

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



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"Nothing real can be threatened.

Nothing unreal exists.

Herein lies the peace of God."

- Helen Schucman

January 26, 2025

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "No Day But Today" (*Idina Menzel*)

There's only us, there's only this
Forget regret, or life is yours to miss
No other path, no other way
No day but today

There's only us, only tonight
We must let go to know what's right
No other road, no other way
No day but today (*repeat verse*)

No day but today (4x)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Thanks to our guest preacher,** Cord Whitaker
- **Pastor Tim is away this week, through Jan 29**
 - in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Marcine: 484.574.0270
- **Story Circles:** allmeansall.org/story-circles
 - contact Amy to sign up, or with any questions: aemmettrardin@gmail.com
- **Upcoming Book Studies:** allmeansall.org/book-studies
 - exact timing TBD; contact Pastor Tim if you're interested in any or all, or with any questions
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Jan 26

- **3-6 pm:** POWER Interfaith Housing Justice Assembly
 - Spirit and Truth Fellowship Church / 4400 N 6th St
 - contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary, or to get involved with our POWER Interfaith Team
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group
 - allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Monday, Jan 27, 6:30-7:30 pm: Yoga *(weekly)*

- Chapel – 48th St entrance
- allmeansall.org/yoga

Wednesday, Jan 29, 10-11 am: Yoga *(weekly)*

- see Jan 27 for details

Saturday, Feb 1, 1 pm: Meditation *(weekly)*

- Calvary (Board Room, upstairs on Baltimore Ave side) – 48th St entrance
- witnessandintegrate@gmail.com

Sunday, Feb 2

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship *(Communion)*
- **12:30-1:30 pm:** Congregational Meeting *(hybrid)*
 - to connect virtually: allmeansall.org/virtual
 - also Sunday, Feb 16, following worship

Thursday, Feb 6, 8-9ish pm: Spirituality on Tap *(monthly – 1st Thursdays)*

- Carbon Copy / 701 S. 50th St
- allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

Saturday, Feb 8, 7 pm: Shirley Chisolm – Unbossed & Unbowed, A One-Woman Show *(Curio Theatre Company)*

- Calvary (Chapel) – please use Baltimore Ave entrance
- tinyurl.com/shirley-chisolm

Sunday, Feb 9

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck *(monthly)*
 - allmeansall.org/2nd-sunday-potluck

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.

Donations

Donations are always welcome to help support Calvary and our evolving ministries: allmeansall.org/donate.

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: "I've Got Peace Like a River" (TFWS #2145, African American spiritual)

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (repeat)

I've got joy like a fountain ...

I've got love like an ocean ...

Call to Worship (John Pritchard – adapted)

One: In the wonder of God among us, welcome.

ALL: May peace be yours.

One: Join your hearts, friends, join your voices, to praise the One who moves among us.

ALL: Alleluia to the God of justice and hope!

One: The Spirit stirred, the waters parted, a people walked into freedom.

ALL: Our hearts sing when the Spirit moves.

One: The Spirit stirred, a tomb emptied, demoralized disciples rose into an alternative community.

ALL: Our hearts sing when the Spirit moves.

One: The Spirit stirred, a voice dreamed, a people stood up, sat in, boycotted and marched their way into Civil Rights.

ALL: Our hearts sing when the Spirit moves.

One: The Spirit stirred when Civil Rights weren't enough, when Black lives continued to be devalued, and voices rose, people marched, signs proclaimed an alternative: "Black Lives Matter!"

ALL: Our hearts sing when the Spirit moves.

One: The Spirit stirred, and women said, "Enough!" and "Me, too" and "Time's up." A new day is being born. Its body is being formed. Still being born.

ALL: Our hearts sing when the Spirit moves.

One: The Spirit stirs where injustice is entrenched, where violence reigns, where life and dignity are trampled. A new day is being born, our body is being formed. Still being formed.

ALL: And we hear the Spirit calling, summoning us to act and to join in praise: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (UMH #474, Thomas A. Dorsey)

Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night
lead me on to the light:

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call
hold my hand lest I fall: *(refrain)*

When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand: *(refrain)*

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

- 2 Corinthians 9:7

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(John Pritchard)*

We come, O God, to wait for you. Movements swirl around us, some destructive, some life-affirming, luring our hearts, claiming our allegiance. Impulses move within us, some toxic, some healing, seducing our desire, seeking our assent.

We come, O God, within the streaming demands within and around us, not always sure which voice to listen to, which lure to follow, which desire to give ourselves to. And so we wait, here, now, for you. Enfold us with your presence. Grant us to hear—to recognize—your voice. Tune our hearts to your seduction, that we may give ourselves to you and to the holy movement of your Spirit. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 19:1-6

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. **2** Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. **3** There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; **4** yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, **5** which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. **6** Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

Choral Alleluia *(UMH #186, Jerry Sinclair)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-25

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.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia. *(repeat)*

Sermon: "Time and the Global Body"

Song: "In Christ There Is No East or West" (UMH #548, tune: African American spiritual / lyrics: John Oxenham – adapted by Cord Whitaker)

In (God) there is no east or west,
in (them) no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide Earth.

In (God) shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find.
(God's) service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

Join hands (together in God's love),
whate'er your race may be!
Who serve (each other in God's love)
(are) surely kin to me.

In (God) now meet both east and west
In (her) meet south and north;
all (godly) souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

Sung Response (tune: UMH #175, John B. Dykes / 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: "Siyahamba / We Are Marching" (TFWS #2235-b, trad. South African – adapted)

Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos',

si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos. *(repeat)*

Si – ya – hamba, hamba, si – ya – hamba, hamba,

si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos. *(repeat)*

We are marching in the light of God,

we are marching in the light of God. *(repeat)*

We are marching, marching, we are marching,

marching, we are marching in the light of God. *(repeat)*

We are dancing in the light of God ...

We are praying in the light of God ...

We are living in the light of God ...

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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