

# Hymns of Praise

HYMNS OF CALVARY: WEEK ONE

*Celebrating hymnody and  
hymn writers that have  
brought us together.*

CALVARY

**United Methodist Church**

*A Reconciling Congregation*

**September 6, 2020**

# **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION**

## **GATHERING**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Singing Our Way In: Abide with Me (UMH 700)**

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

3. I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O God, abide with me.

## Invitation to Holy Presence/Centering Prayer

### Call to Worship by: Carol Penner

One: Our call to worship is from Micah 6:8

God has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

One: Let us pray:

**All: It is good to be together, God,  
on these screens, with these people,  
together listening for your voice,  
united by your Spirit.**

**In this time of worship  
tell us about your kingdom of kindness  
so that we can seek it.**

**Show us your justice.**

**We want to walk with you,  
humbly, closely, daily.**

**Opening Hymn:** O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing UMH 57

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.

4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.

5. He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come,  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know,  
shall feel your sins forgiven;  
anticipate your heaven below,  
and own that love is heaven.

## **Passing the Peace**

ONE: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## **CENTERING**

**Community Prayer:** A Prayer for Schools and Virtual Learning by: Rev. Calvin Collins [ALL = Lorelle Becton]

**All: Gracious and Loving God, we pray for protection in our schools. This time of pandemic causes us to think twice before sending our children or grandchildren or who we are guardians for to this learning environment. We pray that you would put a shield of protection upon the schools and upon the teachers and students that are present. For those virtual learning environments, we pray that we might help that**

**need of access to internet for those that don't have it. We pray that you might provide patience for the parents and guardians in this unique time of pandemic. Protect the bus drivers and those that help transporting our precious children, grandchildren and students to and from school. Be with the school administrators and those that are making difficult decisions for the future of the classroom being in person or virtual. Protect the school nurses that are putting their lives on the line to protect our children and grandchildren. Give guidance, give peace, give patience to the teachers, students, and administrators in this new learning environment. We thank you for those that are present in this sacred space that have dedicated their existence and life to teaching. We thank you that they have been called into this work, but we know that they did not expect to encounter such difficulty and pandemic when they answered the call to teach. We pray for students that do not have food and those families that are working to make ends meet, but in the time of pandemic it causes so much financial difficulty. Gracious and Loving God, be with us this day and every day. Be our rock when we need strength, be our peace in times where peace is nowhere to be found. Be our reason when it seems like there is no reasoning. We ask all this together in the name of Jesus, amen.**

### **Silent Prayer**

**Special Music** "Our Ruth" by Greg Scott, Sung by Ruth Naomi Floyd and Calvary Choir

Scripture Reading

Psalm 149: 1-9

## A Reading from Psalm 149: 1-9

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel be glad in its Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise God's name with dancing,  
making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.

<sup>4</sup> For the Lord takes pleasure in the people;  
God adorns the humble with victory.

<sup>5</sup> Let the faithful exult in glory;  
let them sing for joy on their couches.

<sup>6</sup> Let the high praises of God be in their throats  
and two-edged swords in their hands,

<sup>7</sup> to execute vengeance on the nations  
and punishment on the peoples,

<sup>8</sup> to bind their kings with fetters  
and their nobles with chains of iron,

<sup>9</sup> to execute on them the judgment decreed.  
This is glory for all of God's faithful ones.

Praise the Lord!

### **Choral Alleluia**

**Sermon:** Hymns of Praise: Charles Wesley

### **SHARING**

#### **Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns**

"Thanks be to God" or "God, hear our prayer"

**Prayer Response:** A Charge to Keep, I Have (UMH 413)

A charge to keep I have,  
A God to glorify,

A never-dying soul to save,  
And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age,  
My calling to fulfill:  
Oh, may it all my pow'rs engage  
To do my Master's will!

Arm me with jealous care,  
As in Thy sight to live;  
And O Thy servant, Lord, prepare  
A strict account to give!

Help me to watch and pray,  
And on Thyself rely,  
Assured, if I my trust betray,  
I shall forever die.

**Communion Preparation Hymn:** Love Divine, All Loves  
Excelling (UMH 384)

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n to earth come down:  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find the promised rest:  
take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its Beginning,

set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be:  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
'til in heav'n we take our place,  
'til we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**Holy Communion:** “Broken” by Rev. Calvin Collins [ALL =  
Lorelle Becton]

One: We are Broken

**All: Broken and spilled**

One: We are Broken

**All: Broken and hurt**

One: We are Broken

**All: Broken and pained**

One: We are Broken

**All: Broken and incomplete**

One: We are Broken

**All: Broken and unaccepted**

One: Broken

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**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of Power and Might  
Heaven and Earth are Full of Your Glory  
Hosanna in The Highest. Blessed is the One who comes  
In The Name of The Lord, Hosanna in The Highest,  
Hosanna in The Highest.**

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...remembrance of me.

**All: We remember Christ, the one who died for our  
brokenness.**

...

...This is my blood which is shed for you.

**All: We remember Christ, the one who died for our  
brokenness.**

...

...mystery of faith

**All: Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again**

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**All: Loving God, here and everywhere, help us proclaim  
your values and bring in your New World. Supply us our  
day-to-day needs. Forgive us for wounding you, while we  
forgive those who wound us. Give us courage to meet life's  
trials and deal with evil's power.**

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During Communion: "God's Table" by: Greg Scott

## **ENGAGING**

### **Benediction and Blessing**

## ***A Prayer for Teachers by Rev. Carol Penner***

Go into the year,  
ready to learn and to serve.  
Go into the year,  
ready to share knowledge and hope.  
Go into the year,  
prepared to do your best  
knowing that will be good enough.  
Go into the year,  
there is compassion enough for all of us.  
Go into the year,  
we are in this together.  
Go into this year,  
which is a gift that will show us  
more about ourselves  
than we have ever known.  
Go in peace.

### **Singing Our Way Out: "Let the Church Say Amen"**

Let the church say, "Amen" (*repeat*)  
God has spoken, let the church say, "Amen"

Go in Peace ... Live in Peace

*The service has ended. Our service to the community of West  
Philadelphia and the world continues!*

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# September 6, 2020 – Announcements

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## CALENDAR

**Today:** virtual worship: Communion

**Sat, Oct 3:** annual Charge Conference. 1pm via Zoom. Please contact James Ker ([jker@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:jker@sas.upenn.edu)) if you wish to attend—all are welcome.

## SURVEY ON VIRTUAL WORSHIP follow-up:

- Thank you to all who responded: your thoughts and feelings were heard and are proving valuable.
- Upshot:
  - appreciation for being able to see and hear one another virtually and to worship together
  - ideas for adjusting use of technology, format, and focus
- A new Worship Committee is working on ways to implement and/or experiment. It's not too late to join: please contact James ([jker@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:jker@sas.upenn.edu)).

## VISITING WITH US?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason(s) you chose to join us this morning! Since we aren't able to greet you in person during this coronavirus pandemic, please contact Pastor Calvin ([Pastorcalvin@allmeansall.org](mailto:Pastorcalvin@allmeansall.org)) if you have any questions or prayer concerns.

## INVITATIONS / OPPORTUNITIES

### Calvary Email List

If you're not on the Calvary email list and want to be, or think you are but aren't seeing emails from us, contact the church office ([office@allmeansall.org](mailto:office@allmeansall.org)).

## **Other Email Lists?**

You may like to receive email updates from other groups with which Calvary is involved. If so, here's more info:

- POWER: [powerinterfaith.org](http://powerinterfaith.org)
- New Sanctuary Movement: [sanctuaryphiladelphia.org](http://sanctuaryphiladelphia.org)
- PA Interfaith Power & Light: [info@paipl.org](mailto:info@paipl.org)
- Reconciling United Methodists of Eastern PA:  
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- Eastern PA Conference (UMC): [epaumc.org](http://epaumc.org)

## **Want to Help with Worship?**

For the time being, as long as we're gathering virtually for worship, if you would like to participate by leading the Call to Worship or reading scripture, please contact Pastor Calvin ([pastorcalvin@allmeansall.org](mailto:pastorcalvin@allmeansall.org)).

## **Volunteer with Nursery and Calvary Kids**

We're always looking for more volunteers to work with our children during worship (and beyond)! All volunteers must be involved in the congregation for at least six months, and complete background clearances in compliance with all state laws. If you're interested, please contact Tim Emmett-Rardin ([timstuer@gmail.com](mailto:timstuer@gmail.com)).

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## **CALVARY PRAYER LIST**

NOTE: *If you would like to send a card or email/call and need contact information, check the Calvary Directory or contact the church office. **To add, remove or update a prayer request, please contact Pastor Calvin** ([Pastorcalvin@allmeansall.org](mailto:Pastorcalvin@allmeansall.org)).*