

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



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or backward, I cannot perceive God;
on the left God hides, and I cannot
behold God; I turn to the right,
but I cannot see God.”*

- Job 23:8-9

October 13, 2024

21st Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

National Hispanic Heritage Month / LGBTQIA+ History Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Heavy" (*Birdtalker*)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Welcome to our guest preacher (and Preacher-in Residence):** Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart
 - allmeansall.org/preacher
- **Nursery supplies needed**
 - books (board, coloring, activity, comic), crayons, markers, fidgets, small toys, small stuffed animals
 - contact Sarah to donate: sbykerjames@gmail.com
- **Meditation:** Saturdays, 1 pm
 - led by Cara Blouin (West Philly Insight)
 - to join mailing list or with questions: witnessandintegrate@gmail.com
- **Fall/Winter Bible Study:** Gospels of Matthew & Luke
 - allmeansall.org/bible-studies
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Oct 13, 12:45-2 pm: 2nd Sunday Potluck

Monday, Oct 14

- **6:30-7:30 pm:** Beginner Yoga (*weekly, through Nov 14*)
 - Calvary (chapel) – please use 48th St entrance
 - allmeansall.org/yoga
- **7:30-8:30 pm:** Book Study (*weekly, through Nov 4*)

Tuesday, Oct 15

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- **7 pm:** Church Council

Saturday, Oct 19, 10 am-5 pm: Fall Retreat

- allmeansall.org/fall-retreat

Sunday, Oct 20

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **5 pm:** Young Adults Potluck
 - RSVP to Bethany: bethanycw@gmail.com

Saturday, Oct 26, 9:30 am-12 pm: Calvary @ Sankofa Community Farm

- Bartram's Garden / 3000 S. 56th St
- allmeansall.org/sankofa
- contact Pastor Tim to volunteer, or with questions

Sunday, Nov 3, 5-8 pm: Calvary Center Benefit Event

- calvary-center.org/benefit-event
- register or make a donation in honor of Rich Kirk

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.

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: "Come to Me" (*Christopher Grundy*)

All who are weary, all who are burdened down,
come to me, come to me,
come to me and I will give you rest.

My yoke is easy, my burden feels so light.
Come to me, come to me,
come to me and I will give you rest.

Call to Worship (*The Iona Community Worship Book – adapted*)

One: O God of life, of all life and of each life, we lay our lives before you. We give our lives to you, from whom nothing is hidden.

ALL: You are before us, God, you are behind; you are around us, God, you are within.

One: O God of life, you know the secret thoughts of every heart.

ALL: We bring the faith that is in us, and the doubt; we bring the joy that is in us, and the sorrow.

One: O God of life, you are in the light, and in the darkness.

ALL: We bring the knowledge that is in us, and the ignorance; we bring the hope that is in us, and the despair.

One: O God of life, O generous Spirit, known by many names and in many ways,

**ALL: Renew us with your life, today, tomorrow and always.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Opening Song: "Bring Many Names" (TFWS #2047, tune: Carlton R. Young / lyrics: Brian Wren)

Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and Hosanna! bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving, till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

Old, aching God, grey with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!

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 (Walter Brueggemann – adapted)

O God, we know about your presence that fills the world,
that occupies our life, that makes our life in the world true
and good. We notice your powerful transformative
presence in word and sacrament, in food and in water, in
gestures of mercy and practices of justice, in gentle
neighbors and daring gratitude.

We count so on your presence and then plunge—without
intending—into your absence. We find ourselves alone,
abandoned, without resources remembering your
goodness, hoping your future, but mired in anxiety and
threat and risk beyond our coping.

In your absence we bid your presence. Come to every
garden become a jungle. Come to every life and
community become joyless and sad and numb. Come
again, come soon, come here. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Then Job answered: **2** "Today also my complaint is bitter; God's hand is heavy despite my groaning. **3** Oh, that I knew where I might find God, that I might come even to God's dwelling! **4** I would lay my case before God and fill my mouth with arguments. **5** I would learn what God would answer me and understand what God would say to me. **6** Would God contend with me in the greatness of God's power? No, but God would give heed to me. **7** There the upright could reason with God, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. **8** "If I go forward, God is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive God; **9** on the left God hides, and I cannot behold God; I turn to the right, but I cannot see God. ... **16** God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me. **17** If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!"

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 22:1-15

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? **2** O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night but find no rest. **3** Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. **4** In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. **5** To you they cried and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. **6** But I am a worm and not human, scorned by others and despised by the people. **7** All who see me mock me; they sneer at me; they shake their heads; **8** "Commit your cause to the HOLY ONE; let God deliver—let God rescue the one in whom God delights!"

9 Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. **10** On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. **11** Do not be far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help. **12** Many bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; **13** they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. **14** I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; **15** my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

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: "It's A Beautiful Day to Yell at God"

Song: "O God, Why Are You Silent?" *(tune: UMH #286, Hans L. Hassler – harm. by J.S. Bach / lyrics: Marty Haugen)*

O God, why are you silent?
I cannot hear your voice;
the proud and strong and violent
all claim you and rejoice;
you promised you would hold me
with tenderness and care.
Draw near, O Love, enfold me,
and ease this pain I bear.

My hope lies bruised and battered,
my wounded heart is torn;
my spirit spent and shattered
by life's relentless storm;
will you not bend to hear me,
my cries from deep within?

Have you no word to cheer me
when night is closing in?

Through endless nights of weeping,
through weary days of grief,
my heart is in your keeping,
my comfort, my relief.

Come, share my tears and sadness,
come, suffer in my pain,
oh, bring me home to gladness,
restore my hope again.

May pain draw forth compassion,
let wisdom rise from loss;
oh, take my heart and fashion
the image of your cross;
then may I know your healing,
through healing that I share,
your grace and love revealing,
your tenderness and care.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

Sung Response (*tune: UMH #418, African American spiritual /
lyrics: John Pritchard*)

Hold us, heal us, living Spirit;
every hurt, each joy—please hear it.
Pour your life and love into us;
make us yours, we pray.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: “This Little Light of Mine” (*AAHH #549, 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 ...

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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