

**OUR WORSHIP OF THE LORD** March 19, 2023

**Pastor:** Reverend William Hough

**Organist/Choir Director:** Joyce Keedy

Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** "At the Cross" E. Broughton

**\*Call to Worship**

Light has entered our world; rejoice!

Light is God's gift to each, and to all together.

**Give thanks to God for days of watchful care.**

**The steadfast love of God endures forever.**

Let those whom God has redeemed rejoice!

Let them tell the world of God's good news!

**We will thank God for wonderful works.**

**We will rejoice in God's love for all humankind.**

By God's word, we are delivered from destruction.

By God's mercy, we are healed and made whole.

**All-Our voices will join in songs of joy.**

**Our lives will offer sacrifices of thanksgiving.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn:**

Faith of Our Fathers Red Hymnal 352

**Old Testament Lesson:** Proverbs 3:1-6 pg. 987

**\*Hymn:**

Tell It to Jesus Red Hymnal: 451

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Special Music:** "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place/Enough" arr. V. Labenske  
Joyce Keedy, Piano

**Offering:**

Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Red Hymnal: 253

Offering Prayer

Offertory Music

**Children's Message**

**Dismissal:** Children to Children's Church  
Children up to Grade 5

**New Testament Lesson:** Ephesians 6:14-16 pg. 1821

**Message:** "The Shield of Faith"  
Rev. William Hough

**\*Hymn:**

Faith Is the Victory Red Hymnal 413

**\*Benediction**

*Please stay seated and enjoy the Postlude.*

**Postlude:** "Spirituoso" A. Scarlatti

\*All who are able, please stand

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Mondays, 10:00 AM through 11:00 AM: Hymns and Faith, taught by Joyce Keedy.**

**Wednesdays, 6:00 PM through 7:00 PM: Great Prayers of the Bible taught by Pastor Will.**

**Today, Play Practice for Youth and Children at 12:15 PM, every Sunday through March.**

**Throughout the month of March, we will be collecting for America for Christ.**

**Through this Lenten Season, the Church Sanctuary will be open Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM for prayer.**

## **SERMON NOTES**

**Series:** A Lenten Series on Spiritual Warfare

**Title:** “The Shield of Faith”

**Text:** Proverbs 3:1-6; Ephesians 6:14-16

### **I. Introduction**

In Paul’s day, the soldier on the battlefield protected himself with a shield. A shield which would deflect incoming spears and arrows and defend against to strike of a sword. In the same way, the believer is to protect him or herself with the Shield of Faith, from the fiery darts of temptation that Satan and the world love to throw at us. This morning I’d like for us to consider in what ways the Shield of Faith can protect the believer from temptation.

### **II. Three ways the Shield of Faith protects against Satan’s fiery darts of temptation.**

- A. First of all, the Shield of Faith reminds the believer to look to Christ and His strength to overcome temptation.
- B. Secondly, the Shield of Faith opens the eyes to the danger residing in temptation.
- C. Thirdly, the Shield of Faith reminds the believer of the forgiveness of Christ when he or she might give into temptation.

### **III. Conclusion**



## **Holy Week**

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 AM**  
**Palm Sunday Service**

**Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**  
**Maundy Thursday Service**

**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**  
**Good Friday Service**

**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM**  
**Easter Sunday Service**



## CRAFT DAY

There is a Craft Day planned for Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

We are going to create diamond dot paintings. The picture is of a wooden cross saying "He is Risen" The kits cost only \$5.00. If you would like to join us, please let Pastor Will or Annette know so that we can order you a kit.



## **GAME NIGHT**

Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>,  
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

All are invited for a night of fun, games, fellowship, and food.

If you would like to bring a dish to share, please email the Church at:

[amy@calvarybaptist-towson.org](mailto:amy@calvarybaptist-towson.org).

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## America for Christ Offering 2023

### JOYA Scholars

Since 2009, JOYA Scholars has inspired and prepared more than 100 junior high, high school, and college students from low-income families in Fullerton, California, to succeed through higher education. These students are primarily from Latinx and immigrant families residing in Fullerton's Garnet and Maple neighborhoods.

Through our College Readiness Program, our team addresses the issue of education access within marginalized communities. Junior high and high school students participate in mentoring, tutoring, our College Apps Academy, Service & Leadership Academy, and more. Meanwhile, their parents enroll in our Parent Academy.

In 2020-2021, nearly 100 students participated in 2,100 virtual hours of our College Readiness Program. Despite the pandemic, more students participated in our program that year than in any single previous year. Sixteen high school graduates and three college students earned more than \$26,000 in scholarships awarded by our partners.

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Also, during the pandemic, several high school students attended two virtual student leadership trainings, and our alumni network expanded from 31 to 47 students. Our Parent Academy doubled from 15 to 30 participants, our 45 volunteers served more than 1,400 hours, and our team coordinated \$80,000 in direct relief to over 500 neighborhood families who experienced job, housing, and food insecurity.