

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*“ ... for all who exalt themselves  
will be humbled, but all who  
humble themselves will be exalted.”*

**- Luke 18:14b**

**October 26, 2025**

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

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

LGBTQIA+ History Month

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song:** "We Rejoice" (Wendell Kimbrough, inspired by Psalm 65)

## **Welcome & Announcements**

- **Congregational giving** (rounded)
  - Oct 13-19: \$1,198 / weekly budget: \$1,827
- **"Red Basket" special offering today:**
  - PA Interfaith Power & Light: [allmeansall.org/climate-justice](http://allmeansall.org/climate-justice)
- **"Red Basket" special offerings, Nov 2-23:**
  - POWER Interfaith: [allmeansall.org/racial-economic-justice](http://allmeansall.org/racial-economic-justice)
- **Nursery volunteers needed**
  - contact Pastor Tim or Kasperikimura@gmail.com if you are interested and to learn more: [kasperikimura@gmail.com](mailto:kasperikimura@gmail.com)
- **Grief support group**
  - contact Susanna if you or anyone you know is interested: [susanna.gilbertson@gmail.com](mailto:susanna.gilbertson@gmail.com)
- **New Sanctuary Movement sanctuary/hospitality hosts**
  - contact Pastor Tim to learn more
- **Previous sermons:** [allmeansall.org/sermons](http://allmeansall.org/sermons)
- **Previous bulletins:** [allmeansall.org/bulletins](http://allmeansall.org/bulletins)

## Calendar

**Monday, Oct 27, 6:30-7:30 pm:** Yoga (weekly)

- Calvary (Chapel) – 48<sup>th</sup> St entrance
- [allmeansall.org/yoga](http://allmeansall.org/yoga)

**Tuesday, Oct 28**

- **6 pm:** Midweek Prayer
  - [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)
  - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm
- **7 pm:** Church Council

**Wednesday, Oct 29, 10-11 am:** Yoga (weekly)

- see Oct 27 for details

**Thursday, Oct 30, 7 pm:** Bible Study – Revelation  
(hybrid / weekly, through Nov 13)

- Calvary (Office) if in person – 48<sup>th</sup> St entrance

**Thursday, Oct 30 – Thursday, Dec 4:** PA Interfaith Power & Light Film Festival 2025 (asynchronous)

- [tinyurl.com/paipl-film](https://tinyurl.com/paipl-film)
- contact Sparrow if you're interested, or to get involved in Calvary's PA-IPL/Green Team:  
[sprrwfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:sprrwfrancis@gmail.com)

**Saturday, Nov 1, 1 pm:** Meditation (weekly)

- Calvary (Board Room) – 48<sup>th</sup> St entrance
- [westphillyinsight.org](https://westphillyinsight.org)

**Sunday, Nov 2, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship  
(Communion / All Saints' Sunday)

- reception of new members

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

- beginning at Paul Robeson House / 50<sup>th</sup> & Walnut
- [spiralq.org/peoplehood-parade](https://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](mailto:kasperikimura@gmail.com)

**Sunday, Nov 9**

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
  - reception of new members
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck (monthly)
  - bring a dish, dessert, drinks to share if you can

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:** "This Joy" (*Shirley Caesar – adapted / arr. by Resistance Revival Chorus*)

This joy that I have, the world didn't give it to me (3x)

The world didn't give it, the world can't take it away

This faith that I have ...

This hope that I have ...

This love that I have ...

This peace that I have ...

**Call to Worship** (*Steven Shakespeare – adapted*)

One: We rise to the dawning of life;

**ALL: countless beings sing the hymn of Creation.**

One: We feel the Spirit moving in all things;

**ALL: the earth, sky and sea bring us healing.**

One: We touch the humming lines of connection;

**ALL: the web of all things sparkles with energy.**

One: May the Spirit of Creation, healing and connection, bless and hold this space, this time, this being together.

**ALL: And may all that we bring and all that we are find a welcome in this gathering.**

One: Through the spaces of our world: public and private, sacred and profane, neglected and contested, divided and united, commercial and communal, the Spirit makes its exile way: seeking a home,

**ALL: seeking a face,**

One: seeking a listening ear.

**ALL: Spirit of God, find us here.**

One: Through the spaces of our lives: confused and radiant, hurting and healing, anxious and confident, ashamed and proud, beautiful and broken, the Spirit walks the inner path: seeking the truth,

**ALL: seeking the soul,**

One: seeking the child within.

**ALL: Spirit of God, everlasting source of joy, faith, hope, love, peace, find us here. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song:** "God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us"  
(UMH #100, tune: John Goss / lyrics: William Boyd Grove – adapted)

God, whose love is reigning o'er us,  
source of all, the ending true;  
hear the universal chorus  
raised in joyful praise to you:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.

Word of God from nature bringing  
springtime green and autumn gold;  
mountain streams like children singing,  
ocean waves like thunder bold:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, as Creation's tale is told.

Holy God of ancient glory,  
(showing us what love can do);  
Abram's faith and Sarah's story  
formed a people bound to you.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.

Covenant, new again in Jesus,  
Starchild born to set us free;  
sent to heal us, sent to teach us  
how love's children we might be.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, (help us to see)!

Lift we then our human voices  
in the songs that faith would bring;  
live we then in human choices  
lives that, like our music sing:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

## Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## Offering Our Gifts

[allmeansall.org/time-talent](http://allmeansall.org/time-talent) / [allmeansall.org/donate](http://allmeansall.org/donate)

*"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** (*Order of Carmelites – adapted*)

God of life, God of all life, you remind us through your people and your prophets that all our religious practices are not worth anything if we use them to try to bend you our way. May we come to you, then, in humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and to turn your way again—the way that leads to life. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Special Music**

### **Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed, **2** O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. **3** When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. **4** Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. **5** By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. **6** By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. **7** You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

**8** Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. **9** You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. **10** You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. **11** You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. **12** The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy; **13** the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

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

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

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

Jesus 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 lift up his eyes 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

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia. *(repeat)*

**Silent Reflection:** “We Rejoice” *(Wendell Kimbrough, inspired by Psalm 65)*

- What resonates for you from Psalm 65? Why?
- What does mercy mean to you? Do you think of yourself as a sinner, and/or in need of mercy?
- How do you understand the connection between mercy and humility? Between prayer and humility?

**Song:** “O Savior, In This Quiet Place” *(tune: UMH #548, African American spiritual / lyrics: Fred Pratt Green – adapted by Jennie Gordon)*

O Jesus, in this quiet place,  
where anyone may kneel,  
with hope we come to ask for grace,  
believing you can heal.

When pain of body, stress of mind,  
destroys our inward peace,  
in prayerful stillness, may we find  
the blessing of release.

Have mercy on us, gentle friend,  
take all that makes us stray,  
bring light into our dark, so we  
can humbly walk your way.

Upon our thirsty, searching souls  
pour out your living streams;  
refresh our lives with visions bright  
and plant your wildest dreams.

You hear our prayers and bid us rise,  
and lift our eyes to see  
our oneness in your endless love,  
now and eternally.

## **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:** "This Little Light of Mine" (*AAHH #549, 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 ...

### **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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## **Calvary United Methodist Church**

*Celebrating 130 years at the intersection of  
48<sup>th</sup> & Baltimore / spirituality & justice*

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**Annie Haviland** (Finance Committee Chair)

**Jennine Miller** (Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair)

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