

**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 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude

“God Will Take Care of You”

Words by Civilla Martin, music by W. Stillman Martin

Children’s Choir, Armani Gough, Savannah Muehl and Camden Webster, soloists  
Joyce Summers, pianist

\*Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Welcome, announcements

\*Call to Worship (read responsively)

Worship is a place to rest.

**We breathe deeply here. We still our aching bones. We sit in the quiet.**

We surround ourselves with music.

**Worship is a place to rest. Worship is a place to grow.**

**We listen for God’s word.**

We invite it to challenge us.

**We lean in with curiosity. We ask questions. Worship is a place to grow.**

So come into this space.

**Come rest and grow here.**

**For where two or more are gathered,**

**God is always there.**

Let us worship our gracious God.

\*Hymn

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

UMH #500

## Opening Prayer

**Loving God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, and your ways are not our ways, yet your patience with us is great and your love for us is even greater. You have been our help in times of trouble—tending to us and caring for us. Gather us beneath your wings now that we might feel safe, and in the warmth of that safety find the strength to be vulnerable, honest, repentant, and joyful. Clinging to you, we join our hearts and minds for worship with the help of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Sacrament of Baptism

Edward (Ned) Calabrese

Son of Amanda and David Calabrese

### *Introduction and baptismal questions to the parents*

### *The baptismal questions to the congregation*

Do you, as Christ's body the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness  
that he may grow in service to others. We will pray for him that he  
may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

### *Thanksgiving Over the Water*

Let us pray.

Eternal God:

When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

**Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.

He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare the Lord's works to the nations,  
God's glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and he who receive it, to wash away his sin, and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in Christ's final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal God,  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

*Baptism with Laying on of Hands*

*Commendation and Welcome*

Members of the household of God, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our witness, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Scripture Lesson          1 Corinthians 10:1-13          Beth Strakonsky

Anthem                                  "Somebody's Knockin' at the Door"  
                                        Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Richard Proulx  
                                David Cline, Brad Davy, Rev. Glenn Griffith, Dr. Ray Moreland, soloist  
                                        Sanctuary Choir

\*Gospel Lesson          Luke 13:6-9          Beth Strakonsky

\*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

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

UMH #381

Sermon

Rest & Growth

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

“At the Name of Jesus”

setting by Douglas E. Wagner

\*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

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

UMH #671

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude

“Adagio”

by John Bennett

\*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)

### Help Wanted

The church is looking for someone to serve as a host for the Blood Drives we hold five times a year with the American Red Cross. To learn more, contact Pastor Steve ([revsteve@calvaryumc.org](mailto:revsteve@calvaryumc.org)) or Eric Anderson ([eric.anderson@frederickshabitat.org](mailto:eric.anderson@frederickshabitat.org))

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

**Coffee Host:** Beth Strakonsky

**Acolyte:** Savannah Muehl

**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)

As we begin this Lenten season, we are reminded that Lent is a time of reflection, sacrifice, and service. It is a season when we look inward to grow spiritually and outward to live out our faith in meaningful ways.

**Every Member in Ministry Survey** is a simple but powerful way for each of us to discern how we can serve within our church community. Just as Jesus humbled Himself to serve others, we are called to use our time and talents to uplift those around us. Whether it's through hospitality, missions, teaching, or outreach, there is a place for everyone to give back.

You will find the survey – and our Ministry Guide – in the pews, Narthex, and Welcome Center. Please return your surveys at your earliest convenience.

## 2025 Lenten Recital Series

**Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

Calvary UMC will once again present 30-minute organ recitals during the season of Lent. The recitals will feature Calvary UMC's new Cornel Zimmer Pipe Organ, Opus 167. The recitals will offer a time for meditation and reflection while enjoying a remarkable repertoire of beautiful sacred and secular selections.

March 26                    John Widmann, Organist

April 2                     John Widmann, Organist & Kareem Abdelmoneim, Tenor

**Anna Lapwood Concert Ticket Pick-Up:** If you requested tickets in January, they will be available during coffee hour today, March 23 and next Sunday, March 30. Please see Joyce Summers at the Welcome Center.



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

**2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19, 2025**

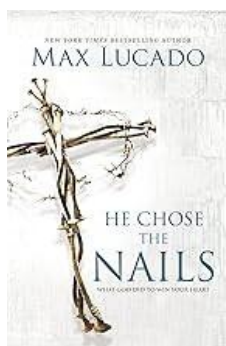
Calvary UMC Parish Hall

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!*



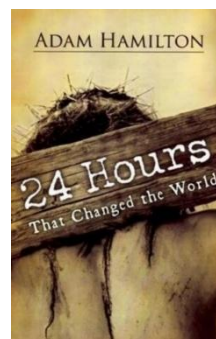
**Prepare for Easter**

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



**It's here! Our Pipe Organ History** book preserves the stories of Calvary UMC's pipe organs since 1895. It also includes an extensive color pictorial of our new Zimmer organ. A sample copy will be available at the Welcome Center in the Parish Hall. If you would like to purchase a copy, contact Cathy in the church office. The cost is \$15.



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

**Prayer Concerns:**

**Members of Calvary:**

Isam Ballenger, Jim Dobbs, Patricia Pettingall, Mike Isaacs, Jackie Grimes, Helen Alysmeayer, 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 23, 2025 ~ March 30, 2025**

Today, Sunday, March 23

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Children’s Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Mission Kids Possible
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, March 24

- 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, March 25

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

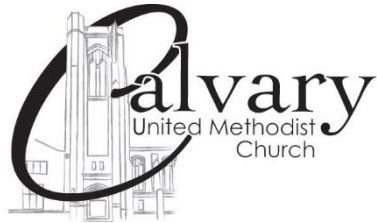
Wednesday, March 26

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

Next Sunday, March 30

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Children’s Choir





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