

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*“... for I have walked in my  
integrity, and I have trusted in  
the HOLY ONE without wavering.”*

**- Psalm 26:1b**

**October 6, 2024**

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

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

National Hispanic Heritage Month / LGBTQIA+ History Month  
World Communion Sunday

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song:** "Let Us Break Bread Together" (*African American spiritual / perf. by Joan Baez*)

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### • **Nursery supplies needed**

- books (board, coloring, activity, comic), crayons, markers, fidgets, small toys, small stuffed animals
- contact Sarah to donate: [sbykerjames@gmail.com](mailto:sbykerjames@gmail.com)

### • **Preacher-in Residence:** Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart will preach next Sunday, Oct 13

- [allmeansall.org/preacher](http://allmeansall.org/preacher)

### • **Beginner Yoga:** Mondays, 6:30-7:30 pm / Oct 14 – Nov 18

- led by Bethany Weed
- [allmeansall.org/yoga](http://allmeansall.org/yoga)

### • **Meditation:** Saturdays, 1 pm

- led by Cara Blouin (West Philly Insight)
- to join mailing list or with questions:  
[witnessandintegrate@gmail.com](mailto:witnessandintegrate@gmail.com)

### • **Fall/Winter Bible Study:** Gospels of Matthew & Luke

- [allmeansall.org/bible-studies](http://allmeansall.org/bible-studies)

### • **Previous sermons:** [allmeansall.org/sermons](http://allmeansall.org/sermons)

### • **Previous bulletins:** [allmeansall.org/bulletins](http://allmeansall.org/bulletins)

## Calendar

**Monday, Oct 7, 7:30-8:30 pm:** Book Study (*weekly, through Nov 4*)

## **Tuesday, Oct 8**

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
  - [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)
- **7:30 pm:** Trustees

## **Sunday, Oct 13**

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck
  - please bring a dish, dessert and/or drinks to share if you can, but no worries if you can't!

## **Saturday, Oct 19, 10 am-5 pm:** Fall Retreat

- [allmeansall.org/fall-retreat](http://allmeansall.org/fall-retreat)

## **Sunday, Oct 20, 5 pm:** Young Adults Potluck

- contact Bethany for details: [bethanycw@gmail.com](mailto:bethanycw@gmail.com)

## **Saturday, Oct 26, 9:30 am-12 pm:** Calvary @ Sankofa Community Farm

- Bartram's Garden / 3000 S. 56<sup>th</sup> St
- [allmeansall.org/sankofa](http://allmeansall.org/sankofa)
- contact Pastor Tim to volunteer, or with questions

## **Sunday, Nov 3, 5-8 pm:** Calvary Center Benefit Event

- [calvary-center.org/benefit-event](http://calvary-center.org/benefit-event)

## 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:** "Return to Me" (*Rickie Byars*)

Return to me, return to me

With every breath, return

End and begin with me

With every breath, return

Return to love ...

Return to peace ...

## **Call to Worship** *(John Pritchard)*

One: Whoever you are, wherever you've been, whatever you've done, welcome, here, now!

**ALL: Peace to you and grace, grace that receives us all.**

One: Join, friends, this World Communion Sunday.

**ALL: May all of God's family be one.**

One: As many grains join to form one loaf, we join with others scattered throughout the earth to form one body.

**ALL: May God weave together our hearts.**

One: As the juice of many grapes flows into one cup, our hopes and hurts throughout the globe flow into one prayer.

**ALL: May God hear our longing for shalom.**

One: As the bread and cup are shared freely, we pray for the free sharing of all earth's resources so all have enough.

**ALL: May God summon us together to be the answer to our prayer.**

One: As the divine life is known in the sharing of the bread and cup, may God's presence and love be known in our work together for a transformed world.

**ALL: May God empower us to work for justice, for hope, for healing, and may God move us always to praise: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song:** "Now Thank We All Our God" *(UMH #102, tune: Johann Crüger / lyrics: Martin Rinkhart, translated by Catherine Winkworth – adapted)*

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;  
(be with us through) 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.

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

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### **GROUNDING**

#### **Community Prayer** *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes)*

Loving God, we gather here at your table with all our siblings in Christ around the world. In the mystery of your grace, they are all here. Though we have many different stories, we are all one. We all live by the power of the one Spirit. We worship as one body. We are made as grains into one loaf. And with one voice, in glorious million-part harmony, we sing your praise. Bless us, that all our lives we may live in harmony with one another. Amen.

#### **Silent Prayer**

#### **Special Music**

## **Scripture Lesson:** Job 2:1-10

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the HOLY ONE, and the accuser also came among them to present himself before the HOLY ONE. **2** The HOLY ONE said to the accuser, "Where have you come from?" The accuser answered the HOLY ONE, "From going to and fro on the earth and from walking up and down on it." **3** The HOLY ONE said to the accuser, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." **4** Then the accuser answered the HOLY ONE, "Skin for skin! All that the man has he will give for his life. **5** But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." **6** The HOLY ONE said to the accuser, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life." **7** So the accuser went out from the presence of the HOLY ONE and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. **8** Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself and sat among the ashes. **9** Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God and die." **10** But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive good from God and not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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

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

## **Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 26

Vindicate me, O HOLY ONE, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the HOLY ONE without wavering. **2** Prove me, O HOLY ONE, and try me; test my heart and mind. **3** For your steadfast love is before my

eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you. **4** I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites; **5** I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked. **6** I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O HOLY ONE, **7** singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds. **8** O HOLY ONE, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides. **9** Do not sweep me away with sinners nor my life with the bloodthirsty, **10** those in whose hands are evil devices and whose right hands are full of bribes. **11** But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me and be gracious to me. **12** My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the HOLY ONE.

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:** "Love Happens"

**Song:** "When Pain and Terror Strike by Chance" (UMH #606, *tune: English melody / lyrics: Brian Wren – adapted*)

When pain and terror strike by chance,  
with causes unexplained,  
when God seems absent or asleep,  
and evil unrestrained,  
we crave an all-controlling force,  
ready to rule and warn,  
but find, far-shadowed by a cross,  
a child in weakness born.

We marvel at God's nakedness  
and sense the play of chance  
in Herod's anger, Peter's growth,  
and Pilate's troubled glance.

(For Jesus') tempted, tested way  
never was cut and dried,  
but costly, risking life and love,  
betrayed and crucified.

How deep the Wisdom of our God,  
how weak, but truly wise,  
to risk, to sacrifice, to die,  
and from the grave arise,  
to shed the shroud of death and fate,  
freeing our hearts for good.

We breathe the ample air of hope  
and take our chance with God.

Since Wisdom took its chance on earth,  
to show God's living way,  
we'll trust that fear and force will fail,  
and Wisdom win the day.

Then, come, dear Christ, and hold us fast  
when faith and hope are torn,  
and bring us, in your loving arms,  
to resurrection morn.

## **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.

**Communion / The Great Thanksgiving** *(John Pritchard)*

One: God is with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: Open your hearts.

**ALL: We open them to God and to each other.**



One: Let us give thanks.

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: It is right to praise you, O God, source of all that is, one Spirit pulsing in all that lives, one presence weaving all into one glorious work of art. Yours is the touch that sculpts all creation, the breath that gives all life, the ever-present wonder glimpsed especially at life's edges—its beginning and end—and the wonder that we—any of us, all of us—are. Yours is the voice we hear in the morning dove, the roaring surf, the beating heart, the deep-of-night stillness. Yours is the name chanted by all living things in each and every breath. And so, with your people on earth, with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-b, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal - adapted):

**Holy, holy, holy (One); God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

**Blest is the one who comes in the name of (our God).**

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

One: Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your Christ, Jesus, whose life was a window into the wonder of your presence. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, shared his table with those not welcome elsewhere. In his ways we glimpse your compassion among us. He announced the abundance of your grace, and invited us to trust your presence in the fabric of life, holding and blessing all.

He proclaimed your favor for those without resources and called out those who hoarded creation's benefits for themselves. They lashed out and crushed him, but you raised him to life and spoke your 'Yes' to his words and witness.

On the night he was arrested ... And so we remember. As often as we break the bread and share the cup, we remember the life of Jesus and all that we see of you in that life. We taste the same Spirit, we feast on the same promise, and renew our commitment to follow the same path, proclaiming together the mystery at the heart of our faith:

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-c, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

One: Pour out your Spirit on this bread and cup, on all of our bread and cups, and on us gathered here and virtually. Stir up your Spirit as we share this holy meal together. Peel back the cover of our days—the routine, the sorrow, the struggle—that we may glimpse your presence and be refreshed in your Spirit and be renewed in your ways.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, one in the work of sharing fullness with all people—indeed, all the earth. And one with all things in praise and wonder of your life in ours.

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-d, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

**Sung Response:** “Eat This Bread” (UMH #628, tune: Robert Batastini & Taizé Community / lyrics: Jacques Berthier)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

## **ENGAGING**

### **Benediction**

**Singing Our Way Out: "Go Now in Peace"** (UMH #665,  
*Natalie Sleeth*)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
may the love of God surround you  
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

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