

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"And he said to them, 'Follow me,
and I will make you fish for people.'"*

- Matthew 4:19

January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "These are the Words" (*Patti Smith*)

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

Welcome / Announcements

- **Winter clothing drive for newly arriving immigrants:**
 - allmeansall.org/clothing
- **Story Circles:** allmeansall.org/story-circles
 - contact Amy (aemmettrardin@gmail.com) to sign up for the next round of matches
- **Bible Study: Lectio(nary) Divina**
 - timing TBD / allmeansall.org/bible-study
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up or with questions
- **Adult Ed Book Study: Original Blessing**
 - timing TBD / allmeansall.org/adult-ed
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up or with questions
- **Worship volunteers:** tinyurl.com/worship-help

Calendar

Today, 7:30-8:30 pm: Spiritual Reflection Group

- biweekly through Feb 19 / weekly, Feb 26 - Apr 2
- allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Tuesday, Jan 24, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer

- allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer

Sunday, Jan 29, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Virtual Worship

- NO in-person option!

Sunday, Feb 5, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Hybrid Worship, with Communion

Sunday, Feb 12

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship
 - join us as we celebrate our lay leadership
- **1-2ish pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck – Chili Cook-off
 - bring chili or another dish to share if you can

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: "Breathing In, Breathing Out" (*tune: Betsy Rose / lyrics: Thich Nhat Hanh*)

Breathing in, breathing out (2x)

I am blooming as a flower, I am fresh as the dew
I am solid as a mountain, I am firm as the earth
I am free

Breathing in, breathing out (2x)

I am water, reflecting what is real, what is true
And I feel there is space, deep inside of me
I am free (3x)

Call to Worship (*Jan Berry – adapted*)

One: When hope invites us to journey elusive, beckoning
onward but never in our grasp:

ALL: May we have the wisdom and courage to travel on.

One: When dreams glimmer in the distance, fading,
clouded and hidden or shining with new brightness:

ALL: May we have the wisdom and courage to travel on.

One: When established patterns collapse into the
uncertainty of the unknown and security dissolves into a
memory:

ALL: May we have the wisdom and courage to travel on.

One: When the illusion of success threatens to divert us
and silence our souls' yearning:

ALL: May wisdom and imagination inspire us to travel on.

One: When we think our journey has ended in the star-lit
glow only to find the end is a new beginning:

ALL: May wisdom and imagination inspire us to travel on.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Gather Us In" (TFWS #2236, Marty Haugen –
adapted)

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the (kindom), now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (*Walter Brueggemann – adapted*)

You are the God who makes extravagant promises. We relish your great promises of fidelity and presence and solidarity, and we exude in them. Only to find out, always too late, that your promise comes in the midst of a hard, deep call to obedience.

You are the God who calls people like us, and the long list of mothers and fathers before us, who trusted the promise enough to keep the call. So we give you thanks that you are a calling God, who calls always to dangerous new places. We pray enough of your grace and mercy among us that we may be among those who believe your promises enough to respond to your call. We pray in the one who embodied your promise and enacted your call, even Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 22:23-31 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

You who revere the Font of Life, praise her! All the offspring of Leah and Rachel, Bilhah and Zilpah, glorify her. Stand in awe of her all of you of Rebekah's line.

24 For she did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; she did not hide her face from me, and when I cried to her, she heard. **25** On your account is my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who revere her. **26** The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek her shall praise the Mother of All. May your hearts live forever! **27** All the ends of the earth

shall remember and turn to the Wellspring of Life; and all the families of the nations shall worship before her. **28** For sovereignty belongs to She Who Is Holy, and she rules over the nations. **29** They continue and they bow down, all the fat ones of the earth before her, they bend their knees, all who go down to the dust, and cannot save their soul. **30** Later descendants will serve her; future generations will be told about our God, **31** they will go and proclaim her deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that she has done it.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 4:18-23 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fisherfolk. **19** And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people—women, children and men." **20** At once they left their nets and followed him. **21** As Jesus went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. **22** At once they left the boat and their father and followed him. **23** Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the realm of God and curing every disease and every malady among the people—women, children and men.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Answering the Call"

Decline

Accept

Song: "Faith Has Set Us On a Journey" (tune: UMH #400 / lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray; vs. 4 – Tim Emmett-Rardin)

Faith has set us on a journey
past the landmarks that we know,
taking risks with no insurance
but the Word that tells us "Go!"
Friend or job or home or lover
we may need to leave behind,
outworn truths and ways of thinking,
baggage to the past consigned.

Some are swags of easy conscience
who with others hitch a ride,
some are tourist-package Christians,
dollar-safe, with Book and guide.
There are others on this journey –
those who long and pray and search,
heave the stones to free the structures,
love the Christ and leave the Church.

We are this unlikely people
in the Body knit as one,
company of clowns and cripples –
some are wise and some can run.
Prophets are our travel agents,
gospel-makers lay this road:
to the place of peace and promise
faith will take us into God.

Firm the call that is before us;
meet the moment, seize the day.
Drop our nets, whatever binds us;
come and follow Jesus' way.
Toward a world more just and peaceful,
making real what God intends.
Fueled by hope, we seek that vision,
where love is both means and end.

Message

Accept

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: "Sent Out in Jesus' Name (Enviado Soy de Dios)" *(TFWS #2184, adapted lyrics)*

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the earth the place,
in which the (kingdom) comes.

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.

The task is ours to do, to set it really free.

O help us to obey and carry out your will.

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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