Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation

"… my cup overflows."
- Psalm 23:5c

October 18, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

LGBTQIA+ History Month
Laity Sunday
Service of Restoration & Healing

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "The 23rd Psalm" *(Bobby McFerrin)*

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.
- **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
- **POWER Interfaith Citywide Assembly:** Sunday, Dec 6, 3-6 pm
  - contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary (deadline to register for bus is Oct 24th)
- **Previous sermons & bulletins**
  - allmeansall.org/sermonsbulletins

Calendar

Today, Oct 18, 12:30-1 pm: Pollinator Garden Dedication
- 48th & Baltimore

Monday, Oct 19
- **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

Wednesday, Oct 21
- **10-11 am:** Yoga *(weekly)* – see Oct 19
- **12-12:30 pm:** Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Immigrant Justice *(weekly / New Sanctuary Movement)*
  - Philadelphia ICE Field Office / 114 N 8th St
- **6-7 pm:** Calvary Handbell Choir *(semi-monthly - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays)*
  - Chapel – 48th St entrance
  - contact Sparrow to get involved: sprrwfrancis@gmail.com

Thursday, Oct 22, 7:15-8:30 pm: Bible Study - Psalms *(virtual / weekly, through Nov 5)*

Saturday, Oct 24, 2 pm: Calvary Seniors *(monthly - timing varies)*
- allmeansall.org/seniors
- contact Lorelle for details: lorellehb@gmail.com

Sunday, Oct 25, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship
- guest preacher: Cara Blouin

Sunday, Nov 1, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship *(Communion / All Saints' Sunday)*
- reception of new members

Wednesday, Nov 4, 7-8ish pm: Spirituality on Tap *(monthly - 1st Wednesdays)*
- Dahlak / 4708 Baltimore Ave
- allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

May our lungs remember what our minds forget …

Singing Our Way In: "Here in This Place" *(Christopher Grundy)*

Holy One, may your presence here open our minds
May your Spirit among us help us to find
You are rising up now like a fountain of grace
From the holy ground
Here in this place *(2x)*

Holy, holy, holy God
Of love and majesty
The whole universe speaks of your glory
From the holy ground
Here in this place (2x)

Call to Worship *(Roddy Hamilton, based on Psalm 23 – adapted)*

One: God is our Shepherd;
ALL: we shall not want.

One: We seek the grace of God,
ALL: and our cups overflow.

One: We seek the strength of God,
ALL: and our cups overflow.

One: We seek the peace of God,
ALL: and our cups overflow.

One: How generous is God's love,
ALL: so much the world cannot contain it.

One: God is our Shepherd;
ALL: we lack nothing. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Breathe In the Morning Air" *(tune: UMH #715, John Darwall / lyrics: Helen Wiltshire)*

Breathe in the morning air; inhale its fragrancy.
Be still and trust the sacredness that dwells within;
who's ever near; who knows our fears;
whose presence calms our restless souls.

Rest in this sacred space; lie down in pastures green.
Be present to the myst'ry of this holy place.
Hear singing streams; feel earth's embrace;
see how our lives are touched by grace.

Walk in the way of love, of justice and of peace.
Bring loving to a world of pain and loneliness.
Reach out in love and gentleness
To heal the hurt of brokenness.

Here in this darkest vale, shadowed by grief and fear,
we sense a loving presence that our hearts sustain.
Our fears subside; our minds are calm;
our panic flees, and peace remains.

Trust in the love of God; believe that goodness lives,
that hope and joy and beauty will embrace our days.
Pursued by love and touched by grace,
our thankful hearts will offer praise.

Passing the Peace

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

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Jan Richardson – adapted)*

God of the waters, help us to know that there will be wilderness, but the wilderness will turn to green land; that there will be desert, but in the desert a spring; that in the heart of the rocks of our lives will begin to flow a river washing through the chasm of our souls; and that we will walk wet with memory when again we touch dry land. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "We Shall Be Known" *(Karisha Longaker, MaMuse)*

We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now, and what a time to be alive
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love *(repeat)*

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23

The HOLY ONE is my shepherd; I shall not want. **2** He makes me lie down in green pastures; she leads me beside still waters; **3** they restore my soul. God leads me in right paths for God's name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **6** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the HOLY ONE my whole life long.

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

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23 *(The Message)*
God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing. **2** You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from. **3** True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction. **4** Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure. **5** You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing. **6** Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.

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)*

Ritual of Restoration

Blessing: Psalm 23 Blessing *(Roddy Hamilton)*

Song: "Our Shepherd Comes in Loving Care" *(tune: UMH #726, from Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second / lyrics: Jann Aldridge-Clanton)*
Our Shepherd comes in loving care;
she nurtures us each day.
By waters still and meadows green
she leads to peaceful ways.
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she leads to peaceful ways.

When we are weak, our Shepherd comes,
and she restores our souls.
She guides us all on healing paths
and makes us fully whole.
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and makes us fully whole.

Through every valley filled with grief,
our Shepherd calms our fears.
In loving arms she comforts us
and holds us always near.
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and holds us always near.

She makes a feast for everyone;
her blessings flow each day.
And in her lovely dwelling place
forever we will stay.
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forever we will stay.

SHARING

Offering Our Gifts

allmeansall.org/time-talent / allmeansall.org/donate

"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)*

- Oct 5-11: $827 / weekly budget: $1,663

Celebrating Lay Leadership

Prayers of the People

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

ENGAGING

Closing Song: "May You Run and Not Be Weary"
(tune & refrain: UMH #525, Charles Albert Tindley / lyrics: TFWS #2281, Paul Murakami & Handt Hanson)

May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.

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.

Calvary United Methodist Church

celebrating 130 years at the intersection of
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