

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“... whoever wishes to become great
among you must be your servant ...”*

- Mark 10:43b

October 20, 2024

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

LGBTQIA+ History Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Brighter Day" (*Michael Franti*)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Save the date for our Spring Retreat**
 - May 16-17, 2025 (location TBD)
- **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 20

- **1-3:30 pm:** Get Out the Vote Canvass (*POWER Interfaith*)
 - Mother Bethel AME Church / 6th & Lombard
 - tinyurl.com/gotv-power
- **5 pm:** Young Adults Potluck
 - RSVP to Bethany: bethanycw@gmail.com

Monday, Oct 21: Last day to register to vote in PA

- **6:30-7:30 pm:** Beginner Yoga (*weekly, through Nov 18*)
 - Calvary (chapel) – please use 48th St entrance
 - allmeansall.org/yoga
- **7:30-8:30 pm:** Book Study (*weekly, through Nov 4*)

Tuesday, Oct 22, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)

- allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer

Wednesday, Oct 23, 7 pm: Church Council (*rescheduled*)

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
- **3-4:30 pm:** Church/Charge Conference
 - Sayers Memorial UMC / 61st & Catharine

Sunday, Oct 27, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

Sunday, Nov 3

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*Communion / All Saints' Sunday*)
- **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: "I Am Enough"

I am enough, I am beloved
That's a promise straight from God above
But God dwells, too, within my soul
Casts out my fears, and makes me whole

You are enough ...

We are enough ...

Call to Worship *(Beth Merrill Neel – adapted)*

One: God has set this day before us,

ALL: a day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

One: God has set our lives before us,

ALL: a span of years in which we love and learn and serve.

One: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

ALL: so that we might live fully in deep love.

One: Let us worship God.

ALL: Let us sing our praises to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Sing Praise to God" *(tune: UMH #139, Erneuertem Gesangbuch, harm. By William Sterndale Bennett / lyrics: Joachim Neander, trans. Madeleine Marshall – adapted)*

Sing praise to God,

who has shaped and sustains all Creation.

Sing praise, my soul,

in profound and complete adoration.

Gladsome rejoice – organ and trumpet and voice –
joining God's great congregation.

Praise God, (companion),

who lovingly offers (direction);

who, as on eagle's wings, saves us from sinful dejection.

Have you observed, how we are always preserved
by God's parental affection?

Sing praise to God,

with sincere thanks for all your successes.

Merciful God, ever loves to encourage and bless us.

Only conceive, what godly strength can achieve:
strength that would touch and caress us.

Sing praise, my soul,

the great name of your (true) God commending.

All that have life and breath join you,

their notes sweetly blending.

God is your light! Soul, ever keep this in sight:
amen, amen never ending.

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 *(from Abingdon Worship Annual – adapted)*

We pray for forgiveness this day, O God. For choosing power over service, forgive us. For seeking glory rather than humility, forgive us. For pushing ourselves to the front, when our presence is needed on the sidelines, forgive us. Help us know where we are needed and how best to serve you and your people. Guide us to your side, that we might be your hands of healing and compassion for a world in need. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 104:1, 24-35 *(paraphrased by Steve Garnaas-Holmes)*

O God, I bless you! May my soul be my blessing and thanks, for you are infinitely good; you are the perfect heart of all things. ... Your working unfolds richly with grace and layers upon layers of your poetry. Earth abounds with your presence—all these living things, your creatures! Yonder is the sea, great and wide, teeming with innumerable beings, small and great in the hidden waters. Beneath our confident ships, deeper than our understanding, swims a great secret creature whom you made, at home in the depths. Your creatures live in faith,

looking to you for their sustenance from moment to moment. So simple, the way of life!: you provide, and they gather. You open your hand and fill them with good things. These "dumb creatures" who do not understand cannot imagine life without you. ... You give of your Spirit, and create them anew with each breath. In each breath of every creature you make a new Creation altogether. This glory is eternal! God, may it give you joy, you whose mere look trembles the earth, whose simple touch ignites mountains! Let this awe fill me as long as I live. Let this song be the breath of my being. May my mindfulness delight you as much as you delight me. Let all that is sinful in me be consumed; let all my evil be no more, so that all of me is a blessing to you, so that I may be your Alleluia!

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Mark 10:35-44

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." **36** And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" **37** And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." **38** But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" **39** They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, **40** but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. **42** So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. **43** But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, **44** and whoever wishes to be first among you must be servant of all.

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: "Servant's Heart"

Song: "For the Healing of the Nations" *(UMH #428, tune: John Hughes / lyrics: Fred Kaan – adapted)*

For the healing of the nations,
(God), we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.

In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span,
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find,
earth its destiny may find.

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: "The Trees of the Field" *(TFWS #2279, tune: Stuart Dauermann / lyrics: Steffi Geiser Ruben)*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field,
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, *(clap 2x)*
the trees of the field will clap their hands, *(clap 2x)*
the trees of the field will clap their hands *(clap 2x)*
while you go out with joy.

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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