

# Calvary United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*"... in the year of drought  
it is not anxious, and it  
does not cease to bear fruit."  
- Jeremiah 17:8*

**February 20, 2022**  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## Black History Month

### GATHERING

**Prelude:** "We Shall Not Be Moved" (*Sweet Honey in the Rock*)

### **Welcome / Announcements**

#### Announcements

- **Worship Volunteers**

- sign up at [tinyurl.com/worship-help](http://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

**Monday, Feb 21, 7:30-8:30 pm:** Book Study – See No Stranger (*weekly through Apr 4*)

- info at [allmeansall.org/adult-ed](http://allmeansall.org/adult-ed)

#### **Tuesday, Feb 22**

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer

- info at [allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality](http://allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality)

- **7:30-9 pm:** POWER Climate Justice & Jobs Meeting

- info at [powerinterfaith.org/calendar](http://powerinterfaith.org/calendar)

**Sunday, Feb 27, 8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group (*weekly during Lent, beginning Mar 6*)

- info at [allmeansall.org/srg](http://allmeansall.org/srg)

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

- info at [allmeansall.org/lent](http://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](http://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](mailto:office@allmeansall.org)).

### **Singing Our Way In:** "God is Good, All the Time" (*unknown*)

God is good, all the time

All the time, God is good

God is good, all the time

All God's people singing God is good

### **Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer**

#### **Call to Worship** (*David Sparks, adapted*)

One: We come before you, our source and our sustainer.

**ALL: Praise be to you, O God. You hold us and the world in your hands.**

One: We worship you, our hope throughout the years and generations.

**ALL: Praise be to you, O God. You are eternally to be trusted.**

One: We adore you, O God. Your way is revealed by the prophets and made known in Jesus.

**ALL: Praise be to you, O God. Your justice never fails, your compassion never ends, your peace surpasses all understanding. 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** *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes)*

God of love, you who created us in love, and for love, fill  
us with your love. Fill us to overflowing with love even for

those we oppose or dislike. Fill us with the self-giving love of Christ. Give us hearts of peace, not war.

God of love, fill us with your love. Amen.

## Silent Prayer

## Special Music

### Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. **6** They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. **7** Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. **8** They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

**9** The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse – who can understand it? **10** I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

## Choral Alleluia

### Scripture Lesson: Luke 6:27-38

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, **28** bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. **29** If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. **30** Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. **31** Do to others as you would have them do to you.

**32** If you love those who love you, what credit is that to

you? For even sinners love those who love them. **33** If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. **34** If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

**35** But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for (God) is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. **36** Be merciful, just as your (Creator) is merciful. **37** Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; **38** give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## **Choral Alleluia**

**Sermon:** "Blessed, Part 2 – The Fruit of Blessing"

**Hymn of Response:** "Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us" (*tune: UMH #400 / alternate lyrics: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*)

Christ, your words of love confound us,  
even as we give you praise,  
for the lessons that you teach us  
seem so far from this world's ways.  
How can we love those who hate us?  
How can we love enemies?  
What of people who abuse us?  
How can we love even these?  
Make us mindful: love is action,

not a feeling that uplifts.  
In each daily situation,  
love's the greatest of all gifts.  
It's the wiser, stronger person  
who will break the chain of hate.  
Love can usher in redemption;  
love can make a people great.

Faced with those who seek to hurt us,  
make us confident and free:  
you don't call us to be helpless  
but to stand with dignity.  
Lord, when others are demanding,  
may we know they matter more  
than our money or possessions.  
May we share, not keeping score.

If we love just those who love us,  
where's the giving? Where's the grace?  
Even sinners try to do this;  
they have friends that they embrace.  
May we do, Lord, unto others  
as we'd have them also do.  
You have shown us: Love is action.  
May we love, and make things new.

## **SHARING**

### **Offering our Tithes and Gifts / Offertory**

### **Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns**

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

### **Prayer Response**

*(tune: UMH #408, traditional English / alternate 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” (*alternate tune & refrain: UMH #525, Charles Albert Tindley / lyrics: TFWS #2281, Paul Murakami and 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.

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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