

Calvary United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"If one member suffers,
all suffer together with it;
if one member is honored,
all rejoice together with it."*

- 1 Corinthians 12:26

January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Service of Healing & Wholeness

GATHERING

Prelude: "I've Got a Feeling" (*Albertina Walker, with James Cleveland and The Trinity All-Nation Choir*)

Welcome / Announcements

Announcements

- **Volunteers needed** to help move stuff back into the Calvary office and chapel, etc.
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up
- **Story Circles**
 - contact Amy Emmett-Rardin to sign up, or with any questions (aemmettrardin@gmail.com)
- **Calvary Stewardship Survey:** please if you haven't already
- **Online Stephen Ministry training** (congregational care)
 - contact Pastor Tim if interested
- **Lectionary Discussion Group** and **On Being Discussion Group** (*both online and ongoing*)
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up for either or both, or with any questions

Calendar

Tuesday, Jan 25, 12-12:30 pm: Midweek Prayer

- info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality

Thursday, Jan 27, 7-8:30 pm: Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Sunday, Jan 30

- **1 pm (following worship):** Congregational Meeting
 - to provide updates and answer questions regarding the future of the Calvary building
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group (*biweekly through Feb, weekly during Lent*)
 - info at allmeansall.org/srg

Monday, Feb 14, 7:30-8:30 pm: Book Study – See No Stranger (weekly through Apr 4)

- info at allmeansall.org/adult-ed; contact Pastor Tim to sign up or with any questions

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: "Circle Chant" (*Linda Hirschorn*)

Circle round for freedom,
circle round for peace.
For all of us imprisoned,
circle for release.

Circle for the planet,
circle for each soul.
For the children of our children,
keep the circle whole.

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship

(*adapted from a translation of Psalm 19 by Stephen Mitchell*)

One: The heavens declare God's grandeur and the radiance from which they arise.

ALL: Each dawn tells of God's beauty; each night shines with God's grace. Their testimony speaks to the whole world and reaches to the ends of the earth.

One: In them is a path for the sun, who steps forth handsome as a bridegroom and rejoices like an athlete as he runs. (It) starts at one end of the heavens and circles to the other end, and nothing can hide from (its) heat.

ALL: God's universe is perfect, awing the mind. God's truth is subtle, baffling the intellect.

One: God's law is total, quickening the breath. God's compassion is fathomless, refreshing the soul.

ALL: God's justice is absolute, lighting up the eyes. God's love is radiant rejoicing the heart, more precious than the finest gold, sweeter than honey from the comb.

One: Help (us) to be aware of selfishness but without undue shame or self-judgment. Let (us) know that you are always present, in every atom of (our lives).

ALL: Let (us) keep surrendering (ourselves) until (we) are utterly transparent. Let (our words) be rooted in honesty and (our) thoughts be lost in your light.

Unnamable God, (our) essence, (our) origin, (our) life-blood, (our) home. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: "Spirit of God" (TFWS #2117)

Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,
glow as you always do; create us anew.

Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,
healing upon your wings for all living things.

For when we live your peace, captives will find release,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands
you hold all the human race in one warm embrace.
No matter where we go, you hold us together so,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,
the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.
We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Spirit of God, in all, we gladly hear your call,
the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.
Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer *(The Iona Community)*

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you. Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory, we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness: around us in the earth, sea and sky, the abuse of matter; beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor, the betrayal of one another; and often, deep within us, a striving against your Spirit.

O Trinity of love, forgive us that we may forgive one another, heal us that we may be people of healing, and renew us that we may also be makers of peace. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. **15** If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. **16** And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? **18** But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as (God) chose. **19** If all were a single member, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many members, yet one body. **21** The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." **22** On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; **24** whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, **25** that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. **26** If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it."

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to

Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. **15** He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. **16** When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, **17** and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: **18** "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, **19** to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." **20** And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. **21** Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Invitation to Healing for Ourselves

Silent Prayer / Song: "Sending You Light" (*Melanie DeMore*)

Blessing (*traditional Navajo Chant*)

House made of dawn.
House made of evening light.
House made of the dark cloud.
House made of male rain.
House made of dark mist.
House made of female rain.
House made of pollen.
House made of grasshoppers.

Dark cloud is at the door.
The trail out of it is dark cloud.

The zigzag lightning stands high upon it.
An offering I make.
Restore my feet for me.
Restore my legs for me.
Restore my body for me.
Restore my mind for me.
Restore my voice for me.
This very day take out your spell for me.

Happily I recover.
Happily my interior becomes cool.
Happily I go forth.
My interior feeling cool, may I walk.
No longer sore, may I walk.
Impervious to pain, may I walk.
With lively feelings may I walk.
As it used to be long ago, may I walk.

Happy may I walk.
Happily, with abundant dark clouds, may I walk.
Happily, with abundant showers, may I walk.
Happily, with abundant plants, may I walk.
Happily, on a trail of pollen, may I walk.
Happily may I walk.
Being as it used to be long ago, may I walk.

May it be beautiful before me.
May it be beautiful behind me.
May it be beautiful below me.
May it be beautiful above me.
May be it be beautiful all around me.
In beauty it is finished.
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Invitation to Healing for Each Other

Silent Prayer / Song: "Sending You Light" *(Melanie DeMore)*

Blessing: "For Our Family" (*Jan Richardson*)

When the shattering world.

Then your sheltering heart.

When the sorrowing way.

Then your encircling grace.

When the unbearable dark.

Then your comfort, your light.

When the empty, the ache.

Then your welcoming door.

When you.

Then this blessing,

this grateful,

this thanks.

Hymn of Response: "God, We Are Broken

(tune: UMH #451 / lyrics: Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

God, we are broken, for all flesh is weak.

Grant us the healing and peace that we seek.

For all that pains us, beyond our control,

grant us your healing, our bodies made whole.

God, we are broken; our hearts are not one.

Sometimes it seems that our souls come undone.

Bring us renewal and calm in our soul.

Grant us your healing and make our hearts whole.

God, we are broken: for families and friends

suffer when love fails and faithfulness ends.

May your forgiveness and grace play its role.

Grant us your healing; make covenants whole.

God, we are broken, for many are poor,

and we ignore those who lie by our door.

God, may your justice like great rivers roll.

Grant us your healing; make all people whole.

God, we are broken for hate and all war

wound us so we are not free anymore.
Make us one people from pole to pole.
Grant us your healing, and make the world whole.

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: “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

(TFWS #2153)

I’m gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! *(repeat)*

I’m gonna work so God can use me . . .

I’m gonna pray so God can use me . . .

I’m gonna sing so God can use me . . .

I’m gonna live so God can use me . . .

ENGAGING

Benediction: “Blessing in a Time of Violence”

(Jan Richardson)

Which is to say
this blessing
is always.

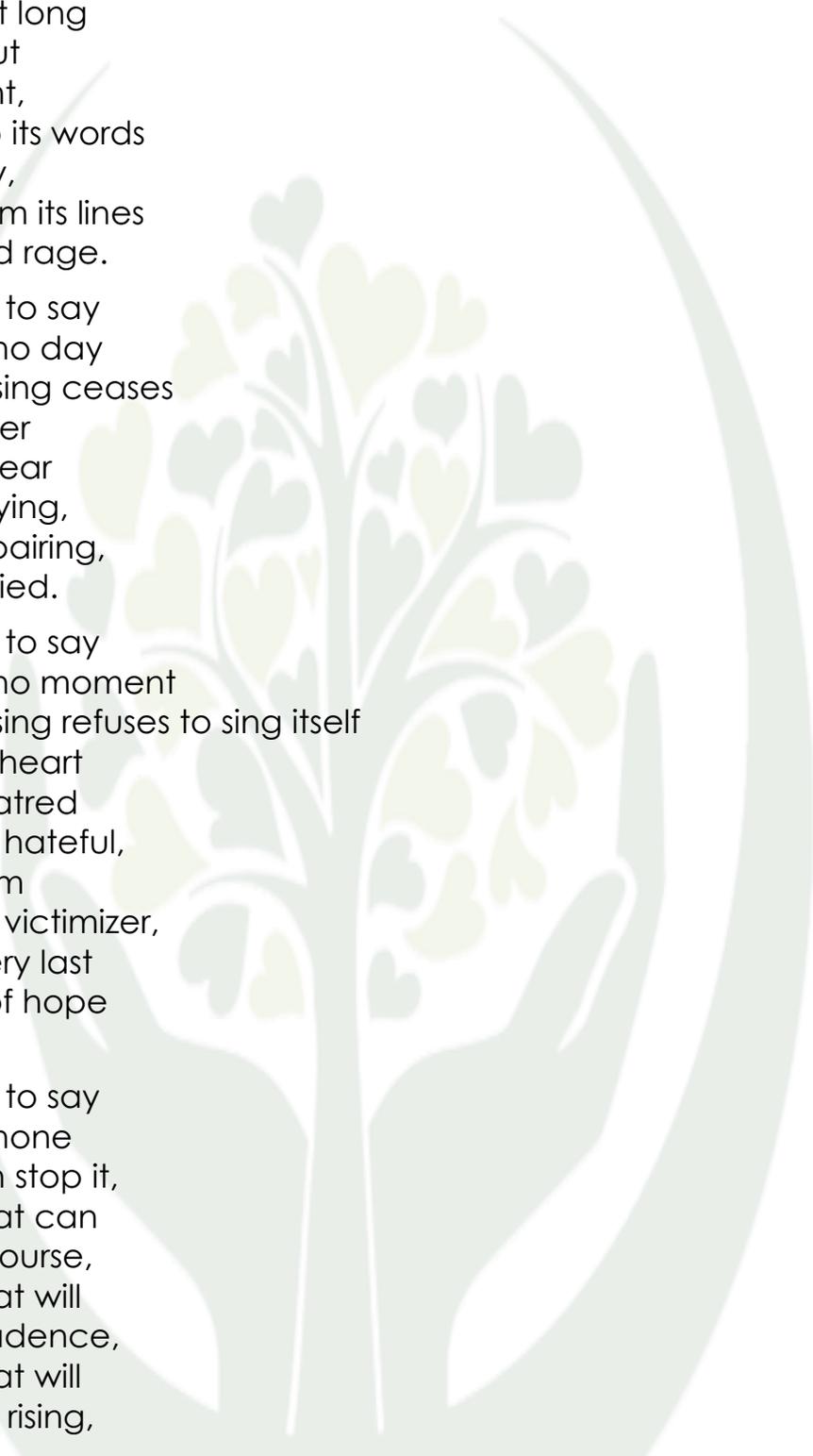
Which is to say
there is no place
this blessing

does not long
to cry out
in lament,
to weep its words
in sorrow,
to scream its lines
in sacred rage.

Which is to say
there is no day
this blessing ceases
to whisper
into the ear
of the dying,
the despairing,
the terrified.

Which is to say
there is no moment
this blessing refuses to sing itself
into the heart
of the hatred
and the hateful,
the victim
and the victimizer,
with every last
ounce of hope
it has.

Which is to say
there is none
that can stop it,
none that can
halt its course,
none that will
still its cadence,
none that will
delay its rising,





none that can keep it
from springing forth
from the mouths of us
who hope,
from the hands of us
who act,
from the hearts of us
who love,
from the feet of us
who will not cease
our stubborn, aching
marching, marching
until this blessing
has spoken
its final word,
until this blessing
has breathed
its benediction
in every place,
in every tongue:

Peace
Peace
Peace

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