

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



"Be still, and know that I am God!"

- Psalm 46:10a

November 20, 2022

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Reign of Christ Sunday

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Native American Heritage Month

GATHERING

Prelude: "In You There Is a Refuge" (*tune: Linnea Good, arr. Bryn Nixon / lyrics: Keri Wehlander / performed by Christina Cichos & Bryn Nixon*)

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

Welcome / Announcements

- **Pastor Tim will be out of town this week, Nov 22-25;** in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Kristine: [267.624.5530](tel:267.624.5530)
- **Advent/Christmas at Calvary:** allmeansall.org/advent
- **Worship volunteers:** sign up at tinyurl.com/worship-help

Calendar

Today, 2 pm: Finance Committee

Tuesday, Nov 22, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer (*virtual*)

- info at allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer

Sunday, Nov 27

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*1st Sunday of Advent*)
- **7:30-8:30 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group – Online Advent Retreat (*virtual / weekly through Advent*)
 - info at allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Monday, Nov 28, 8 pm: Adult Ed Book Study – *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* (*virtual*)

Saturday, Dec 3, 4 pm: Memorial Service for Francis Horst (*hybrid*)

Sunday, Dec 4

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship, with Communion (*2nd Sunday of Advent*)
- **5 pm:** Church Council

Thursday, Dec 8: Community Rhythm Circle

- info at allmeansall.org/community-rhythm-circle

Sunday, Dec 11

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*3rd Sunday of Advent*)
- **1-2:30ish pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck – Christmas Cookie & White Elephant Gift Exchange
 - bring money for pizza if you can, a cheap/no-cost gift (wrapped) if you can, and home-baked cookies to share if you want!

Sunday, Dec 18

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*4th Sunday of Advent*)
- **5 pm:** Calvary Kids/Youth Group Christmas Party (*location TBD*)
 - contact Pastor Tim for details or to RSVP

Visiting With Us?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason you chose to join us! We invite you to fill out a Visitor Form at **allmeansall.org/visitors**; for those worshipping in person, someone will share a form with you during the service. We strive to make our worship space (in person and virtual) as welcoming and accommodating of different needs as possible. If you have any concerns or questions regarding accessibility, 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 (office@allmeansall.org).

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "Be Still and Know That I Am God"
(TFWS #2057, John Bell)

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.

Call to Worship (*Mindi Welton-Mitchell, based on Isaiah 43:2*)

One: When we pass through the waters,

ALL: God is there with us.

One: When we suffer and feel hopeless,

ALL: God is there with us.

One: When we are joyful and celebratory,

ALL: God is there with us.

One: Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,

ALL: God is there with us, always.

One: Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel, God with us.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Come and Find the Quiet Center" (*TFWS #2128, tune: B.F. White / lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray*)

Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:

There's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(David Adam – adapted)*

O God, help us to relax. Take from us the tension that makes peace impossible. Take from us the fears that do not allow us to venture. Take from us the worries that blind our sight. Take from us the distress that hides your joy. Help us to know that we are with you, that we are in your care, that we are in your love, that you and we are one. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. **2** Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; **3** though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. **4** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. **5** God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. **6** The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; (God) utters (God's) voice, the earth melts. **7** The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. **8** Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations (God) has brought on the earth. **9** (God)

makes wars cease to the end of the earth; (God) breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; (God) burns the shields with fire. **10** "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."
11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. **34** Then Jesus said, "(My God), forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. **35** And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, (God's) chosen one!" **36** The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, **37** and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" **38** There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" **40** But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? **41** And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." **42** Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." **43** He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "God in the Stillness"

Song: "God! When Human Bonds Are Broken" (tune: UMH #433, trad. American / lyrics: Fred Kaan)

God! When human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.

Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving
all the failures we confess.

You in us are bruised and broken:
hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.

Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life;
use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.

Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God! Encourage and renew!

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

"Thanks be to God" or "God, hear our prayer"

Sung Response (tune: UMH #682, Thomas Tallis / lyrics: John Pritchard)

O draw us near, companion God.
For every joy, your name we laud.
For every wound and each sigh, too,
we pray your love will see us through.

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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