

Calvary United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



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and of angels, but do not have
love, I am a noisy gong or a
clanging cymbal."*

- 1 Corinthians 13:1

January 30, 2022
4th Sunday after the Epiphany

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "That's What Love Can Do" (*Tom Prasada-Rao*)

Welcome / Announcements

Announcements

- **Story Circles**

- contact Amy Emmett-Rardin to sign up, or with any questions (aemmettrardin@gmail.com)

- **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

Today

- **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

Tuesday, Feb 1, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer

- info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality

Sunday, Feb 6

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Virtual Worship, with Communion
 - BYO Communion elements
- **1 pm:** Church Council

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: "Live in Charity / Ubi Caritas"

(TFWS #2179 / tune: Jacques Berthier / lyrics: from 1 Cor. 13:3-8)

Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity, God will dwell with you.

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship *(Sarah Agnew, from Psalm 71:1-6)*

One: Come near to God seeking refuge;

ALL: here with Holy One there is no shame.

One: Come near to God, seek right relationship:

ALL: Holy One hears, listens, rescues, redeems.

One: Come near to God, seeking Sacred strength,

ALL: a rock, a fortress, is Holy One.

One: Come near to God, turn away from the wicked,

ALL: here with Holy One find justice, find hope.

One: Come near to God, trusted through the ages,

ALL: Holy One is faithful, come, give God your praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: "God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us"

(UMH #100, altered / tune: John Goss / lyrics: William Boyd Grove)

God, whose love is reigning o'er us,
source of all, the ending true;
hear the universal chorus
raised in joyful praise to you:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
worship ancient, worship new.

Word of God from nature bringing
springtime green and autumn gold;
mountain streams like children singing,
ocean waves like thunder bold:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
as creation's tale is told.

Holy God of ancient glory,
(showing us what love can do);
Abram's faith and Sarah's story
formed a people bound to you.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
to your covenant keep us true.

Covenant, new again in Jesus,
Starchild born to set us free;
sent to heal us, sent to teach us
how love's children we might be.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
risen Christ, (help us to see)!

Lift we then our human voices
in the songs that faith would bring;
live we then in human choices
lives that, like our music sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
joined in love our praises ring!

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer *(Revised Common Lectionary Prayers)*

O God of all the prophets, you knew us before you formed us in the womb. Fill us with faith that speaks your word, hope that does not disappoint, and love that bears all things for your sake, until that day when we shall know you fully, even as we are known by you. In your Spirit we pray, amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, **5** "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." **6** Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." **7** But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. **8** Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. **10** See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. **3** If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant **5** or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; **6** it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. **7** It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. **9** For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; **10** but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. **12** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. **13** And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Love Beyond the Noise"

Hymn of Response: "Should I Rehearse with Human Voice"

(tune: traditional English melody / lyrics: John Bell)

Should I rehearse with human voice
the words which angels make their choice,
devoid of love, my song resounds,
magnificent but empty.

And should I preach with earnest tone
and know whatever can be known
and move the hills by faith alone
if I lack love I'm nothing.

In love is patience always found,
for love kind hearts make common ground,
from love, conceit and pride take flight
and jealousy is banished.

Love keeps no score of what's gone wrong
nor sings a pessimistic song
nor lets regret or guilt prolong,
for love expects tomorrow.

Let strange and startling language cease,
let tongues their ecstasy release,
let knowledge come and go in peace
these things are not eternal.

For all the thought and skill we show
are but a stage through which we grow
till, face to face with God, we'll know
that love which lasts forever.

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, G.F. Handel / 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: "This Little Light of Mine"

(African American spiritual)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go . . .

All through the night . . .

This little light of mine . . .

ENGAGING

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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