

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"The fullness of joy is to behold
God in everything. God is the
ground, the substance, the teaching,
the purpose, and the reward
for which every soul labors."*

- Julian of Norwich

January 15, 2023

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Human Relations Day

GATHERING

Prelude: "40" (U2 / perf. by Facething Music, with Angel Montoya)

***You're invited to be in silence during the Prelude,
as we transition together into this sacred time and space.***

Welcome / Announcements

- **Thanks to Lesley Curtis**, our guest preacher!
- **Clothing drive for newly arriving immigrants:**
 - allmeansall.org/clothing
- **Bible Study: Lectio(nary) Divina**
 - timing TBD / allmeansall.org/bible-study
- **Adult Ed Book Study: Original Blessing**
 - Mondays, 8-9 am OR 12-1 pm OR 7:30-8:30 pm
 - allmeansall.org/adult-ed
- **Story Circles:** allmeansall.org/story-circles
 - contact Amy (aemmettrardin@gmail.com) to sign up for the next round of matches
- **Worship volunteers:** tinyurl.com/worship-help

Calendar

Tuesday, Jan 17

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- **7 pm:** Finance Committee

Thursday, Jan 19, 6 pm: POWER West/SW Cluster Meeting

- Mosaic Church / 123 S. 51st St
- contact Eriks (eriksslush@hotmail.com) to get involved with Calvary's POWER Team

Sunday, Jan 22

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **7:30-8:30 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group
 - biweekly through Feb 19 / weekly, Feb 26 - Apr 2
 - allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Visiting With Us?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason you chose to join us! We strive to make our worship space (in-person and virtual) as welcoming and accommodating of different needs as possible. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact Pastor Tim.

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, please contact the church office (office@allmeansall.org).

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "40" (U2 – adapted)

I waited patiently for (my God)
(You) inclined and heard my cry
(You) brought me up out of the pit
Out of the miry clay

I will sing, sing a new song (2x)

How long to sing this song? (2x)

How long, how long, how long

How long to sing this song?

You set my feet upon a rock
And made my footsteps firm
Many will see, many will see and fear (Chorus)

Call to Worship (Beth Merrill Neel – adapted)

One: Children of God: welcome!

ALL: Welcome to this place of love and grace.

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

ALL: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

ALL: We are welcome and loved, just as we are.

One: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

ALL: Let us praise our God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" (UMH #89, adapted lyrics)

Joyful, joyful, we adore (you),
God of glory, (source) of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before (you),
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All (your) works with joy surround (you),
earth and heaven reflect (your) rays,
stars and angels sing around (you),
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
(teach us what our praise should be).

(You) are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
(God Creator, Christ our brother,
all who love belong to you);
teach us how to love each other,
(by that love our joy renew).

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (*Christian Aid website – adapted*)

God of revelation and epiphany, through the words of the prophets you have shown us the world of your dreaming and longing: a world built on justice, overflowing with plenty, and crowned with joy. And through the coming of Emmanuel – his living and loving, his words and actions – you have shown us how such a world might be fashioned.

Help us to hold and grow into these understandings; and, like Jesus, may we be ready to live generously, love expansively, speak boldly and act courageously, that the kingdom of your dreaming, with its justice, abundance and joy, may become the present reality for all creation. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 40:1-11

I waited patiently for the (Holy One); (God) inclined to me and heard my cry. **2** (God) drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. **3** (God) put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the (Holy One). **4** Happy are those who make the (Holy One) their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods. **5** You have multiplied, O (Holy One) my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted. **6** Sacrifice

and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. **7** Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. **8** I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." **9** I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O (Holy One). **10** I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. **11** Do not, O (Holy One), withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! **30** This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' **31** I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." **32** And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. **33** I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' **34** And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, **36** and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" **37** The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. **38** When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him,

"Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" **39** He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. **40** One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. **41** He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). **42** He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

One: The word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Empathy, Intuition and Opacity"

Song: "Whoever Sees, Whoever Hears" (*tune: UMH #408 / lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray – adapted*)

Whoever sees, whoever hears
with willing ear and wakened mind,
delivers hope, gives love a shape,
creates God's (kindom) new-designed.

Whoever weeps with those who weep,
who shares the joy when joy explodes,
gives time and space, sits face to face,
is tuned to sense the Spirit's modes.

To truly care, become aware,
to listen well, be called a friend,
is to be true and follow through
to where the (kindom) lines extend.

And could it be this judges me,
that I might change the smallest part,
exploring more beyond my door,
to map the (kindom) of the heart?

Then let me see perceptively
what Jesus taught and faith defines:
give love its scope, deliver hope
and live the (kindom) God designs.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

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

Sung Response *(tune: UMH #175 / lyrics: John Pritchard)*

O Loving Heart, O Blessed Arms,
hold all we bring to you—
our hopes, our fears, our joy and tears,
our pledge your will to do.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: "The Trees of the Field" *(TFWS #2279)*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field,
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, *(clap 2x)*
the trees of the field will clap their hands, *(clap 2x)*
the trees of the field will clap their hands *(clap 2x)*
while you go out with joy.

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Let the Church Say Amen" *(Andraé Crouch)*

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

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