

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“The law of the Holy One is perfect,
reviving the soul ...”*

- Psalm 19:7a

October 8, 2023

19th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

National Hispanic Heritage Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Psalm 19" (*Benedetto Marcello / arr. Diane Bish / perf. by Brian Mathias, Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square*)

**You're invited to be in silence during the Gathering Song,
as we transition together into this sacred space.**

Welcome & Announcements

(Announcements also available at allmeansall.org/announcements)

- **Calvary Choir:** calling all singers and instrumentalists!
 - contact Lorelle to join: lorellehb@gmail.com
- **HVAC Matching Gift Campaign:** allmeansall.org/hvac
- **Meal support for Sharon:** mealtrain.com/trains/z38lvo
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, 1-2ish pm: 2nd Sunday Potluck

Monday, Oct 9, 7:30-8:30 pm: Adult Ed Book Study (*virtual*)

Tuesday, Oct 10

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*virtual*)
- **7 pm:** Trustees

Wednesday, Oct 11, 7 pm: CCCC Transition Meeting

Sunday, Oct 15

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*Laity Sunday*)
 - join us for a special Service of Blessing & Renewal
- **4-6 pm:** Confirmation Class

Saturday, Oct 21, 1 pm: 23rd Annual Peoplehood Parade

- starting at Paul Robeson House / 45th & Walnut
- contact Pastor Tim to join Calvary's contingent

Tuesday, Oct 24, 7 pm: Church Council

Saturday, Oct 28, 3-4:30 pm: Charge Conference

- St. Matthew's UMC / 600 Walker Rd (Wayne)

Saturday, Nov 11, 10 am-5 pm: Fall Retreat

- Cranaleith Spiritual Center (NE Philly)
- register at allmeansall.org/fall-retreat

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.

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 or sign up online. Our **Calvary Connections e-newsletter** goes out every Thursday night.

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "Breath of God, Breath of Peace"

(tune: Sally Ann Morris / lyrics: Adam M.L. Tice)

Breath of God, Breath of peace,
Breath of love, Breath of life,
Breath of justice, Breath of passion,
Breath creating, Breath of healing,
Breath of singing, Breath of praying,
Come upon us, come restore us,
come inspire us, Breath of God.

Word of God, Word of peace,
Word of love, Word of life,
Word of justice, Word of passion,
Word creating, Word of healing,
Word of singing, Word of praying,
Come upon us, come restore us,
come inspire us, Word of God.

Voice of God, Voice of peace,
Voice of love, Voice of life,
Voice of justice, Voice of passion,
Voice creating, Voice of healing,
Voice of singing, Voice of praying,
Come upon us, come restore us,
come inspire us, Voice of God.

Call to Worship (*Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted*)

One: God of all Creation, the heavens are yours; they are not ours.

ALL: The earth does not belong to us, nor do any living things.

One: Our lives are not our own; they are yours.

ALL: And yet we wish to take over the vineyard of life, and have it for ourselves.

One: Calm our wayward hearts. Bring us once again under your life-giving direction.

ALL: May your grace rule over us, and your love be the law on our hearts.

One: Re-shape us by your Word, your Creative Energy.

ALL: Revive our spirits and our souls as we gather to worship you. As we sing our praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Sing for God's Glory" (*tune: UMH #139 / lyrics: Kathy Galloway*)

Sing for God's glory that colors the dawn of creation,
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;
sun of delight succeeds the velvet of night,
warming the earth's exultation.

Sing for God's power that shatters
the chains that would bind us,
searing the darkness of
fear and despair that could blind us,
touching our shame with love that will not lay blame,
reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;
lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight,
offering freedom's transfusion.

Sing for God's saints who have traveled
faith's journey before us,
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;
in them we see the new creation to be,
spirit of love made flesh for us.

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)*

Gracious God, all of Creation is your Word, all that is, is your law. The heavens are telling of your truth, and the human heart proclaims your love. Help us, now in our worship and throughout our lives, to listen to your Word and to follow your Way, so that all our living might proclaim your good news. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words: **2** I am the Holy One your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; **3** you shall have no other gods before me. **4** You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ...

7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Holy One your God, for the Holy One will not acquit

anyone who misuses the name of God. **8** Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. **9** Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ...

12 Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Holy One your God is giving you. **13** You shall not murder. **14** You shall not commit adultery. **15** You shall not steal. **16** You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. **17** You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's spouse, or slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

18 When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at distance, **19** and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die."
20 Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of God upon you so that you do not sin."

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. **2** Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. **3** There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; **4** yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, **5** which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. **6** Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

7 The law of the Holy One is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Holy One are sure, making wise the

simple; **8** the precepts of the Holy One are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Holy One is clear, enlightening the eyes; **9** the fear of the Holy One is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Holy One are true and righteous altogether. **10** More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. **11** Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. **12** But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. **13** Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. **14** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Holy One, my rock and my redeemer.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "The Word Beyond the Words"

Song: "O Spirit, Send Doubt" (*tune: UMH #103 / lyrics: David Bjorlin*)

O Spirit, send doubt when our faith turns to fact
that hardens to doctrines obscure and abstract.
Come teach us the wisdom of story and song,
that helps us live answers beyond right and wrong.

O Spirit, send doubt when our faith turns to pride
and builds bigger walls to keep others outside.
Come teach us the wisdom of letting you choose
the scope and extravagance of your good news.

O Spirit, send doubt when our faith turns to fear
of all that is foreign, uncommon or queer.
Come teach us the wisdom of all we find strange,
that baffles our bias and leads us to change.

O Spirit, send doubt as a gift of your grace
to topple the idols still shrouding your face.
Come teach us the wisdom of all we yet know,
for only in wonder can faith finally grow.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

“Thanks be to God” or “God, hear our prayer”

Sung Response (*tune: UMH #473, Samuel Sebastian Wesley / 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.

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: “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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