent 10:00 a.m. Worship Service



Prelude

“Arioso”

by J. S. Bach

Welcome and announcements

\*Call to Worship (read responsively)

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

**Who is my neighbor?**

**How can I help?**

**What do I have to learn?**

**Where is God in it all?**

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

**So may we listen. May we learn.**

**May we stay curious, and may we look for God.**

This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

\*Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

UMH #127

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (said together)

**Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics. We want to know: Who is our neighbor? Do we have to love the stranger? Must we have compassion for our enemy?**

**Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love.**

**Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass. With hope we pray, Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness (read responsively)

Family of faith, when we set limits on love,

**God loves extravagantly.**

When we forget that we are neighbors,

**God claims us as God's own.**

When we judge, hold back, or harm,

**God surrounds us with grace.**

There is nothing we can do or leave undone that could separate us from the love of God.

**This is the good news of the gospel. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-3 and 8-11

Cindy Mills

Anthem

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” arranged by Dwight Elrich  
Sanctuary Choir, Joyce Summers, pianist

\*Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:25-37

Cindy Mills

\*Response

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Time With the Children

*Following the Time with the Children, all children in K-5th grade are invited to Children's Church in the Chapel. Parents are asked to walk their children to narthex/lobby where they will find the children's church leader.*

\*Hymn

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

UMH #269

Sermon

Between Stranger & Neighbor

Rev. Steve Larsen

Time for Reflection and Commitment

Joys and Concerns

*Please share birthdays, anniversaries, and moments of joy as well as prayer concerns that are weighing on your heart. If you don't feel comfortable sharing these out loud, feel free to write a note in the red attendance pad.*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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.**

We Offer Our Gifts and Tithes

*Our giving is a joyful and prayerful response to God's gifts to us.*

*Checks can also be sent to the church office at 131 West 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Frederick, MD 21701.*

*Online payments can be made easily and securely by going to [www.Calvaryumc.org/give/](http://www.Calvaryumc.org/give/). You can make a one-time gift or set up ongoing electronic payments. Please use this time to register your attendance here today in the red folders found in the pews.*

Offertory

“In This Holy Place”

by Bertha Frick

\*Doxology

UMH #298, st. 4

**Where the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

“Be Still, My Soul”

UMH #534

\*Dismissal with Blessing

As you leave this place,  
may you find God in every messy middle.  
May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.  
May you trust that you are made in the image of God,  
and therefore, you contain multitudes.  
So may you move through this world with an open heart,  
with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone.  
God is with you in the mountains,  
in the valleys, and everywhere in between.  
Believe that good news, and go in peace.  
**Amen.**

\*Postlude

“Postlude in D”

by Chester Nordman

\*Going Forth

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## Lenten Worship Series



Throughout this season of Lent, we will be looking at several familiar stories found in the Gospel of Luke that point two or more things that Jesus holds together in creative tension. What may seem to be opposites can turn out to be where we find God is most present.

The theme, artwork and many prayers for our worship services in the season of Lent are adapted from | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)

**Ushers:** Richard Delauter, Judy Wilson, Linda Watson-Higgins, Paul Muehl, Dave Mills

**Coffee Host:** David Cline

**Acolyte:** Mikey Mills

**Ushers Needed!** Please contact Dave Mills at [dacmills78@gmail.com](mailto:dacmills78@gmail.com) if you are interested in becoming an usher.

**Children's Sunday School for Preschool 3-Year-Olds through 5<sup>th</sup> Graders.** Join us for songs, snacks, crafts, and Bible learning! We meet in the Activities Room of the Education Building from **9:00 - 9:45 a.m. every Sunday.** For more information, please contact [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org) or sign up using this link:

<https://calvaryfrederick.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/113/responses/new>

**Acolytes Needed:** Dates have been added to the sign-up list! Please use this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4aa9a82aa4ff2-acolyte/18827003#/> If you have any questions please contact Stefanie Harris at [jujubee820@yahoo.com](mailto:jujubee820@yahoo.com)

## Sing-Along Hymn Singing on March 16th

Everybody from the congregation is invited to join the Sanctuary choir in singing hymn 2140 from TFWS hymnal "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" during the anthem slot on Sunday, March 16th. The rehearsal will be in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am. Participation in the rehearsal is optional but helpful. Please consider joining us in singing this graceful hymn.



Veggie Tale Movie Night!

**6 - 7 p.m. Friday, March 14**

Ages 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Pizza! Movie! Discussion! Craft!

Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket and pillow! Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48352788-veggie>



**5:30 – 7 p.m. Sunday, March 23**

Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Join us to help others and make a difference in the world! Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48584528-mission>



## **Please join us for a Family Easter Celebration!**

**2 – 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19, 2025**

Calvary's Parish Hall

Please register at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48405082-calvarys>

Contact [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org) for more information.

*Donations of small candies, stickers and prizes are being collected to stuff in Easter Eggs from March 9 – April 6! Thank you!*

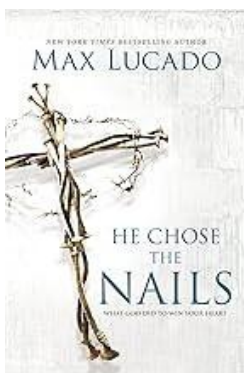
**Calvary's first Lenten Recital** on **Wednesday, March 12 at 5:30 pm** will feature **Wayne L. Wold**, DMA, AAGO. He is Director of Music at First Lutheran Church in Ellicott City, Maryland; Adjunct Associate Professor and Director of the Church Music Institute at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia; Professor Emeritus and College Organist at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland; and an active clinician, speaker, and workshop leader. He holds degrees from Shenandoah University, Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, and Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. His website is at [waynelwold.com](http://waynelwold.com). The program at Calvary will include selections by J. S. Bach, Fela Sowande, Augusta Holmés as well as Dr. Wold own compositions. All are welcome!

### **Lenten Study**

We are pleased to announce our speaker and theme for our Lenten Study this year, starting on **Wednesday, March 12**. The Rev. Dr. William ("Gilen") Thompson-Uberuaga, is an author, retired priest of the Episcopal Church and an emeritus professor of theology at Duquesne University (Pittsburgh). He will lead us through a study of the Lord's Prayer. Each session will include a light supper (optional) shared in Parish Hall at 6 p.m., followed by the program at 6:45 p.m.

### **Confirmation Classes**

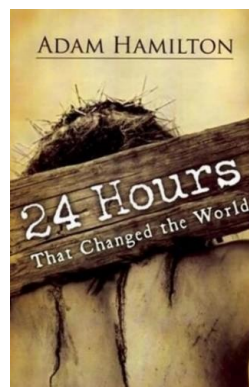
Confirmation classes provide the opportunity for young people to learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ and a professed member of the church. We will offer confirmation classes to students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grades starting Sunday, March 9. The classes will be offered on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School time, 9 – 9:45 a.m. with Pastor Steve and Jenn Duthoy teaching the classes.



### **Prepare for Easter**

Walk with Jesus  
every step of the way

New in our Mobile Library:  
*24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton  
and *He Chose the Nails* by  
Max Lucado



## Prayer Concerns:

### **Members of Calvary:**

Isam Ballenger, Carol Fennington, Josephine Lozinski, Jim Dobbs, Patricia Pettingall, Rev. Ken Humbert, Mike Isaacs, Jackie Grimes, Helen Alysmeier, Nancy Huffman, Gracie Heller, Jack Heller, Lois Pacheco, Rita Sharpe, Ann Crum, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffiee, Nancy Dobbs, Judy Allen, John Stenner

### **Friends of Calvary:**

Wendi Cyford (Friend of Angie and Eric Anderson), Marcy (Friend of Julie Schwarzenberg), Agnes Dobson (Mother of Grace Dobson), Jan Bates (Aunt to Leisa Moyer), Ruth Spring (Friend of Stephanie Felton), Dom Norris (Friend of Drew Irving), Jan Nefflen (Friend of Peggy Rhoderick), Eileen Morrow (Cousin of Karen Gebhart), Angela Gorens (Friend of Stephanie Felton), Jerry Black (Son-in-law of Betsy Bryant), Drew Wilson, Marie Slovikosky Miller, and Mike Miller (Brother and Sister-in-law of Nancy Slovikosky), Sarah Jenkins (Sister of Mary Crum), Cheryl Christine (Chris) Irving (Wife of Drew Irving), Allan Huffman (Son of Nancy Huffman), Brian Jones (Friend of the Linda & Scott English), Scott Berry, Janet Stone (Mother of Jeff Stone), Hope Patterson (Sister of Charlotte Pasquerette), Ken Kessel (Brother of Susan Baggette), Kitty Cooley (Sister of Connie Scoggins), Suzanne Simpson and Adam Shake (Sister & brother-in-law to Christy Mossburg), Alice and Becky Woodward (Family of Rita Sharpe), Virginia Painter Floyd, Jill and Tracy Sizemore, Gil Crippen, Jim Clark, Ida Durden, and Janella Walls, Louise Brieto (Family Members and Friends of Rita Sharpe)

## March 9, 2025 ~ March 16, 2025

Today, Sunday, March 9

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir  
3:00 p.m. Concert  
5:00 p.m. VIM Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, March 10

7:00 p.m. SHP Team Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Trustees

Tuesday, March 11

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Handbells  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Wednesday, March 12

5:30 p.m. Lenten Recital  
6:00 p.m. Lenten Study

Friday, March 14

6:00 p.m. Veggie Tale Movie

Saturday, March 15

9:30 a.m. WRS

Next Sunday, March 16

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group



Easter Lilies and Tulips Order  
Deadline to place orders by March 14, 2025  
Lilies 6-inch pots \$19.00 each  
Tulips 6-inch bulbs \$15.00 each  
(Please return to church office)

Dedication: **PLEASE PRINT**

In MEMORY of \_\_\_\_\_

In HONOR  
of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tulips \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers will be available for pick up after Easter Sunday services. Pick up is no later than Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Parish Hall.



Save the Date! Saturday, May 31, 2:00 p.m. Pastor Steve's Retirement tribute and reception. Look for more details to come.

Looking for a men's black wool overcoat that was taken by mistake after the February 23<sup>rd</sup> worship service. It is a CHAPS brand, black, wool, long topcoat. Dave Mills has the other person's coat. Please see Dave in the in Narthex for the switch.



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