

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“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.’”
- Mark 10:51*

October 27, 2024

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

LGBTQIA+ History Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "I Will Lift My Eyes" (*Bebo Norman*)

Welcome & Announcements

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

Monday, Oct 28

- **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 29

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- **7 pm:** Church Council (*rescheduled*)

Sunday, Nov 3

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*Communion / All Saints' Sunday*)
 - reception of new members
- **5-8 pm:** Calvary Center Benefit Event
 - calvary-center.org/benefit-event
 - register or make a donation in honor of Rich Kirk

Sunday, Nov 10

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
 - Chioma Victoria Nwaogwegbe baptism / reception of new members
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck (*monthly*)
 - please bring a dish, dessert and/or drinks to share if you can, but no worries if you can't

Saturday, Dec 7, 10 am-3 pm: Holiday Rummage Sale & Bazaar

- volunteers and donations (sale items and baked goods) needed
- contact Shakirah to sign up or coordinate drop-off (or just bring on Sundays): office@allmeansall.org

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: "Spirit of the Living God" (*UMH #393, Daniel Iverson – adapted*)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (*repeat*)

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on (us) ...

Call to Worship (*Gretta Vosper – adapted*)

One: We are here. We come into this sacred place together to encourage one another,

ALL: to bear the cost and know the joys of love:

One: to celebrate its presence;

ALL: to live with respect in Creation;

One: to become love in the service of others, in the pursuit of justice, and the resistance of evil;

ALL: to recognize our humanity and celebrate it at our table;

One: to see love and loss in one another's eyes, and by them, to be both convicted and freed.

ALL: May love bind us to one another so we might better see and serve the world.

One: As one, we proclaim with praise:

ALL: We are not alone, for we journey together in the embrace of Divine Love. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Doxology" (*tune: UMH #95, Louis Bourgeois / lyrics: verse 1, Ruth Duck; verse 2, Nancy S. Taylor – adapted; remaining verses, Mary Luti*)

Praise God, the Source of life and birth;

Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;

Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame;

All glory, honor to God's name!

Praise God whose many names abound:

Our Life, our Rock, our Holy Ground.

Our Home, our All, Earth's Majesty,

Love, Spirit, Light and Mystery.

Praise God, the source of breath and birth,

who formed us from the dust of earth,

and made us kin in unity

to love and set each other free.

Praise God whose love will never cease,

whose justice raises up the least

and sits all creatures at the feast—

God's mercy is our hope and peace!

Praise God, whose image we all bear;

Praise Christ, whose mercy we all share;

Praise Spirit, making justice grow—
one God from whom all blessings flow! Amen.

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 *(Jonny Baker – adapted)*

God of love and healing, God of justice, peace and righteousness, come into our midst this day. Breathe your breath, your Spirit of prophecy, your energy, your enlivening, your imagination on us. Wake us up. Open our eyes that we might see. Unplug our ears that we might hear. Soften our hearts that we might feel, that we might grieve, that we might dream, that we might follow the ways of your extraordinary kingdom. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 34:1-8 *(paraphrased by Steve Garnaas-Holmes)*

Beloved, my heart pours into yours, and every word I say is your praise. You are the song, and I am your singing. You are the hope of a heart stripped bare. Our lives are a love song to you; our love is your glory let loose. I opened myself to you and you received me. You came between me and my fear. I wonder, with grateful awareness: how you radiate in me! Mindful of you, I am free from shame. My smallest voice cried out and you heard from within. In my deepest trouble you held me. The arms of your presence enfold me; they make my world. O Beloved, all

that I taste or see is your goodness. Living in you is deep joy.

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As (Jesus) 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

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

Sermon: "See(n)"

Song: "Christ, Our Healer" *(tune: UMH #384, John Zundel / lyrics: Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted)*

Christ, our healer, you have touched us,
reaching through the dark divide,
healing broken hearts and bodies,

casting death's old shroud aside:
raised us from our bed of sorrows,
put your arm around our pain,
raising us to new tomorrows,
bringing us to life again.

Christ, our teacher, in our healing
you have given us your gift:
grace to bless, your love revealing,
pow'r to heal and hope to lift.
In your Spirit, your forgiveness,
your compassion we embrace
ev'ry wounded, shamed or silenced
child of God with gentle grace.

Christ, (Beloved), you are going
on to every town and field,
on to every land and people,
on until the world is healed.
Use us in the whole world's mending,
use us as your healing hands,
'till as one the world, made whole,
takes up its mat with joy and stands.

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: "Guide My Feet" (TFWS #2208, African American spiritual)

Guide my feet while I run this race. (2x)

Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand ...

Stand by me ...

I'm your child ...

Search my heart ...

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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