

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“This is the beginning
of the birth pangs.”*

- Mark 13:8b

November 17, 2024

26th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Native American Heritage Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Breathe and Push" (Zo Tobi)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Last call for Bible study:** Matthew & Luke
 - Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm (Nov 20 – Dec 18)
 - allmeansall.org/bible-studies
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up, or with questions
- **Story Circles:** allmeansall.org/story-circles
 - contact Amy to sign up, or with questions:
aemmettrardin@gmail.com
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Monday, Nov 18, 6:30-7:30 pm: Beginner Yoga

- Calvary (chapel)
- allmeansall.org/yoga

Tuesday, Nov 19

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly / virtual*)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- **7 pm:** Finance Committee

Sunday, Nov 24, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

Sunday, Dec 1, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

(Communion / 1st Sunday of Advent)

- guest preacher: Cara Blouin

Thursday, Dec 5, 8-9ish pm: Spirituality on Tap (*monthly – 1st Thursdays*)

- Carbon Copy / 701 S. 50th St
- allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

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

Sunday, Dec 8, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Sunday, Dec 15

- **11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship** (3rd Sunday of Advent)
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck – Christmas Party
 - featuring white elephant gift exchange
 - allmeansall.org/potlucks
- **6:30 pm:** Calvary Christmas Benefit Concert (presented by Big Push / hybrid)
 - allmeansall.org/concert

Saturday, Dec 21, 7-8 pm: Blue Christmas Service (hybrid)

- allmeansall.org/blue

Sunday, Dec 22, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship (4th Sunday of Advent)

Tuesday, Dec 24, 7 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols (hybrid)

- allmeansall.org/christmas

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: "Live in Charity (Ubi Caritas)" (TFWS #2179, tune: Jacques Berthier / lyrics: from 1 Corinthians 13:2-8)

Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity, God will dwell with you.

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Call to Worship (from re-worship, adapted)

One: We gather together to worship, knowing that God is already here among us;

ALL: knowing that there is nothing that separates us from the presence of God.

One: Wherever we are, wherever we go,

ALL: God is near.

One: So let us enter into worship with confidence and hope, knowing that God is already with us,

ALL: and that God stands eager to meet us and bless us with love. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "God of the Future" (tune: UMH #451, trad. Irish melody / lyrics: Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

God of our dark night, and God of our day,
God of our journey, whose will is our way,
when our path dims and the future's unknown,
still you walk with us; we're never alone.

Though the familiar should fade and turn strange,
your steady love for us never will change.

So when we worry and can't see the way,
Love, still your grace is enough for today.

All that is taken and all that we lose,
all of the cost of the path that we choose
never compares with the grace you impart:
faithful and gracious, you give us your heart.

Bless all the journeys we still are to make.
May they shed mercy and light for your sake.

Lead us with courage on journeys unknown,
walking in blessing, and never alone.

Be our companion, our courage, our nerve,
you, the heart in us, to love and to serve.

Blessings you promise, whatever befall.

Still you walk with us, O lover of all.

Stewardship Moment

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 *(John van de Laar – adapted)*

We choose not to be blinded by cynicism, O God: even when joy and celebration feel naïve and frivolous, we choose to believe in the power of faith. We choose not to be led by despair, O God: even when dreams fail and the world seems to grow colder and more broken, we choose to believe in the power of hope. We choose not to give in to fear, O God: even when hatred and violence threaten, we choose to believe in the power of love. We choose not to be over-awed by death, O God: even when grief shuts out all other voices, we choose to believe in the power of life.

In every time, in each place, with all people, and with the whole of Creation, may your resurrection rise up within us, and labor with us toward life made new for all. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. **2** I say to the HOLY ONE, "You are my God; I have no good apart from you." **3** As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight. **4** Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. **5** The HOLY ONE is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. **6** The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. **7** I bless the HOLY ONE, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. **8** I keep the HOLY ONE always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **9** Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. **10** For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit. **11** You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Mark 13:1-8 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

Now as Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher! Look! Such stones and such buildings!" **2** Then Jesus said to his disciple, "Do you see these great buildings? Not a single stone will be left here upon another that will not be demolished." **3** So when Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, **4** "Tell us when will this be, and what will be the sign these things are about to come to pass?" **5** Thus Jesus began to say to them, "See to it no one leads you all astray. **6** Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will deceive many. **7** So when you all hear of

wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must be, however, the end is not yet. **8** For nation will rise against nation, and monarchy against monarchy; there will be earthquakes in particular places; there will be famines. This is the beginning of the birth pangs."

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: "Breathe and Push"

Song: "Canticle of the Turning" (*tune: traditional Irish / lyrics: Rory Cooney*)

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me.
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring,
let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!*

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. (*refrain*)

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast;
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
'til the spear and rod be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *(refrain)*

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

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: "May You Run and Not Be Weary" *(tune & refrain: UMH #525, Charles Albert Tindley / lyrics: TFWS #2281, Paul Murakami & Handt Hanson)*

May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.
*By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,*

we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.

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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