

# Calvary

## United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*"Then who can be saved?"  
Jesus looked at them and said,  
"For mortals it is impossible, but not  
for God; for God all things are possible."  
- Mark 10:26-27*

**October 10, 2021**  
20th Sunday after Pentecost

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING

**Prelude:** "Morning Prayer" (*Langhorne Slim*)

## **Welcome / Announcements**

### Announcements

- **Calvary's Covid-19 protocols:** [allmeansall.org/covid](http://allmeansall.org/covid)
- **Lectionary Discussion Group** (*virtual / ongoing*)
  - contact Pastor Tim if interested
- **On Being Discussion Group** (*virtual / ongoing*)
  - contact Pastor Tim if interested
- **Story Circles**
  - contact Amy Emmett-Rardin to sign up:  
[aemmettrardin@gmail.com](mailto:aemmettrardin@gmail.com)
- **Fall Retreat canceled**

### Calendar

#### **Monday, Oct 11**

- **11 am:** Funeral for Nelson Jones
  - 10-11 am viewing
  - Francis Funeral Home, with virtual option - info at [francisfunerals.com/obituary/Nelson-Jones](http://francisfunerals.com/obituary/Nelson-Jones)
- **7 pm:** Mission Link Meeting (*virtual*)

#### **Tuesday, Oct 12**

- **12-12:30 pm:** Midweek Prayer
  - info at [allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality](http://allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality)
- **6:30 pm:** Trustees

#### **Saturday, Oct 16, 3 pm:** Songs of Freedom!

- Swarthmore UMC; info at [jfonddv.org/markmiller](http://jfonddv.org/markmiller)
  - contact Pastor Tim if you're interested in going

#### **Sunday, Oct 17, 9-10 am:** Bible Study - Ruth (*virtual*)

- info at [allmeansall.org/adult-ed](http://allmeansall.org/adult-ed)

#### **Monday, Oct 18, 7:30-8:30 pm:** Bible Study - Ruth (*virtual*)

- info at [allmeansall.org/adult-ed](http://allmeansall.org/adult-ed)

#### **Saturday, Oct 23, 4 pm:** Charge Conference

## Sunday, Oct 24

- **1:30-3:30 pm:** Calvary Picnic
  - Clark Park (43<sup>rd</sup> & Chester); rain date: Oct 30
  - BYO food/blankets/chairs; contact Sarah Byker James to RSVP: [sbykerjames@gmail.com](mailto:sbykerjames@gmail.com)
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group
  - info at [allmeansall.org/spiritual](http://allmeansall.org/spiritual)

### 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](http://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](mailto:office@allmeansall.org)).

### **Singing Our Way In:** "The Breath of God" *(Rickie Byars)*

The breath of God is breathing me  
And resting in the breath of God  
I know that all is well

The love of God is loving me  
And resting in the love of God  
I know that all is well

The peace of God is peace in me . . .  
The grace of God is grace in me . . .  
The joy of God is joy in me . . .  
The depth of God is depth in me . . .  
The height of God is height in me . . .  
The breath of God is breathing me . . .

## Invitation to Holy Presence / Breath Prayer

### Call to Worship *(John Pritchard)*

One: Whoever you are, wherever you've been, whatever you've done, welcome, here, now!

**ALL: Peace to you, and the grace that receives us all.**

One: Join, friends, in praise. If God had but sheltered us in our sleep,

**ALL: it would have been enough.**

One: If God had but awakened us to this day,

**ALL: it would have been enough.**

One: If God had but stirred our hearts to beat, our lungs to breathe,

**ALL: it would have been enough.**

One: If God had but accompanied us thus far this day,

**ALL: it would have been enough.**

One: If God had but given us to each other,

**ALL: it would have been enough.**

One: If God had but heard us as we said thanks,

**ALL: it would have been enough.**

One: But God has done more—summoned us to love, called us to justice, promised to remain with us always.

**ALL: So God has done more than enough, always more, until our hearts overflow and our lives erupt in praise: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Opening Hymn: "How Can We Name a Love" *(UMH #111)*

How can we name a Love  
that wakens heart and mind,  
indwelling all we know or think  
or do or seek or find?

Within our daily world,  
in every human face,

Love's echoes sound and God is found,  
hid in the common place.

If we awoke to life  
built on a rock of care  
that asked no great reward but firm,  
assured, was simply there,  
we can, with parent's names,  
describe, and thus adore,  
Love unconfined, a father kind,  
a mother strong and sure.

When people share a task,  
and strength and skills unite  
in projects old or new, to make  
or do with shared delight,  
our Friend and Partner's will  
is better understood,  
that all should share, create and care,  
and know that life is good.

### **Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### **CENTERING**

**Community Prayer** (*Gretta Vosper, adapted*)

We are here, O God. We come into this space together, to challenge one another to bear the cost and know the joys of love: to celebrate its presence; to live with respect in creation; to become love in the service of others, in the pursuit of justice, and the resistance of evil; to recognize and celebrate our shared humanity; to see love and loss in one another's eyes, and by them, to be both convicted and freed. May love bind us to one another so we might better serve the world. As one, we proclaim: We are not alone, for we journey together, with You and each other, in the spirit of love. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

## **Special Music** *(Calvary Choir)*

### **Scripture Lesson:** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live, or (God) will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. **7** Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

**10** They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. **11** Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. **12** For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. **13** Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

**14** Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. **15** Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

### **Choral Alleluia**

### **Scripture Lesson:** Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" **18** Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

**19** You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" **20** He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." **21** Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you

will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

**22** When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

**23** Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" **24** And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

**25** It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." **26** They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" **27** Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

**28** Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." **29** Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, **30** who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. **31** But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## **Choral Alleluia**

**Sermon:** "Saved from Impossibility"

**Hymn of Response:** "The Giving Song"

*(tune: UMH #617 / lyrics: Steve Garnaas-Holmes)*

God, send me out into the world  
to share all I possess.

My generosity shall be  
the faith that I confess,

the faith that I confess.

For you have given me such gifts,  
grace infinite and deep,  
that I can only share them all.  
There's nothing I will keep,  
there's nothing I will keep.

And let my giving change me, Lord,  
to make me more like you:  
to let your blessing flow through me,  
creating me anew,  
creating me anew.

My life will not be known by what  
I have, but how I share,  
courageously, with trust in you,  
with love and joy and care,  
with love and joy and care.

## **SHARING**

### **Offering our Tithes and Gifts**

#### **Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns**

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

#### **Prayer Response** *(tune: UMH #473 / lyrics: John Pritchard)*

Hear, O God.

Hear the prayers we bring to you.

Come, and renew all of our days.

Hold every longing; hold every sorrow;

and lead us into your healing ways.

#### **Closing Hymn:** “The Trees of the Field” *(TFWS #2279)*

You shall go out with joy

and be led forth with peace;

the mountains and the hills

will break forth before you;



there'll be shouts of joy,  
and all the trees of the field,  
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap 2x*)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap 2x*)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap 2x*)  
while you go out with joy.

## **ENGAGING**

### **Benediction**

**Singing Our Way Out:** "Let the Church Say Amen"

Let the church say, "Amen" (*repeat*)

God has spoken, let the church say, "Amen"

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