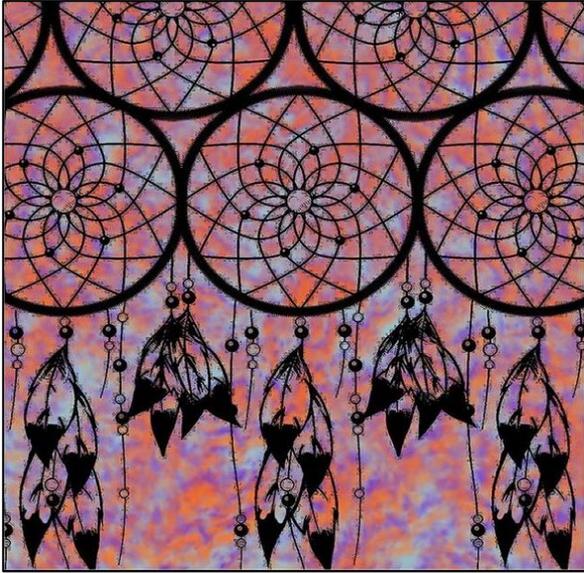


Calvary

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*When the LORD restored the
fortunes of Zion, we were
like those who dream.*

- Psalm 126:1

October 24, 2021
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "I Believe" (*Mark A. Miller*)

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.

I believe in love even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God even when God is silent.

** lyrics based on words apparently found scrawled on a cellar wall in Cologne, where Jews were hiding from Nazi persecution during WWII*

Welcome / Announcements

Announcements

- **Calvary's Covid-19 protocols:** allmeansall.org/covid
- **Lectionary Discussion Group** and **On Being Discussion Group** (*both online / ongoing*)
 - contact Pastor Tim if interested
- **Online Advent Retreat**
 - info at allmeansall.org/advent; contact Amy to sign up: aemmettrardin@gmail.com

Calendar

Today:

- **1:30-3:30 pm:** Calvary Picnic
 - Clark Park (43rd & Chester); BYO food, etc.
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group (*virtual*)
 - info at allmeansall.org/spiritual

Monday, Oct 25, 7:30-8:30 pm: Bible Study - Ruth (*virtual*)

- info at allmeansall.org/adult-ed

Tuesday, Oct 26, 12-12:30 pm: Midweek Prayer

- info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality

Sunday, Oct 31: Celebration of All Saints' Day

Sunday, Nov 7: Pastor John guest preaching (*Pastor Tim on vacation*)

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 worshipping 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: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

(UMH #420)

Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
til I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Invitation to Holy Presence / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship *(Steve Garnass-Holmes, adapted)*

One: Creator God, source of our being, we turn to you for life and breath.

ALL: O Love, have mercy on us!

One: Crucified and Risen Christ, bearer of forgiveness and healing, we turn to you for grace.

ALL: O Love, have mercy on us!

One: Holy Spirit, divine presence and energy within and among us, we turn to you on behalf of one another and the whole hurting world.

ALL: O Love, have mercy on us, and grant us your peace. Let our mouths be filled with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God"

(UMH #102, with alternate lyrics)

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed space to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
(Creator) now be given;
(whose love and life spring forth,
on earth as is in heaven);
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer *(John Pritchard, adapted)*

You whose strands of grace spread out like threads weaving us into one fabric of creation, you whose breath fills us with life, you whose heart leaps with our joy and weeps with our sorrow, we come to you. For rest, for courage, for hope.

We come praying for all that is unraveling around us. We come praying for all that is fractured within us. We come asking for strength, for wisdom, for healing. We come asking, above all, for a deeper sense of your presence, for a sip of your living waters. Quench all that thirsts in us and in this living planet, this your beloved creation.

Meet us with new life. Spark our imaginations to dream your dream of abundance for all. Open our eyes to see, and revive our commitment to seed, your vision of a world made just and whole. We pray in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music *(Calvary Choir)*

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. **2** Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." **3** The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. **4** Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. **5** May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. **6** Those who go out weeping,

bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. **47** When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" **48** Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" **49** Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." **50** So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. **51** Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." **52** Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Like Those Who Dream"

Hymn of Response: "When God Restored Our Common Life" (TFWS #2182)

When God restored our common life,
our hope, our liberty,
at first it seemed a passing dream,
a waking fantasy.
A shock of joy swept over us,
for we had wept so long;
the seeds we watered once with tears
sprang up into a song.

We went forth weeping, sowing seeds
in hard, unyielding soil;
with laughing hearts we carry home
the fruit of all our toil.
We praise the One who gave the growth,
with voices full and strong.
The seeds we watered once with tears
sprang up into a song.

Great liberating God, we pray
for all who are oppressed.
May those who long for what is right
with justice now be blest.
We pray for those who mourn this day,
and all who suffer wrong;
may seeds they water now with tears
spring up into a song.

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: “This Little Light of Mine”

(African American spiritual)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go . . .
All through the night . . .
All around West Philly . . .

This little light of mine . . .

ENGAGING

Benediction

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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