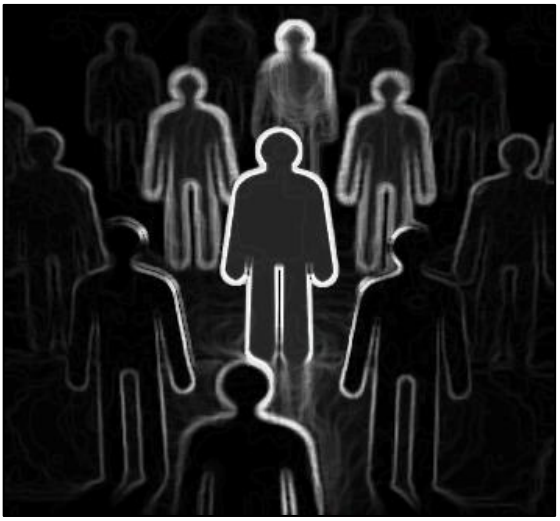
Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



"For many are called,
but few are chosen."
- Matthew 22:14

October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

National Hispanic Heritage Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Come All You Vagabonds" *(Stuart Townend)*

Welcome & Announcements

- **Visiting with us?**
  - We're glad you're here! We strive to make our worship space—in-person and virtual—as welcoming and accommodating of different needs as possible. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact Pastor Tim.
- **Welcoming …**
  - **today's guest preacher:** Rev. David Brown
  - **our interim accompanist:** Marcell Bellinger
- **Voting deadlines for General Election (Nov 3):** pa.gov/agencies/vote
  - **Monday, Oct 19:** register
  - **Tuesday, Oct 27, 5 pm:** apply for mail-in/absentee ballot
  - **Tuesday, Nov 3, 8 pm:** mail-in/absentee ballot received by county election office (postmark not sufficient!)
- **Peoplehood Parade & Pageant:** Saturday, Nov 7 *(rain date: Nov 14)*
  - spiralq.org/peoplehood-parade
  - contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary for an earlier art build (timing TBD) and/or the parade
- **Previous sermons & bulletins**
  - allmeansall.org/sermonsbulletins

Calendar

Today, Oct 11, 12:45-2 pm: 2nd Sunday Potluck *(monthly)*

Monday, Oct 12: Indigenous Peoples' Day

- **6:15-7:15 pm:** Yoga *(weekly)*
  - Chapel – 48th St entrance
  - allmeansall.org/yoga
- **7:15-8:30 pm:** Bible Study - Psalms *(in person / weekly, through Nov 2)*
  - Office – 48th St entrance

Tuesday, Oct 13

- **5:15-6:30 pm:** Fall Grief Walk *(facilitated by our very own Susanna Gilbertson!)*
  - The Woodlands / 40th & Woodland
  - tinyurl.com/grief-walk
- **7 pm:** Church Council *(bimonthly – 3rd Tuesdays / rescheduled)*

Wednesday, Oct 14

- **10-11 am:** Yoga *(weekly)* – see Oct 12
- **12-12:30 pm:** Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Immigrant Justice *(weekly / New Sanctuary Movement)*
  - Philadelphia ICE Field Office / 114 N 8th St
- **6-8 pm:** Resistance Quilting Group
  - allmeansall.org/resistance-quilting-group
  - contact Brooke to sign up/confirm location, or with questions: christensenvoice@gmail.com

Thursday, Oct 15

- **10 am-2 pm:** POWER Interfaith Lobby Day at City Hall
  - contact Pastor Tim for details, and/or to join our POWER Team
- **7:15-8:30 pm:** Bible Study - Psalms *(virtual / weekly, through Nov 5)*

Saturday, Oct 17, 9 am-12 pm: Pollinator Garden Planting Day

- allmeansall.org/garden
- contact Sparrow to sign up, or with questions: sprrwfrancis@gmail.com

Sunday, Oct 18

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship *(Laity Sunday)*
  - Service of Restoration & Healing
- **12:30-1 pm:** Pollinator Garden Dedication
  - 48th & Baltimore
- **2-4 pm:** Resistance Quilting Group – see Oct 14

Wednesday, Oct 21, 6-7 pm: Calvary Handbell Choir *(semi-monthly - 1st & 3rd Wed)*

- Chapel – 48th St entrance
- contact Sparrow to get involved: sprrwfrancis@gmail.com

Sunday, Oct 25, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Cara Blouin

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

May our lungs remember what our minds forget …

Singing Our Way In: "Down by the Riverside" *(African American spiritual)*

I'm gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside *(3x)*
I'm gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside
And I ain't gonna study war no more

I ain't gonna study war no more (2x)
I ain't gonna study war no more (no more)
I ain't gonna study war no more (2x)
I ain't gonna study war no more

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield … *(Chorus)*

Call to Worship *(anonymous, based on Psalm 23 and Matthew 22:1-14 – adapted)*

One: Gracious God, in love you open wide the doors and welcome us into your presence—

ALL: saints and sinners alike.

One: In green pastures, beside quiet waters, you spread a table before us, filled with the richest fare—

ALL: a feast of love for the body and soul.

One: We come with joy to meet you here, to receive and to share your goodness,

ALL: to lay down all that gets in the way.

One: May your Spirit inspire our praise and thanksgiving, our prayers and petitions, our love and our lives,

ALL: as we worship together in your glorious, grace-filled presence. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "God of Grace and God of Glory" *(UMH #577, tune: John Hughes / lyrics: Harry Emerson Fosdick – adapted)*

God of grace and God of glory,
on (your) people pour (your) power;
crown (your) ancient church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour (of this hour),
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn (your) Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days (of these days),
for the living of these days.

Cure (your) children's warring madness,
bend our pride to (your) control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss (your kindom's) goal (kindom's goal),
lest we miss (your kindom's) goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for (your) salvation, be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving (you) whom we adore (we adore),
serving (you) whom we adore.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(John van de Laar – adapted)*

In defiance of corruption and falsehood, O God, we commit to truth and integrity. And we pray for honesty and uprightness to increase in our world.

In defiance of apathy and hatred, we choose to be proactive in love. And we pray for understanding and peace to increase in our world.

In defiance of skepticism and cynicism, we embrace the mystery of faith. And we pray for humility and wonder to increase in our world.

In defiance of self-interest and human arrogance, we celebrate your divine invitation. And we pray for care and compassion to increase in our world.

In defiance of all that would oppose your desire among us, we choose again to follow. And we continue to pray, not just now, but always. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 106:1-5

Praise the HOLY ONE! O give thanks to the HOLY ONE, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.
2 Who can utter the mighty doings of the HOLY ONE or declare all God's praise? **3** Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times. **4** Remember us, O HOLY ONE, when you show favor to your people; help us when you deliver them; **5** that we may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that we may glory in your heritage.

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:
2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. **3** He sent his servants to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. **4** Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' **5** But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, **6** while the rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

7 "The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. **8** Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. **9** Go therefore into the main streets, and

invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'
10 Those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, **12** and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless.
13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' **14** For many are called, but few are chosen."

One: The word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia *(Greg Scott)*
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia. *(repeat)*

Sermon: "The Chosen Few – But What about Everyone Else?"

Song: "The Summons" *(TFWS #2130, tune: trad. Scottish / lyrics: John Bell – adapted)*
Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you,
and you in me?

(God), your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

SHARING

Offering Our Gifts

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"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

Previous giving *(rounded)*

- Sep 28 – Oct 4: $1,896 / weekly budget: $1,663

Prayers of the People

"Thanks be to God" / "God hears our prayer"

ENGAGING

Closing Song: "Guide My Feet" (*TFWS #2208, African American spiritual)*

Guide my feet while I run this race. *(2x)*
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain)

Stand by me …

I'm your child …

Search my heart …

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Pool of Love" *(Alexa Sunshine Rose, Murray Kyle)*

May the pool of love we have gathered here
Spread its wings and fly far and near
From the depths of our hearts to the farthest star
May our love bless everyone

We humbly acknowledge that Calvary is located on the ancestral homelands of the Lenape people, whose presence and resilience in Pennsylvania continues to this day. We take this opportunity to honor the original caretakers who lived and continue to live on and steward this land, while recognizing the histories of land theft, violence, erasure and oppression that have preceded our presence here.

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