

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“Before you know it, a sense of
God’s wholeness, everything coming
together for good, will come
and settle you down.”*

- *Philippians 4:7a*

October 15, 2023

20th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

National Hispanic Heritage Month / Laity Sunday

Service of Peace Within & Without

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Salaam (Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu)" (*Mosh Ben-Ari / perf. by Kirtan Rabbi et al*)

Peace will come upon us, yet ...

Welcome & Announcements

(full Announcements available at allmeansall.org/announcements)

- **HVAC Matching Gift Campaign:** allmeansall.org/hvac
- **Meal support for Sharon:** mealtrain.com/trains/z38lvo
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, 4-6 pm: Calvary Confirmation

Monday, Oct 16, 7:30-8:30 pm: Adult Ed Book Study
(virtual)

Tuesday, Oct 17, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer (virtual)

Saturday, Oct 21, 1 pm: 23rd Annual Peoplehood Parade
• Paul Robeson House (45th & Walnut) to Clark Park

Sunday, Oct 22, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Hybrid Worship

Tuesday, Oct 24, 7 pm: Church Council

Saturday, Oct 28, 3-4:30 pm: Charge Conference
• St. Matthew's UMC / 600 Walker Rd (Wayne)

Wednesday, Nov 1, 7:30-8:30ish pm: Spirituality on Tap
• Gojjo Ethiopian Bar & Restaurant (4540 Baltimore Ave)

Saturday, Nov 11, 10 am-5 pm: Fall Retreat
• Cranaleith Spiritual Center (NE Philly)
• register at allmeansall.org/fall-retreat

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.

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 or sign up online. Our **Calvary Connections e-newsletter** goes out every Thursday night.

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "Come and Fill Our Hearts (Confitemini Domino)" (TFWS #2157, Jacques Berthier / Taizé Community)

Con – fi – te – mi – ni Do – mi – no
quo – ni – am bo – nus
Con – fi – te – mi – ni Do – mi – no
Al – le – lu – ia!

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O (God), are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Al – le – lu – ia!

Call to Worship (Beth Merrill Neel – adapted)

One: As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship –

ALL: We bring the burdens of the week.

One: We bring prayers of hope, prayers of anguish, prayers for peace.

ALL: We bring our voices, our offerings, our questions.

One: We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

ALL: We bring all this to each other and to the God of love and life, whom we worship today. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Life-Giver, Lover of Us All" (tune: UMH #682,
Thomas Tallis / lyrics: Laurie Aleona)

Life-giver, Lover of us all,
upon your holy name we call.
Your new day come, your will be done,
on earth as in all realms beyond.

We pray this day for bread to live;
forgive our sins as we forgive;
and give us strength in time of test;
grant us release from evil's death.

For all the cosmos is your own,
your power of love which we have known.
The splendor, radiant, without end;
to God be praise! Amen. Amen.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (Michael Leunig)

Dear God, we give thanks for places of simplicity and peace. Let us find such a place within ourselves. We give thanks for places of refuge and beauty. Let us find such a place within ourselves.

We give thanks for places of nature's truth and freedom, of joy, of inspiration and renewal, places where all creatures may find acceptance and belonging. Let us search for these places: in the world, in ourselves and in others. Let us restore them. Let us strengthen and protect them, and let us create them.

May we mend this outer world according to the truth of our inner life, and may our souls be shaped and nourished by nature's eternal wisdom. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9 (*The Message, Eugene Peterson – adapted*)

4-5 Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in God! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. God could show up any minute! **6-7** Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. **8-9** Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious – the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into God's most excellent harmonies.

Choral Alleluia

Reflection / Prayer for Peace Within

Silent Prayer & Meditation

"My Inner Peace" (*Charlie Key*)

Song: "Peace, Salaam, Shalom" (*Pat Humphries & Sandy Opatow*)

Peace, salaam, shalom, (3x)

Peace, salaam, shalom.

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." **2** Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." **3** So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. **4** He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" **5** When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Holy One."

6 They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. **7** The Holy One said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; **8** they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"

9 The Holy One said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. **10** Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." **11** But Moses implored the Holy One his God, and said, "O Holy One, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? **12** Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that God brought

them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. **13** Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" **14** And God changed God's mind ...

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Reflection / Prayer for Peace Without

Silent Prayer & Meditation

"A Song to Heal the World" (*Craig Young*)

Song: "Peace, Salaam, Shalom" (*Pat Humphries & Sandy Opatow*)

Peace, salaam, shalom, (3x)

Peace, salaam, shalom.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

"Thanks be to God" or "God, hear our prayer"

Sung Response (*tune: UMH #473, Samuel Sebastian Wesley / 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.

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 peace of God ...

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Go Now in Peace" (UMH #665, Natalie Sleeth)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

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