

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*"Two men went up to the temple  
to pray, one a Pharisee and  
the other a tax collector."*

*- Luke 18:10*

**October 23, 2022**

*20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## LGBTQIA+ History Month

### GATHERING

**Prelude:** “All My Favorite People Are Broken” (*Over the Rhine*)

*You're invited to be in silence during the Prelude as we transition together into this sacred time and space.*

### **Welcome / Announcements**

- **Updated COVID protocols:** masks encouraged but now optional; social distancing further encouraged
  - details at [allmeansall.org/covid](http://allmeansall.org/covid)
- **Bible Study** (*virtual / weekly*)
  - info at [allmeansall.org/bible-study](http://allmeansall.org/bible-study)
  - contact Pastor Tim if interested
- **Voter Phone/Text Banking & Door-to-Door Canvassing** (*POWER*)
  - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12-2 pm & 6:30-8:30 pm, and Sundays, 1-3 pm; Saturdays, 10 am-2 pm
  - info at [tinyurl.com/power-vote](http://tinyurl.com/power-vote)
- **Voting Deadlines:** Oct 24 (register); Nov 1 (request mail ballot)
  - info at [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov)
- **Worship volunteers:** sign up at [tinyurl.com/worship-help](http://tinyurl.com/worship-help)

### Calendar

**Monday, Oct 24, 7:30-8:30 pm:** Adult Ed Book Study – *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*

**Tuesday, Oct 25, 12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer

- info at [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)

**7 pm:** Finance Committee

**Saturday, Oct 29, 10 am-2 pm:** Door-to-Door Voter Canvassing in West Philly (*POWER*)

- contact Pastor Tim to sign up or with questions

**Sunday, Oct 30, 11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Virtual Worship

**Saturday, Nov 5, 10-11:30 am:** Mission Link Meeting

- contact Ursula ([rrojohanson@comcast.net](mailto:rrojohanson@comcast.net)) or Gerry ([geraldinefelix618@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinefelix618@gmail.com)) for details

**Sunday, Nov 6, 11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship, with Communion (*All Saints' Sunday*)

- join us as we officially welcome new members; light reception to follow!

**Saturday, Nov 12**

- **8:30 am-12 pm:** Charge Conference
  - Wharton-Wesley UMC / 54<sup>th</sup> & Catharine
- **4-6 pm:** 'Always Love You' Concert
  - info at [allmeansall.org/always-love-you](http://allmeansall.org/always-love-you)

**Sunday, Nov 13**

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** In-Person Worship (*no virtual option*)
  - guest preacher: Rev. John Pritchard
- **1-2 pm (following worship):** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck
  - Fellowship Hall (*lower level*)
  - please bring a dish to share if you can
- **1-4:15 pm:** PA-IPL 2022 Annual Conference – Environmental Justice & Human Resilience
  - info at [tinyurl.com/pa-ipl](http://tinyurl.com/pa-ipl)

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](http://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](mailto:office@allmeansall.org)).

## **CENTERING & CONNECTING**

### **Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer**

#### **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** *(Christopher Rey, based on Psalm 65)*

One: Praise waits for you, O God, in all your world!

**ALL: You hear our prayers, forgive our sins and call us to dwell with you!**

One: God of our hope, you are the life of the entire world.

**ALL: Your faithfulness calls forth songs of joy from the ends of the earth.**

One: You formed the mountains and still the roaring sea.

**ALL: You calm the uproar of the nations.**

One: You care for the land, bless it with water, and fill it with grain to feed the people.

**ALL: Let all creation shout and sing for joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### **Opening Song: "We Sing the Mighty Power of God"** *(tune:*

*UMH #278, public domain / lyrics: UMH #152, Isaac Watts – adapted)*

(We) sing the (mighty) power of God,  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.

(We) sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at (God's) command,  
and all the stars obey.

(We) sing the goodness of the Lord,  
(who) filled the earth with food;  
who formed the creatures through the Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed,  
where'er (we) turn (our eyes),  
if (we) survey the ground (we) tread,  
or gaze upon the (skies).

There's not a plant or flower below,  
but makes (your) glories known,  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from (your) throne;  
while all that borrows life from (you)  
is ever in (your) care,  
and everywhere that we can be,  
(you), God, are present there.

### **Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### **GROUNDING**

**Community Prayer** *(Tax Collector – adapted)*

God, be merciful to us, sinners and saints all. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Special Music**

**Scripture Lesson:** Joel 2:23-29

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for (God) has given the early rain for your vindication, (God) has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. **24** The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. **25** I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer,

and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

**26** You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

**27** You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. **28** Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

**29** Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

## Choral Alleluia

### Scripture Lesson: Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: **10** "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11** The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. **12** I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'

**13** But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' **14** I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## Choral Alleluia

## **Sermon:** "Sinners and Saints"

**Song:** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (TFWS #2120, James K. Manley)

### Refrain

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. *(Refrain)*

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets  
to open their eyes. *(Refrain)*

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence  
when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city, you called once again,  
when you blew through your people  
on the rush of the wind. *(Refrain)*

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions, your people arise. *(Refrain)*

## **SHARING**

### **Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns**

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

**Sung Response** (tune: UMH #408, trad. English / lyrics: John Pritchard)

O Open Arms, now hold our cares,  
the aches we've named, the joys we've shared.  
And hold us, too; into us breathe –  
your grace, your life, let us receive.

## **ENGAGING**

**Closing Song:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (TFWS #2153, African American spiritual)

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (repeat)

I'm gonna work so ...

I'm gonna pray so ...

I'm gonna live so ...

## **Benediction**

**Singing Our Way Out:** "Let the Church Say Amen" (Andraé Crouch)

Let the church say, "Amen" (repeat)

God has spoken, let the church say, "Amen"

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