

Calvary United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"To each is given the
manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good."*

- 1 Corinthians 12:7

January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "Glory" (*John Legend, Common, Rhymefest / performed by John Legend and Common*)

Welcome / Announcements

Announcements

- **Lectionary Discussion Group** and **On Being Discussion Group** (*both online and ongoing*)
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up for either or both

Calendar

Today, Jan 16, 8-9 pm: Spiritual Reflection Group
(*biweekly through Feb, weekly during Lent*)

- info at allmeansall.org/srg

Tuesday, Jan 18

- **12-12:30 pm:** Midweek Prayer
 - info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality
- **6 pm:** Finance Committee

Sunday, Jan 23, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Virtual Worship /
Service of Healing & Wholeness

Sunday, Jan 30, 1 pm (following worship): Congregational Meeting

- to provide updates and answer questions regarding the future of the Calvary building

Visiting With Us?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason you chose to join us! We invite you to fill out a Visitor Form at **allmeansall.org/visitors**; for those worshipping in person, someone will share a form with you during the service.

We strive to make our worship space (in person and virtual) as welcoming and accommodating of different needs as possible. If you have any concerns or questions regarding accessibility, 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).

Singing Our Way In: "Return to Me" (*Rickie Byars*)

Return to me

Return to me

With every breath

Return

End and begin with me

With every breath

Return

Return to love . . .

Return to peace . . .

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 36:5-10*)

One: Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

ALL: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.

One: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

ALL: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

One: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

ALL: Let us sing praises to the God, our life and our light, whose steadfast love continues forever. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: "We Sing to You, O God" (*TFWS #2001*)

We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth,
let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth.

To you, O God, let songs be raised,
in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.

We wandered far from home out in a desert land,
you shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band.
You kept us safe within your arms
and sheltered us against the storm.

You bear us through the world, an eagle to her young,
who rises on her wings and bears us toward the sun.
We ride the vaults of light and air
and trust in your unfailing care.

O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings,
the everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.
Your word is true, your way is just,
you are the God in whom we trust.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer

Gracious and Holy One, there is much in this world and in our lives that deals in distraction and disorientation. Focus us. Focus and refocus us to see the world, each other, ourselves, as you do. Soften and open our hearts to love the world, our neighbors, our enemies, ourselves, as you do.

Gracious and Holy One, there is much in this world and in our lives that tends toward tunnel vision and short-sightedness. Release us. Stretch us beyond narrow self-absorption and self-seeking to the spaciousness and abundance of common good. Restore our peripheral vision, wide as yours.

And with renewed vision and commitment, O God of mystery and miracle, transform the water of our lives into the wine of your love. For all. For all means all. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; **5** and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; **6** and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. **7** To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. **8** To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, **10** to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11** All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. **3** When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." **4** And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." **5** His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7** Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. **8** He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. **9** When the steward tasted the water that had

become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom **10** and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Common Good"

Hymn of Response: "Many Gifts, One Spirit" (UMH #114)

God of change and glory, God of time and space
when we fear the future, give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways
give us still the grace to praise.

Refrain

*Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise
one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word
known in many ways, hallowing our days.
For the giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!*

God of many colors, God of many signs,
you have made us different, blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear,
let your love cast out our fear. (Refrain)

Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,
you are still creating endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part,
many gifts from one great heart. (Refrain)

SHARING

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

We appreciate your keeping up with pledged and other giving while we worship virtually – via check/money order, online (allmeansall.org/donate) or cash (in person at the church office)!

Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns

“Thanks be to God” or “God, hear our prayer”

Prayer Response *(tune: UMH #237 / lyrics: John Pritchard)*

God in Christ among us, hold us now, we pray.
Gather all our sorrows and our joys today.
Into us breathe the loving gift we need.
Let your Holy Spirit guide us as we leave.

Closing Hymn: “Lead On, O God of Justice”

(tune: UMH #580 / lyrics: Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

Lead on, O God of justice, your vision calls us forth,
to life where all are cherished,
and know their sacred worth,
where all have what they need
to be who they can be,
and all know their belonging
and live in peace and free.

Lead on, O God of justice, as Jesus shows the way,
and gives to us your Spirit,
and guides us day by day.
Your courage and compassion,
your love flow through our veins
for those we cast aside,
who bear oppression’s chains.

Lead on, O God of justice, your fiery pillar burn
in us to heal the world,
to make injustice turn.
To change our evil systems,

your Spirit sets us free.
Though long the road and tiring,
you bear us faithfully.

ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "We Shall Overcome"

(African American spiritual / UMH #533)

We shall overcome, *(repeat)*

We shall overcome someday!

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe

we shall overcome someday!

We'll walk hand in hand . . .

We shall all be free . . .

We shall live in peace . . .

We shall overcome . . .

Postlude: "We Shall Overcome" *(arranged by Wendell P. Whalum / performed by Morehouse College Glee Club)*

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