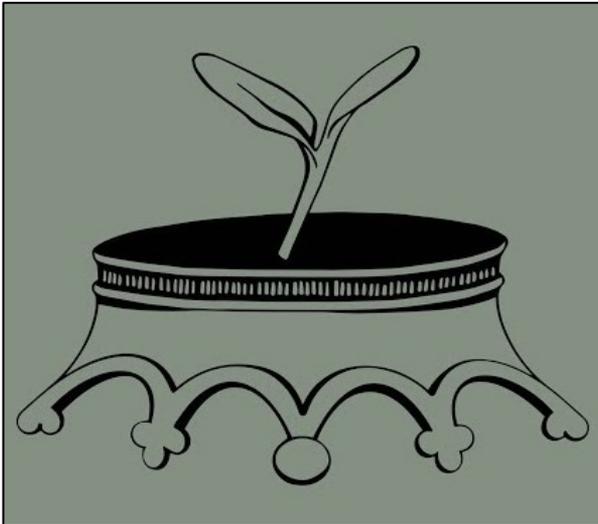


Calvary

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom
is not from this world.'"*

- John 18:36

November 21, 2021
26th Sunday after Pentecost
Reign of Christ

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "Full Force Gale" (*Van Morrison*)

Welcome / Announcements

Announcements

- **Lectionary Discussion Group** and **On Being Discussion Group** (*both online and ongoing*)
 - contact Pastor Tim if interested

Calendar

Monday, Nov 22, 7:30-8:30 pm: Bible Study - Ruth

- info at allmeansall.org/adult-ed

Tuesday, Nov 23, 12-12:30 pm: Midweek Prayer

- info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality

Sunday, Nov 28, 8-9 pm: Spiritual Reflection Group /
Online Advent Retreat (*weekly through Advent*)

- info at allmeansall.org/spiritual

Monday, Nov 29, 7-8 pm: Online Advent Retreat (*weekly through Advent*)

- info at allmeansall.org/advent

Sunday, Dec 5, 1:15 pm (following worship): Church Council

Monday, Dec 6 - Thursday, Dec 9: Climate & Community -
Faithful Action for Climate Justice (*free webinar series*)

- info at allmeansall.org/climate

Friday, Dec 10, 6:30-8:30 pm: Screening/Discussion of *This Changes Everything*

- info at allmeansall.org/climate

Saturday, Dec 11, 10 am-2 pm: Welcome Winter Day

- Wharton-Wesley UMC (*54th & Catherine*)

Sunday, Dec 12, 1 pm (following worship): Hot Chocolate (etc.) on the Steps

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).

Singing Our Way In: "The Kingdom of God"

(tune: Jacques Berthier / lyrics: Taizé Community, altered)

The (kindom) of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Come, God, and open in us the gates of your (kindom).

Invitation to Holy Presence / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship *(Katherine Hawker, adapted)*

One: We come hesitantly, weighed down by the
excesses and sorrows of the past.

**ALL: Grace to you and peace, from the God who is and
who was and who is to come.**

One: We come hopefully, knowing that the presence of
God will not be limited by our human constructs.

**ALL: Grace to you and peace, from the God who is and
who was and who is to come.**

One: We come thankfully, discovering abundance born
not of possession but of the heart.

**ALL: Grace to you and peace, from the God who is and
who was and who is to come. Come, let us worship the
God who is Alpha and Omega. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Opening Hymn: "Let All Things Now Living" (TFWS #2008)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

The law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer (Roddy Hamilton, adapted)

Create a throne room for yourself here, O Christ, but let it
be the empty seat beside the anxious, the lonely chair
next to the confused, the vacant pew next to the hungry.
And reign, O Jesus, as sovereign over the forgotten. May
your reign be a mockery to the world, but good news to
those who seek out truth.

And may we join them in the search, finding you walking
the streets or breaking bread or sitting by bedsides. May
we find you in border areas on the edge of things,
crossing over with the foreigner. May we find you among
children learning to finger paint, as teachers to those who

long to enjoy life again. May we find you with the worried, silenced with nothing to say and space enough to keep it.

May we find you on the wrong side of the tracks, going where you should not and finding a place to lay your head among the lost. May we find you singing our songs of justice and peace, and removing your crown to do so. May we find you with a word that lives in the hopes of the afraid, and a comforting peace for those who are broken. May we find you laughing at the powerful, unnerving what folk think so secure while welcoming those who have nothing into your throne room.

O Jesus, reigning in the world with your upside-down kindom of love, may we find the faith to stand with you, sovereign of life and servant of all. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music *(Calvary Choir)*

Scripture Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from (God) who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before (God's) throne, **5** and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, **6** and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and (Creator), to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. **7** Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. **8** "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" **35** Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." **37** Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Not from This World"

Hymn of Response: "Wounded World that Cries for Healing" (TFWS #2177)

Wounded world that cries for healing –
here we hold each other's pain,
wounded systems, bruised and bleeding
bear the load, the scars of strain;
dollars ration out compassion,
hard decisions rule the day,
Jesus of the healing Spirit,
free us to another way!

Through our nation's spent frustration,
through the corridors of stress
may there move a kindlier wisdom
all may feel, and all may bless;

tax and tithe are for a purpose
shared to shield the poor and weak;
past the symptoms of our sickness
let the voice of justice speak.

Honor those whose loving spirit
nurses hope, restores and heals,
towel and basin used in service
like the Christ who comes and kneels;
in the tending, in the mending
may we see the right and fair,
in our common quest for wholeness
heal each other by our care.

SHARING

Offering our Tithes and Gifts / Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns

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

Prayer Response *(tune: UMH #145 / lyrics: John Pritchard)*

Hear us, Creator. Hear us, O Lover.

Hear us, O Spirit moving within.

Hear all our longing; hear all our sorrow.

Hear every joy and praise that we bring.

Closing Hymn: "Siyahamba / We Are Marching"

(TFWS #2235-b)

Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos',

si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos. *(repeat)*

Si – ya – hamba, hamba, si – ya – hamba

hamba, si – ya – hamb' e

ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos *(repeat)*

We are marching in the light of God,

we are marching in the light of God. *(repeat)*

We are marching, marching, we are marching,

marching, we are marching in the light of God. *(repeat)*

We are singing . . .
We are walking . . .
We are dancing . . .
We are praying . . .
We are marching . . .

ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: “Let the Church Say Amen”

Let the church say, “Amen” (*repeat*)

God has spoken, let the church say, “Amen”

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