

Calvary

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*I will make a way in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.*

- Isaiah 43:19

October 17, 2021
21st Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Service of Healing

GATHERING

Prelude: "Down By the Riverside"

(Playing for Change, featuring Grandpa Elliott)

Welcome / Announcements

Announcements

- **Calvary's Covid-19 protocols:** 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 to sign up:
aemmettrardin@gmail.com
- **Online Advent Retreat**
 - info at allmeansall.org/advent
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Calendar

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

- info at allmeansall.org/adult-ed

Tuesday, Oct 19

- **12-12:30 pm:** Midweek Prayer
 - info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality
- **7 pm:** Finance Committee (*note later start time*)

Saturday, Oct 23, 4 pm: Charge Conference (*virtual*)

Sunday, Oct 24

- **9-10 am:** Bible Study - Ruth (*virtual*)
 - info at allmeansall.org/adult-ed
- **1:30-3:30 pm:** Calvary Picnic
 - Clark Park (43rd & Chester); BYO food, etc.
 - contact Sarah to RSVP: sbykerjames@gmail.com

- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group (*virtual*)
 - info at allmeansall.org/spiritual

Sunday, Oct 31: Celebration of All Saints' Day

Sunday, Nov 7: Pastor John guest preaching

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 worshiping 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: "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 (*The Iona Community Worship Book, adapted*)

One: We come to you, O God,

ALL: in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

One: We come to you, O God, who has come to us in Jesus,

ALL: and who walks with us the road of our own and the world's suffering.

One: We come with our faith and with our doubts;

ALL: we come with our hopes and with our fears.

One: We come as your people in need of renewal and healing. We come as we are, with the weight of all the burdens we carry in mind, body and spirit, because it is You—source of love and life within and around us—who invites us to come,

ALL: and You, whose everlasting arms remain ever open wide for embrace, have promised never to turn us away. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: "Joy Comes with the Dawn" (TFWS #2210)

Refrain

*Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.*

Weeping may come;
weeping may come in the night,
when dark shadows cloud our sight. (Refrain)

Sorrow will turn,
sorrow will turn into song,
and God's laughter make us strong. (Refrain)

We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise;
to the One who brings us grace. (Refrain)

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer *(John Pritchard, adapted)*

Our lives are but a breath, O God, but your steadfast love endures forever. Our concern is fleeting, whimsical, conditional, but your compassion never wavers. Our hearts stretch a small distance and include a small circle, but yours holds the height and depth and breadth of all creation.

Blessed by you, O Holy One, O Sacred Presence; by your presence, make blessed this day. By your presence, heal what is broken in us, our homes, our communities, and not least the deep divisions throughout the world, of politics, of wealth, of health, of opportunity, of flourishing.

By your presence, make clear the yawning gap between the world as it is and the world as it could be. Summon us anew to lean toward its promise with every stubborn ounce of our weight. By your presence, let love fill all things, that all things may shimmer with hope and sing with gratitude. By your presence, receive our prayer. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-8, 18-21

But now thus says the Lord, (God) who created you, O Jacob, (God) who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. **2** When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. **3** For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as

your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. **4** Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. **5** Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. **6** I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— **7** everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." **8** Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!

18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. **19** I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. **20** The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, **21** the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Invitation to a Ritual of Healing

Sung Response: "The Breath of God" (*Rickie Byars*)

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I know that all is well

The breath of God is breathing us
And resting in the breath of God
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Prayer for Healing

Silent Prayer

Naming What Needs Healing

Silent Reflection

Releasing What Needs Healing

Silent Reflection

Cleansing What Needs Healing

Prayer for Healing Waters (adapted from *Shaping Sanctuary: Proclaiming God's Grace in an Inclusive Church*)

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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: "Song of Hope / Canto de Esperanza"

(TFWS #2186)

May the God of hope go with us everyday,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain

*Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working, for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

ENGAGING

Benediction

"Hold yourself together and pull yourself apart"

(Pádraig Ó Tuama)

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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