FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTH ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

9:30 AM. APRIL 25, 2021

“As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” John 17:21b

CALL TO WORSHIP: God says, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.” Let us worship our redeeming God.

INVOCATION: You, O God, are mighty forever. You cause the wind to blow and the rain to fall. You sustain the living, give life to the dead, support the falling, loose those who are bound, and keep your faith with those who sleep in the dust. Who is like you, O God of mighty acts? We laud your majesty even as we pray together the prayer our Savior taught us when he said, “Our Father….”

ACT OF PRAISE: Psalm 23
1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths
   for his name’s sake.
4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
   for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
   you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
   and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 17:1-4, 15-26
17:1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.
15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.
20 “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given
them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

MESSAGE: Christ’s Vision for Us

CLOSING PRAYER: Grant to us, O Lord, to know that which is worth knowing, to love that which is worth loving, to praise that which pleases you most, to esteem that which is most precious unto you, and to dislike whatsoever is evil in your eyes. Grant us true judgment to distinguish things that differ, and above all to search out and do what is well pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.