

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“May the HOLY ONE OF OLD
do thus and more to me, if
even death parts me from you.”*

- Ruth 1:17b

November 3, 2024

24th Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints' Sunday

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Native American Heritage Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "When the Saints Go Marching In" (*African American spiritual / perf. by Bruce Springsteen with the Sessions Band*)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Popcorn fundraiser:** Nov 4-8 only
 - allmeansall.org/popcorn
- **Save the date for our Spring Retreat**
 - May 16-17, 2025 (location TBD)
- **Fall/Winter Bible Study:** Gospels of Matthew & Luke
 - allmeansall.org/bible-studies
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up, or with questions
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Nov 3

- **12:45-1:15 pm:** Light reception for new members
- **5-8 pm:** Calvary Center Benefit Event
 - calvary-center.org/benefit-event

Monday, Nov 4

- **6:30-7:30 pm:** Beginner Yoga (*weekly, through Nov 18*)
 - Calvary (chapel) – please use 48th St entrance
 - allmeansall.org/yoga
- **7:30-8:30 pm:** Book Study

Tuesday, Nov 5: Election Day

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

Thursday, Nov 7, 8-9ish pm: Spirituality on Tap (*monthly – 1st Thursdays*)

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

Sunday, Nov 10

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
 - baptism of Chioma Victoria Nwaoguebge
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck (*monthly*)
 - please bring a dish, dessert and/or drinks to share if you can, but no worries if you can't

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

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

Naming & Welcoming Our Saints

Singing Our Way In: "Heaven and Earth Are Filled"

(Christopher Grundy)

Heaven and earth are filled
with the light of the saints who have gone on before us,
shining around us still
as we're running this race,
grateful our path is lit for us.

Call to Worship *(Janet Morley – adapted)*

One: For all the saints who went before us, who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire,

ALL: we praise you, O God.

One: For all the saints who live beside us, whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,

ALL: we praise you, O God.

One: For all the saints who live beyond us, who challenge us to change the world with them,

ALL: we praise you, O God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Give Thanks for Life" (tune: UMH #711, Ralph Vaughan Williams / lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray)

Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And for our own, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or dread,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give thanks for hope that, like the wheat, the grain,
that lies in darkness does its life retain
in resurrection to grow green again,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reception of New Members

Introduction and Presentation of Candidates

- Lauren Beckley
- Alexa Broida
- Aidan Gomez
- Melissa Rowe
- Shana Williams

Profession of Faith

Congregational Response

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Jesus. We will surround these friends with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God and be faithful in their care for themselves and service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Reception Into the United Methodist Church

Reception Into the Local Congregation

Commendation and Welcome

Congregational Response

We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in love. As members together with you of the universal Body of Christ, we renew with you our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church and this congregation by our prayers, our presence, our gifts of time, talent and tithe, and our service.

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 *(Nathan Decker – adapted)*

You, God, have called us: voices and grandfathered whispers off yellowed pages, guides in the desert, faceless faith shared. You, God, have held us: wrinkled strong hands of grandmother's grace, quiet prayers

spoken, lifting us up from despair. You, God, have enlightened us: the light of millions of candles reflecting your love, the light of saints past and present, the living tradition of the resilient, the resurrection retelling, the passing of this flame from generation to generation.

We remember, and because of your light and love in and through them, we walk in your light and love. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Ruth 1:1-17 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

In the days when the judges judged, it happened that there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. **2** And the name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. **3** But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left, she and her two sons. **4** They abducted Moabite women for themselves; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the second, Ruth. And they lived there about ten years. **5** They also died, both of them, Mahlon and Chilion, and the woman was left without her two sons and without her husband. **6** Then she got up, she and her daughters-in-law, and she returned from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the FAITHFUL ONE had considered God's people and given them food. **7** So she set out from the place where she was while there, with her two daughters-in-law, and they journeyed on the road to return to the land of Judah. **8** Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return, each to your mother's house. May the HOLY

ONE deal kindly with you, as you have done with the dead and with me. **9** The SAVING GOD grant that you may find security, each in the house of your own husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud.

10 They said to her, "We will return with you to your people." **11** Then Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Are there yet sons in my belly that may become your husbands? **12** Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to be with a man. Let me say I have hope and even was with a man tonight and give birth to two sons. **13** Would you then wait and hope until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the SAVING GOD has turned against me."

14 Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. **15** Naomi said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; go back after your sister-in-law." **16** But Ruth said, "Do not press me to forsake you or to turn back from following you. Where you go, I will go, where you abide, I will abide; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. **17** Where you die, I will die; there will I be buried. May the HOLY ONE OF OLD do thus and more to me, if even death parts me from you."

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Mark 12:28-34 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

Now, one of the biblical scholars came near and heard the other biblical scholars, the chief priests, and the elders discussing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, the scholar asked Jesus, "Which

commandment is the first of all?" **29** Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Holy One our God, the Holy is one; **30** you shall love the Holy One your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' **31** The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." **32** Then the biblical scholar said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'God is one, and besides God there is no other'; **33** and 'to love God with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself.' This is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." **34** When Jesus saw that the scholar answered wisely, he said, "You are not far from the reign of God." After that no one dared to ask Jesus any question.

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)*

Gathering the Light & Blessing of Our Saints

"Heaven and Earth Are Filled" *(Christopher Grundy)*

Song: "Song of Faith That Sings Forever" *(tune: UMH #400, public domain / lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray)*

Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always, somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.

Song of faith in exaltation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison,
faith must sometimes sing alone.

And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

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.

Communion / The Great Thanksgiving *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes
– adapted)*

One: God is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

ALL: It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

One: We thank you, God, for you create us in your image, make covenant to be our God, and set us free from all that oppresses. You give us a world, an empire of grace, to which we belong, that this world can't take from us. You call us as your saints, and show us the way in Jesus. You have given us saints who shine for us with the way of love, who in your Spirit gather with us now. Therefore we sing with all the saints, with every living being and with all Creation, your 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: Blessed are all who come in your name, and blessed is Jesus, your Christ. He taught and healed, he fed people and set them free. He gathered a community of those who desire to live by your grace, who would sanctify themselves for the work of love. He sought justice, and for that he was crucified. But you raised him into new life, that he might continually embody for us your covenant to be with us in love eternally.

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 and your love 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 all of us gathered in person and virtually, that we who receive these gifts may know your presence. By your Spirit, and buoyed by the witness of our saints, make us one with you and with each other in love. Though poor in spirit, blessed by your grace; though ordinary people, sanctified for lives of love in the ongoing work of justice and peace; bringing healing to a broken world, and sharing fullness with all people—indeed, with all the earth.

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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