

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“Jesus told the disciples a parable
about the need to pray continually
and not be discouraged.”*

- Luke 18:1

October 19, 2025

19th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

LGBTQIA+ History Month

Laity Sunday

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Help" (*The Beatles / perf. by Deep Purple*)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Congregational giving** (*rounded*)
 - Oct 6-12: \$1,293 / weekly budget: \$1,827
- **"Red Basket" special offerings through October:**
 - PA Interfaith Power & Light: allmeansall.org/climate-justice
- **Nursery volunteers needed**
 - contact Pastor Tim or Kasperik if you are interested and to learn more: kasperikimura@gmail.com
- **New Sanctuary Movement hospitality hosts**
 - Monday, Oct 20, 7 pm: informational meeting at Germantown Mennonite Church
 - contact Pastor Tim to learn more
- **Voter registration:** pa.gov/agencies/vote
 - tomorrow is the PA deadline to register to vote in the upcoming Primary election (Nov 4)
 - Oct 28 is the deadline to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot; Nov 4 is the deadline for mail-in/absentee ballots to be received (not mailed!)
- **Low-fee therapy through Council for Relationships:**
 - appointments available in person or online
 - contact Cara if you or anyone you know is interested: cblouin@councilforrelationships.org
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Monday, Oct 20, 6:30-7:30 pm: Yoga (*weekly*)

- Calvary (Chapel) – 48th St entrance
- allmeansall.org/yoga

Tuesday, Oct 21, 3 pm: Midweek Prayer

- allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2nd & 4th: 6 pm

Wednesday, Oct 22, 10-11 am: Yoga (weekly)

- see Oct 13 for details

Thursday, October 23, 7 pm: Bible Study – Revelation
(*hybrid / weekly, through Nov 13*)

- Calvary (Office) if in person – 48th St entrance

Saturday, Oct 25, 1 pm: Meditation (weekly)

- Calvary (Board Room) – 48th St entrance
- westphillyinsight.org

Sunday, Oct 26

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **1-6 pm:** PA Interfaith Power & Light Annual Convening
– Love Your Neighbor, Love Your World
 - tinyurl.com/paipl-2025
 - contact Sparrow to join others from Calvary, or to get involved in Calvary's PA-IPL/Green Team:
sprwfrancis@gmail.com

Sundays, Nov 2 & 9, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

- reception of new members

Saturday, Nov 8, 1 pm: 25th Annual Peoplehood Parade
(*Spiral Q*)

- beginning at Paul Robeson House / 50th & Walnut
- spiralq.org/peoplehood-parade
- contact Kasperikimura to join Calvary children and youth for the parade and/or for an art build ahead of time (timing TBD): kasperikimura@gmail.com

Visiting With 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: "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 grace of God is grace in me,
and resting in the grace of God,
I know that all is well.

The peace of God is peace in me ...

The love of God is love in me ...

Call to Worship (*Joanna Harader, based on Jeremiah 31:27-34 – adapted*)

One: Holy One, dwell within us.

ALL: Glimmer in our vision;

One: whisper in our ears;

ALL: write upon our hearts.

One: You are our God,

ALL: and we are your people.

One: So we gather now to worship, with open eyes, open ears, open hearts,

ALL: and with praise on our lips. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "This Is the Moment" (*tune: Benjamin Brody / lyrics: Hannah C. Brown*)

This is the moment, here is the place,
we are the people, yours is the grace.

Open our senses, feel how it starts:
you send your Spirit, we give our hearts.

What is this welcome, balm for the soul?
We seek our healing, you mend the whole.
Here is communion making us one.
Grateful, we enter what you've begun.

What is this water, washing us new?
We search for answers, you teach what's true.
Here is your summons: "Don't hesitate!
Join in this journey, new lives await."

What is this freedom, solemn and strange?
We long for safety, you lead to change.
Here is your challenge: "Do what is just;
dare to love deeply, learn how to trust."

This is the moment, here is the place,
we are the people, yours is the grace.
Open our senses, feel how it starts:
you send your Spirit, we give our hearts.

Stewardship Sharing

Recognition of Laity

Passing the Peace

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

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



GROUNDING

Community Prayer (John Birch)

Love has its source in you, Creator God; flows from you like an ocean into a world as unyielding as any shoreline cliff. And like the ocean, which batters, erodes and wears away even the hardest stone, your love persists; finds

cracks and inlets in hardened hearts, flows inside and works a miracle.

Who would think that water was more powerful than granite, love mightier than the hardest heart. Thank you, Creator God, for the power of your love. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? **2** My help comes from the HOLY ONE, who made heaven and earth. **3** God will not let your foot be moved; God who keeps you will not slumber. **4** God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. **5** The HOLY ONE is your keeper; the HOLY ONE is your shade at your right hand. **6** The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night. **7** The HOLY ONE will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life. **8** The HOLY ONE will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Luke 18:1-8 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

Jesus told the disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and not be discouraged. **2** He said, "There was a judge in a certain city who neither feared God nor respected people. **3** There was a widow in that city and she came to him continually, saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' **4** And he was not willing for some time; but later he said to himself, 'Though I do not fear God or respect anyone else, **5** yet because this widow

persists in troubling me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not ultimately come to violence against me." **6** And the Messiah said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. **7** And will not God grant justice to the elect of God who cry to God day and night? Will God forbear in helping them? **8** I tell you all, God will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Woman comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

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: "Faith for the Long Haul"

Song: "Faith Is Patience in the Night" *(TFWS #2211 / tune: John D. Horman / lyrics: Mary Nelson Keithahn)*

Faith is patience in the night,
waiting for the morning light,
never giving up the fight.
Spirit God give us faith.

Faith is laughter in our pain,
joy in pleasures that remain,
trust in One we can't explain.
Spirit God give us faith.

Faith is steadfast will to live,
standing firm and positive,
being ready still to give,
Spirit God give us faith.

Faith is courage under stress,
confidence in hopelessness,
greatest gift we can possess.
Spirit God give us faith.

SHARING

Prayers of the People

Sung Response (*tune: TFWS #2128, B.F. White / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

Source of life and love o'erflowing,
gather all the cares we bring.
Hold our tears and hold our longing
for a world where all can sing.
Stir in us as hope resilient;
breathe in us as life renewed.
Bind our hearts in sure rejoicing
in a world we share with you.

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

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