

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"For we are God's coworkers,
working together; you are God's
cultivation, God's construction."*

- 1 Corinthians 3:9

February 12, 2023

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Black History Month

Celebration of Lay Leadership

GATHERING

Prelude: "Imagine" (John Lennon & Yoko Ono / perf. by PS22 Chorus)

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

Welcome / Announcements

- **Winter clothing drive for newly arriving immigrants:**
 - allmeansall.org/clothing
- **Bible Study: Lectio(nary) Divina**
 - timing TBD / allmeansall.org/bible-study
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up or with questions
- **Adult Ed Book Study: Original Blessing**
 - timing TBD / allmeansall.org/adult-ed
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up or with questions
- **Worship volunteers:** tinyurl.com/worship-help

Calendar

Today, 1-2ish pm: 2nd Sunday Potluck – Chili Cook-off

Tuesday, Feb 14

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- **7 pm:** Trustees

Sunday, Feb 19

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship
 - service of healing
- **7:30-8:30 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group
 - weekly through Lent (Apr 2)
 - allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Wednesday, Feb 22, 7 pm: Service of Ashes (Ash Wednesday)

- allmeansall.org/lent

Sunday, Feb 26, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Hybrid Worship (1st Sunday in Lent)

- guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Calenthia Dowdy, Director of Faith Initiatives at Philadelphia FIGHT

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.

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: "Over My Head" (TFWS #2148, African American spiritual)

***Over my head, I hear music in the air;
over my head, I hear music in the air;
over my head, I hear music in the air;
there must be a God somewhere.***

Oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air; (3x)
there must be a God somewhere. (*Refrain*)

And when I'm feeling lonely, I hear music in the air ...

Call to Worship (*Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted*)

One: Beauty, you surround us.

ALL: Alleluia!

One: Love, you come to us.

ALL: Alleluia!

One: Wonder, you stir in us.

ALL: Alleluia!

One: God of beauty, love and wonder, we worship you.

ALL: As reflections of your beauty, love and wonder, we lift our hearts and voices in praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (UMH #519 /

tune: J. Rosamond Johnson / lyrics: James Weldon Johnson)

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;

let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us;

sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;

yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way
that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path
through the blood of the slaughtered,

out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God, where we met thee;

lest, our hearts drunk with the wine
of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (*John van de Laar – adapted*)

It's not always comfortable, God, but it is certainly good, that you go straight for the heart. You do not allow us to skate over the surface of life, filling our days with dry legality and pretend righteousness. No, you come to us from the inside, challenging our thoughts and attitudes, our motives and perceptions; and shaping them into the fuel for change that gives us hearts like yours, and calls us to lives lived with love from the inside out.

We praise you, O God, for your uncomfortable grace, your transforming Spirit, and for the gift of lives grounded in integrity and compassion from the inside out. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. **16** If you obey the commandments of the (Holy One) your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the (Holy One) your God, walking in (God's) ways, and observing (God's) commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the (Holy One) your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

17 But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, **18** I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, **20** loving the (Holy One) your God, obeying (God), and holding fast to (God); for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the (Holy One) swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

Now sisters and brothers, I could not speak to you all as spiritual, but rather as carnal, as infants in Christ. **2** I fed you all with milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, **3** for you are all still carnal. Given there is still jealousy and discord among you, are you not carnal, and going around as merely human? **4** For when one says, "I am Paul's," and another, "I am Apollos's," are you not merely human?

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Ministers through whom you came to believe, as the Messiah granted to each person. **6** I planted, Apollos watered, but God produces growth. **7** Therefore, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, rather it is God who produces growth. **8** The one who plants and the one who waters are alike, and each will receive wages according to their labor. **9** For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's cultivation, God's construction.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Honoring Lay Leadership Past and Present

* denotes current/active leaders

Building Negotiation Team / CCCC Transition Task Force

Carl Ballinger	Gerry Felix	Rich Kirk*
Alisha Berry*	Susanna Gilbertson	
Bruce Byker James	Ursula Johnson	

Calvary Center for Culture and Community

Alisha Berry*	Gerry Felix*	Rich Kirk* (Board president)
Nancy Connors	Ursula Johnson*	Pat Pate*

Calvary Kids

Lorelle Becton*	Amy Emmett-Rardin	Grace Johnson
Bruce Byker James	Susanna Gilbertson	Sam McCutchin*
Sarah Byker James	Beth Jemison*	
Will Dickerson*	Emily Johnson*	

Church Council

Lauren Ballester (past chair)	Ursula Johnson	Kristine Morrow
Gerry Felix*	James Ker	Pat Pate*
Annie Haviland* (chair)	Rich Kirk*	Cord Whitaker*
Beth Jemison*	Jennine Miller*	

Community Care Team

Mary Grey Emmett* Beth Jemison* Emily Johnson* (coordinator)

Fellowship Team

Lorelle Becton*	Beth Jemison*
Sarah Byker James* (coordinator)	Atiya Mosley*
Amy Emmett-Rardin*	

Finance Committee

Ted Brinkley	Gerry Felix* (chair)	Emily Kirchner*
Nancy Connors*	Beth Jemison*	Sam McCutchin*

Annie Haviland* (as Church Council chair)
Cord Whitaker* (as Lay Leader)

Lay Leaders

Lauren Ballester* Lesley Curtis Kristine Morrow* Cord Whitaker*

Midweek Prayer: Cord Whitaker* (coordinator/host)

Music Ministry

Gerald Becton*	Gerry Felix*	Greg Scott*
Lorelle Becton*	Darlene Johnson*	Cord Whitaker*
Amy Carson*	Rich Kirk	
Nancy Connors*	Theresa Marsh*	

New Sanctuary Movement Team: Lauren Ballester* (coordinator)

Nominations and Leadership Development

Lorelle Becton	Beth Jemison*	Dan Nuzzo*
Lesley Curtis*	Grace Johnson*	Marcine Pickron-Davis*
Susanna Gilbertson*	Emily Kirchner*	Bethany Weed*
Rick Goeke	Atiya Mosley*	

Office/Finance Support

John Emmett*	Gerry Felix*	Ursula Johnson*
Mary Grey Emmett*	Beth Jemison*	Linda Roberts*

Outreach Team

Susanna Gilbertson*	Grace Johnson*
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POWER Team

Annie Anderson	Eriks Dunens* (coordinator)	Beth Jemison
Sarah Byker James	Gerry Felix	Atiya Mosley*

Racial Justice Working Group

Lorelle Becton*	Emily Johnson*	Atiya Mosley*
Eriks Dunens*	Grace Johnson*	Linda Walker*
Amy Emmett-Rardin*	Kristine Morrow*	

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Lauren Ballester	Ursula Johnson
Gerald Becton*	James Ker (past chair)
Sarah Byker James	Jennine Miller* (chair)
Eriks Dunens*	Kristine Morrow* (past chair)
Lauren Hansen-Flaschen	Atiya Mosley*
Beth Jemison*	Dan Nuzzo*
Grace Johnson*	Marcine Pickron-Davis*

Story Circles: Amy Emmett-Rardin* (coordinator)

Trustees

Carl Ballinger*	Gerry Felix*	Paul Kuhn*
Aaron Billheimer*	Ursula Johnson* (past president)	
Bruce Byker James*	Rich Kirk*	Pat Pate* (president)

Worship Support

Alisha Berry*	Eriks Dunens*	Emily Kirchner*
Aaron Billheimer*	Gabe Emmett-Rardin*	Sam McCutchin*
Bruce Byker James*	Beth Jemison*	Jennine Miller*
Will Dickerson*	Grace Johnson*	

Worship Team (past/inactive)

Alisha Berry	Darlene Johnson	Rich Kirk
Bruce Byker James	James Ker	Kristine Morrow

Sermon: "Cultivating Community"

Song: "What Gift Can We Bring" (*UMH #87, Jane Marshall*)

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we now offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise always, forever,
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

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

Sung Response (*tune: UMH #473, Samuel Sebastian Wesley / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

Hear, O God. Hear the prayers we bring to you.
Come, and renew all of our days.
Hold every longing; hold every sorrow;
and lead us into your healing ways.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: "May You Run and Not Be Weary" (*alternate 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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