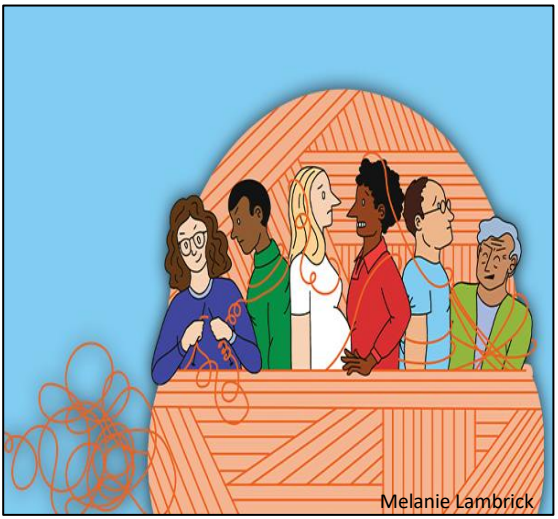
Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



"It is easier to love humanity as a whole than to love one's neighbor."
- Eric Hoffer

October 25, 2026

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

LGBTQIA+ History Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Stand By Me" *(Ben E. King)*

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.
- **Peoplehood Parade & Pageant:** Saturday, Nov 7 *(rain date: Nov 14)*
  - spiralq.org/peoplehood-parade
  - contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary
- **POWER Interfaith Citywide Assembly:** Sunday, Dec 6, 3-6 pm
  - contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary
- **Low-cost therapy**
  - Spark Bird Therapy Group is hosting a clinical intern at Calvary, available for individual and couples therapy beginning at $20/session
  - contact Cara for details: carablouin@gmail.com
- **Previous sermons & bulletins**
  - allmeansall.org/sermonsbulletins

Calendar

Monday, Oct 26

- **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 28

- **10-11 am:** Yoga *(weekly)* – see Oct 26
- **12-12:30 pm:** Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Immigrant Justice *(weekly / New Sanctuary Movement)*
  - Philadelphia ICE Field Office / 114 N 8th St

Thursday, Oct 29, 7:15-8:30 pm: Bible Study - Psalms *(virtual / weekly, through Nov 5)*

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

- reception of new members

Wednesday, Nov 4

- **6-7 pm:** Calvary Handbell Choir *(semi-monthly - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays)*
  - Chapel – 48th St entrance
  - contact Sparrow to get involved: sprrwfrancis@gmail.com
- **7-8ish pm:** Spirituality on Tap *(monthly - 1st Wednesdays)*
  - Dahlak / 4708 Baltimore Ave
  - allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

Sunday, Nov 8

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck *(monthly)*
  - Fellowship Hall (downstairs) – 48th St entrance
  - allmeansall.org/2nd-sunday-potluck

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

May our lungs remember what our minds forget …

Singing Our Way In: "Open Unto Me" *(tune: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan / lyrics: Anne Thurman, based on Howard Thurman prayer)*

Open unto me light for my darkness
Light for my darkness open unto me
Open unto me light for my darkness
Open unto me, O God

Open unto me strength for my weakness ...

Open unto me peace for my turmoil …

Open unto me joy for my sorrow …

Call to Worship *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes)*

One: Spirit of Love, we are children of your delight.
ALL: We who are born of your love sing your praise.
One: Spirit of Love, you enfold us in your blessing.
ALL: We who are healed by your love give you thanks.
One: Spirit of Love, you flow through us into the world.
ALL: We who bear your love bless you.
One: Come, Spirit of Love, and transform us by your grace.
ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Alleluia! Hear God's Story" *(tune: UMH #150, William Moore / lyrics: Mary Anne Parrott)*

Alleluia! Hear God's story,
still unfolding with each dawn.
Taste the wine and body broken:
God's creative love lives on.
Who the neighbor? Who the hungry?
Who is thirsty for shalom?
God of journey, in your story;
lead us, with the neighbor, home.

Alleluia! Sing the story;
God's great faithfulness proclaim.
Tell of prophets and apostles;
sing the power of Jesus' name.
Who the neighbor? Who the listener?
Who has ears to hear our song?
God of history, tune our voices,
make our hopeful witness strong.

Alleluia! Dance the story;
every sinew now engage.
Tethered close in truthful worship,
boldly face the coming age.
Who the neighbor? Who the watchful?
Who will welcome life's embrace?
God of gospel, tell the story
through our dancing of your grace.

Passing the Peace

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

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(John van de Laar – adapted)*

Your love, O God, is an active love: engaged, involved, immersed. Your love, O God, is seen in what you do, not just in what you say: in the blessing of children, in the meals with outcasts, in the touching of the untouchable, in your presence, in your self-giving, in your opening of the way to life to all.

And your love, O God, is expressed and experienced through people like us. As you have loved us in incarnate action, O God, may we learn to be little incarnations through whom your love is expressed and experienced in this world. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, **35** and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. **36** "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" **37** He said to him, "'You shall love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' **38** This is the greatest and first commandment. **39** And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' **40** On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 5:43-48

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' **44** But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45** so that you may be children of your Creator in heaven, for God makes the sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. **46** For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? **47** And if you greet only your siblings, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same? **48** Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Creator is perfect.

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)*

Sermon: "Community Is Annoying"

Song: "Let Our Vocation Be Love" *(tune: Randall Sensmeier / lyrics: David Bjorlin)*

Let our vocation be love,
love for our Source and our Goal,
the God who has named us and claimed us,
love that makes brokenness whole,
love that makes brokenness whole.

Let our vocation be love,
love for both strangers and friends,
the neighbor who greets us, foe who defeats us;
love that receives those God sends,
love that receives those God sends.

Let our vocation be love,
love for the world God has made,
the earth that protects us, feeds and connects us,
love in Creation displayed, love in Creation displayed.

Let our vocation be love,
love beyond border or wall,
the love that now makes us, mends and remakes us,
love that encompasses all, love that encompasses all.

SHARING

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

Previous giving *(rounded)*

- Oct 12-18: $1,459 / weekly budget: $1,663

Prayers of the People

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

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

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

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