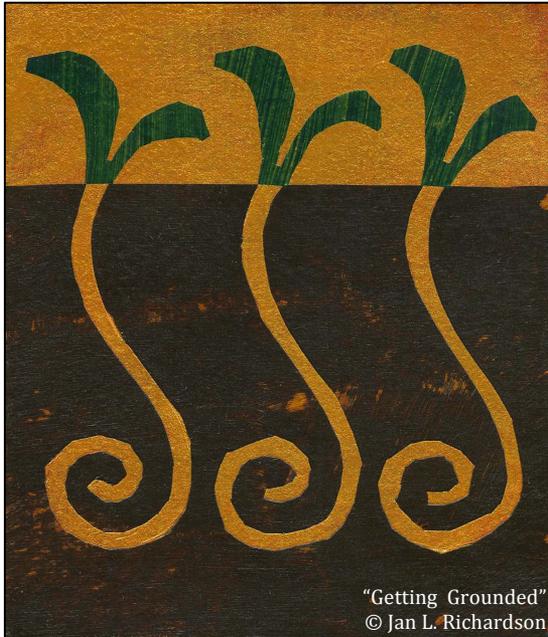


Calvary

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"Blessed are (those) who have
grown beyond their greed and
put an end to their hatred and
no longer nourish illusions."*

- Psalm 1:1

February 13, 2022
6th Sunday after the Epiphany

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Black History Month

GATHERING

Prelude: "Hand It Over" (*Keb' Mo'*)

Welcome / Announcements

Announcements

- **Pastor Tim will be out of town, Feb 16-19;** in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Kristine Morrow (Staff-Parish Relations Committee chair): 267.624.5530
- **Worship Volunteers**
 - sign up at tinyurl.com/worship-help or email Pastor Tim
- **Lectionary Discussion Group** and **On Being Discussion Group** (*both online and ongoing*)
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up for either or both, or with any questions

Calendar

Today, 8-9 pm: Spiritual Reflection Group (*biweekly through Feb, weekly during Lent*)

- info at allmeansall.org/srg

Monday, Feb 14, 7:30-8:30 pm: Book Study – See No Stranger (*weekly through Apr 4*)

- info at allmeansall.org/adult-ed; contact Pastor Tim to sign up or with any questions

Tuesday, Feb 15

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
 - info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality
- **6 pm:** Finance Committee

Wednesday, Mar 2, 7-8 pm: Service of Ashes (*hybrid*)

- info at allmeansall.org/lent

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: "Lead Me, Guide Me"

(TFWS #2214 / Kelly Willard)

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship *(The Iona Community, adapted)*

One: We call on the power of God to meet us in our helplessness:

ALL: God in our thinking, God in our speaking.

One: We call on the clarity of God to meet us in our confusion:

ALL: God in our stillness, God in our action.

One: We call on the mercy of God to meet us in our brokenness:

ALL: God in our waking, God in our sleeping.

One: We call on the Spirit of God to meet us where we are:

**ALL: God in our longing, God in our gathering. Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

Opening Hymn: "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

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer

God of eternal blessing, for the gift of this day, like no other, we give you thanks and praise. For the gift of life, all life, our lives, precious in your sight, we give you thanks and praise. For the gifts of mind and heart and body, of breath and spirit, for all that makes us who we are as your beloved, for all that enables us to engage with ourselves and the world around us, we give you thanks and praise.

For the gift of the earth, generous source of nourishment and beauty, we give you thanks and praise. For the gift of each other, equally your beloved, with and for whom we have the opportunity to grow in relationship, in community, in love, we give you thanks and praise.

And for the eternal promise of your kingdom, of peace with justice, of enough for all, we give you thanks and praise. As those who are so blessed, we pray for whatever we need to grow beyond all illusions, to ignore all false prophets, and to live and love according to that promise. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 1 (*translation: Stephen Mitchell, adapted*)

Blessed are (those) who have grown beyond their greed and have put an end to their hatred and no longer nourish illusions. But they delight in the way things are and keep their hearts open, day and night. They are like trees planted near flowing rivers, which bear fruit when they are ready. Their leaves will not fall or wither. Everything they do will succeed.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. **18** They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. **19** And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the (kingdom) of God.

21 Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

22 Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. **23** Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

24 But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. **25** Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. **26** Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Blessed, Part 1 – The Root of Blessing"

Hymn of Response: "Blest Are They"

(TFWS #2155 / David Haas, adapted)

Blest are (you), the poor in spirit;
(yours) is the (kingdom) of God.

Blest are (you), full of sorrow;
(you) shall be consoled.

Refrain

*Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the (kindom) of God!*

Blest are (you), the lowly ones;
(You) shall inherit the earth
Blest are (you), who hunger and thirst;
(you) shall have (your) fill. *(Refrain)*

Blest are (you) who show mercy;
mercy shall be (yours).
Blest are (you), the pure of heart;
(you) shall see God! *(Refrain)*

Blest are (you) who seek peace;
(You) are the children of God.
Blest are (you) who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is (yours). *(Refrain)*

Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the (kindom).
Shine for all to see. *(Refrain)*

SHARING

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns

“Thanks be to God” or “God, hear our prayer”

Prayer Response

(UMH #408 / tune: traditional English / lyrics: John Pritchard)

O Open Arms, now hold our cares,
the aches we've named, the joys we've shared.
And hold us, too; into us breathe –

your grace, your life, let us receive.

Closing Hymn: "May You Run and Not Be Weary" (TFWS #2281 / alternate tune: Charles Albert Tindley / lyrics: Paul Murakami and Handt Hanson; refrain: UMH #525 / Charles Albert Tindley)

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.

Refrain

*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*

ENGAGING

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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