

Calvary

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“Bring me a little water in a vessel,
so that I may drink. . . . Bring me
a morsel of bread in your hand.”*

1 Kings 17:10-11

November 7, 2021
24th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome / Announcements

Announcements

- **Welcome back to Rev. John Pritchard**, our guest preacher for today!
- **Pastor Tim is on vacation through tomorrow**; in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Kristine Morrow (Staff-Parish Relations Committee chair): 267.624.5530
- **Lectionary Discussion Group** and **On Being Discussion Group** (both online and ongoing)
 - contact Pastor Tim if interested
- **Online Advent Retreat**
 - info at allmeansall.org/advent; contact Amy to sign up: aemmettrardin@gmail.com

Calendar

Today, Nov 7, 4 pm: OUR Greatest Generation – American Indian Boarding Schools

- info at tinyurl.com/epaumc; hosted by EPAUMC's Committee on Native American Ministries

Monday, Nov 8: No Bible Study this week (Nov 15)

Tuesday, Nov 9

- **12-12:30 pm:** Midweek Prayer
 - info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality
- **6:30 pm:** Trustees

Sunday, Nov 14, 1:30-3:30ish pm: Calvary Picnic II – Gratitude Edition

- Clark Park (43rd & Chester)
- BYO lunch and folding chairs/blankets - extra food/drinks provided; contact Sarah to RSVP: sbykerjames@gmail.com

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

- info at allmeansall.org/spiritual; a second weekly meeting time for the Advent retreat TBA

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.

Please know that 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 requests regarding accessibility, or other questions, 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: "Sanctuary" (TFWS #2164)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

Invitation to Holy Presence / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship (*John Pritchard*)

One: Held without fail by loving arms, welcome!

ALL: May grace and peace be your strength and your way.

One: Let us sing God's praise our whole lives long,

ALL: We will praise God as long as we breathe.

One: who ignites the stars in the heavens and
choreographs the dance of earthly seasons,

ALL: O creative God, blessed are you. Alleluia!

One: who foments spring's revolution of life and paints autumn's treescape,

ALL: O creative God, blessed are you. Alleluia!

One: who conducts each morning's avian choir and orchestrates each night's humming, buzzing, droning, hooting symphony,

ALL: O creative God, blessed are you. Alleluia!

One: who births each life and trembles over every life lost, each life wasted,

ALL: O creative God, blessed are you. Alleluia!

One: who augurs change in each sunrise and whispers hope in each breath,

ALL: O creative God, blessed are you. We will praise you as long as we have breath. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (UMH #521)

I want Jesus to walk with me. *(walk with me)*

I want Jesus to walk with me. *(walk with me)*

All along my pilgrim journey,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. *(walk with me)*

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. *(walk with me)*

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. *(walk with me)*

When my heart is almost breaking,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. *(walk with me)*

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. *(walk with me)*

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. *(walk with me)*

When my head is bowed in sorrow,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. *(walk with me)*

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer *(John Pritchard)*

Holy One, you are with us in our joy and with us in our trembling, with us in our triumphs and with us in our stumbling. You are with us when all is well and with us when the bottom falls out; you are with us in love's embrace and with us in wrenching loss. You are with us in the glorious wonder of being human and in its howling horror, with us in all its strength and frailty, all its promise and fragility.

You are with us, and so we give you thanks, even as we pray, for the grace to embrace life, our lives, as flawed as they are, for the courage to live them boldly and honestly, daring great love, enduring deep pain, for the compassion to be present, open, to the hopes and hurts of others.

You are with us, Holy One, in all things, so we ask your blessing and give you thanks. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music *(Calvary Choir)*

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! **2** I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. **3** Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. **4** When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. **5** Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, **6** who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; **7** who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; **8** the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD

loves the righteous. **9** The LORD watches over the strangers; (God) upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked (God) brings to ruin. **10** The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, **9** "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." **10** So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." **11** As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." **12** But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

13 Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. **14** For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth."

15 She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. **16** The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that (God) spoke by Elijah.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "In a Drought"

Hymn of Response: "Bring Forth the Kingdom" (TFWS #2190)

You may prefer to use the gender-neutral "kin-dom," which also describes a relational, rather than hierarchical, model of God's beloved community.

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain

*Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
bring forth the City of God!*

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! (*Refrain*)

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the Kingdom of God! (*Refrain*)

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God! (*Refrain*)

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: "At God's Table" *(Greg Scott)*

In ancient days, each Christian fold
would hear the Shepherd's words of love,
while gathered here, here at God's table
to share the feast of life, here at God's table,
to hear God's word of love.

When Christians gather, when they are one,
to worship God and serve the world,
we gather here, here at God's table,
together hand in hand, here at God's table,
to taste God's feast of love.

When you have trials, when shadows fall,
when you need the power of one and all,
bring them here, here to God's table,
lay your burden here, here at God's table,
to feel God's word of love.

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lay your burden here, here at God's table,
to feel God's word of love,
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Communion / Great Thanksgiving *(John Pritchard)*

One: God is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts.

ALL: We open them to God and to one another.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: It is right, O wondrous God, to give you thanks and

praise; yours is the power of life. You give birth to the universe, breathe life into all that lives, fashion us in your image, and fill us with your breath, so we give you thanks. When we made a pact with the ways of death, embracing greed and brutality and injustice, shattering the web of shalom you wove for all, you did not abandon us but worked to bring life. You chose a people to lead from injustice into a new life of shalom and have spoken to us through prophets, again and again calling us back to the life we exchange for death.

And so, with all your people on earth, with all the company of heaven, indeed, with all of creation, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and grace.
Creation pulses with your glory. Blessed are all who share
your breath. Hosanna in all the earth!**

One: Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your Christ, Jesus, who danced among us as your shalom enfleshed. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, welcomed those with no other place, and trusted the goodness of your creation. He confronted those who bound your name to injustice so they lashed out to destroy him, but your goodness is stronger than evil, your work of life is stronger than death. You raised him, and with him, the hopes of all who followed him. You breathed into them new life to continue his presence and his work in the world.

They have also continued to share a meal in memory of his life and death and his life still among them, taking bread, and saying, as he did, "This is my body, broken for you," and passing the cup as he did, saying, "All of you drink from this. This cup seals God's new covenant." We now share the meal, acknowledging Christ's life among us and your Spirit stronger than death, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ, dying, destroyed our fear of death; Christ, rising, restored us to life; Christ, coming anew, opens the future.

One: Pour out your life-giving Spirit on us gathered, in person and online. Pour out your life-giving Spirit through this sharing of bread and cup. Feed us on your presence; nourish us in your life; renew us in your ways.

ALL: Free us to live justly, love extravagantly, dance wildly in the joy of your Spirit, stronger than all that warps and wounds life. With all creation, we praise you: Alleluia! Amen.

Sung Response: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (UMH #618)

Let us break bread together on our knees. *(repeat)*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees . . .

Let us praise God together on our knees . . .

ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Go Now in Peace" (UMH #665)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you,
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

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