

THIS WEEK

If you have a special prayer request please fill out a pink card, found in the pews, bring it forward and place it on the communion table either before the service or during the first hymn.

WEDNESDAY:

6:15 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
7:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Practice
5:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

May 10th

12 Noon Annie Armstrong Circle meeting in the Social Room, Alta Schuster is hostess. Please bring a sandwich.

Needles and News 7:30 p.m. meeting in the home of Libby Field.

Make plans to come to the **Church Picnic on Saturday June 12th** at Rocky Point Park.

May 22nd Towson Unitarian Universalist Church has invited Calvary to join them in a Scavenger Hunt. It will begin in our church parking lot at noon and last 4 hours... I think it will be fun... Here is a clip from their flyer:

Q. What is the Treasure Hunt?

*A. It's a challengin, fun, family-friendly contest that will be taking place in the streets of Towson on **Saturday May 22**, starting at noon. It lasts four hours. Thousands of people will be competing, including Barack Obama and Lady Gaga*

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The Calvary Baptist Church
Eleven O'clock

Towson, Maryland
May 09, 2010

<http://www.calvarybaptist-towson.org>

Frederick K. Weimert, Pastor
Ruth Kulkarni, Christian Kirby, Pastoral Staff
Glenn L. Wittstadt, Jr., Organist-Director

PRELUDE "Prelude" op.31, No.2 Anatoly Lyadov

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us

May God's face be made to shine upon us.
that Your way may be known upon earth,

Your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and
guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us;

let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord.

*HYMN 2012: "Let Us With a Joyful Mind"

INVOCATION Followed by the Lord's Prayer

(The version we use is printed on the laminated card in the pew)

WELCOME & REGISTRATION

EXTENDED LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM: "He's Always Been Faithful"
Wm. M. Runyan/Tom Fettke

PRAYER FROM THE PEOPLE Ruth Kulkarni

*OFFERING Grant us Lord, the grace of giving,
With a spirit large and free,
That ourselves and all our living
We may offer unto Thee.

OFFERTORY: "Larghetto" G. F. Handel L. Smith

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 21:22 – 22: 22:5 pg. 1086
Read by Emily Weimert

RESPONSIVE CALL TO PRAYER:

When we see one of those very famous, very dark, paintings by Rembrandt van Rijn what strikes us is that the source of the light appears to be emanating from, rather than shining on, the characters.

And it is that light that draws us into the painting.

The world where we find ourselves living now is a place on which light shines from sun and moon, and sources of light of our own making. In the world of the Revelation that will not be so:

"And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb."

This lamp, this lamb, this source of emanating light is not new to us; we have read of Jesus, and we have seen emanations of his light, shining from the faces of people whose lives have been conditioned by his love...

Mothers, grandmothers, people who have embraced us and told us we were of value... that we are loved.

Lord God we thank you for those whose lives have illuminated our days.

We thank you for those who have been washed in that crystal river, and nourished by the tree of life. We thank you for their light and pray that we too may shed that same light on others. Amen.

*HYMN 518: "Shall We Gather at the River"

THE GOSPEL: John 14: 23-29 pg. 939

SERMON: "Keeping Your Word"

*INVITATION HYMN 2237: "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

Decisions of faith are personal decisions. It is for us to choose if we will believe in God. Decisions of faith are also public and corporate decisions. When we choose to follow Jesus we are choosing to become part of the "Body of Christ", the Church. If you would like to confirm the decision you have made to begin your life of faith or continue that life as a part of this congregation, come forward as we sing the invitational hymn and speak with the worship leader about your decision.

*BENEDICTION/RESPONSE

POSTLUDE: "Majestic Postlude" Robert Lau

- Congregation standing

The sanctuary flowers are given by Libby and Charles Field in memory of their mothers.