

Calvary

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



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"Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'"

John 14:5

May 10, 2020
5th Sunday of Easter

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Singing Our Way In

“Let Your Light Shine” (*unknown*)

Let your light – shine before – others so – they may know
Our God of Love’s in the land

Let your light – shine before – others so – they may know
The kin-dom of God is at hand.

Let – your – light – shine – so – they – see – Love

Let – your – light – shine, the kin-dom of God is at hand.

“Lead Me, Guide Me” (*Doris Akers, altered lyrics*)

I am weak and I need (your) strength and power,
to help me over my weakest hour.

Lead me through the darkness (your) face to see.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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.

Invitation to Holy Presence / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship (*John Pritchard*)

One: Breathed into life this day, welcome.

ALL: May the power of new life stir in us all.

One: Though we are shut in, locked down, under viral threat,
new life does indeed stir.

ALL: May our hearts be renewed by resurrection’s power.

One: Morning awakens—a cooing, cawing, chirping chorus
greet us.

ALL: We celebrate God’s power of life.

One: Spring stirs—flies flutter, squirrels scamper, slugs slime.

ALL: We celebrate God’s power of life.

One: Earth greens and colors—grass growing, boughs
budding, flowers flaming.

ALL: We celebrate God's power of life.

One: Spirits still rouse—children chatter, lovers laugh, lethargy lifts.

ALL: We celebrate God's power of life.

One: And may we arise—spirits surge, hope heighten, compassion compel us.

ALL: May we celebrate God's power of life, the power that fills us, that encourages us, that reaches out through us even now, that very power that moves us to praise: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: "Many Gifts, One Spirit" (*UMH #114*)

God of change and glory, God of time and space
when we fear the future, give to us your grace.

In the midst of changing ways
give us still the grace to praise.

Refrain

*Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise
one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word
known in many ways, hallowing our days.
For the giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!*

God of many colors, God of many signs,
you have made us different, blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear,
let your love cast out our fear. (*refrain*)

Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,
you are still creating endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part,
many gifts from one great heart. (*refrain*)

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer (*John Pritchard*)

You who fashions us in your image, fills us with your breath,

gives us life as your body in a heartless world: we live our days, shrunken now, wrapped in their sameness, unhinged by their uncertainty, managing barely their anxiety, and we tremble to think that is all there is, all there is to life now, all there is to us.

But it is your life—holy, wondrous, powerful—that fills us, your presence that accompanies us, your voice that calls us and calls us to live even now. So stir in us, we pray. Crack open the shell of all that imprisons our spirits, of all that distracts or deafens or blinds or wounds us.

Sing in us your song of life, and write on our hearts who we are, your people, your touch, your love for each other. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "For Mother's Day" (*Greg Scott*)

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. **2** Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. **3** You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, **4** take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. **5** Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

15 My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. **16** Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. **2** In (God's) house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. **4** And you know the way to the place where I am going." **5** Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not

know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to (God) except through me. **7** If you know me, you will know my (God) also. From now on you do know (God) and have seen (God)."

8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us (God), and we will be satisfied." **9** Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen (God). How can you say, 'Show us (God)'?" **10** Do you not believe that I am in (God) and (God) is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but (God) who dwells in me does (God's) works. **11** Believe me that I am in (God) and (God) is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to (God). **13** I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that (God) may be glorified in the Son.

14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

One: May the Spirit add understanding to our hearing.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Finding our Way"

Hymn of Response: "Womb of Life"

(tune: UMH #400 / lyrics: TFWS #2046, altered)

Womb of life, and source of being,
home of every restless heart,
in your arms the world's awakened;
you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather 'round you,
at the table your prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,
we are nurtured by your care.

Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,
born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us,

knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles,
Life of Life, and Death of Death,
Risen Christ, come stand among us,
send the Spirit by your breath.

Brooding Spirit, move among us;
be our partner, be our friend.
When our memory fails, remind us
whose we are, what we intend.
Labor with us, aid the birthing
of the new world yet to be,
free of servant, lord, and master,
free for love and unity.

Mother, Brother, Holy Partner,
Father, Spirit, Only Son:
We would praise your name forever,
One in three, and Three in one.
We would share your life, your passion,
share your (way) of world made new,
ever singing, ever praising,
one with all, and one with you.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns

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

Prayer Response *(tune: UMH #175 / lyrics: John Pritchard)*

O living God, we wait for you,
each wound, each rift to heal,
each empty heart and life to fill,
each day with joy to seal.

Closing Hymn: "In the Midst of New Dimensions"

(TFWS #2238, altered lyrics)

In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.*

Through the flood of starving people,
warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care? *(refrain)*

As we stand a world divided
by our own self-seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village
might envision wider dreams *(refrain)*

We are man and we are woman,
all persuasions, old and young,
each a gift in your creation,
each a love song to be sung. *(refrain)*

Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit,
resurrect (our hearts) again. *(refrain)*

ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Let the Church Say Amen"

Let the church say, "Amen" (2x)

God has spoken, let the church say, "Amen"

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May 10, 2020 – Announcements

CALENDAR

Today

Following worship: Virtual fellowship in breakout rooms?

Pastor Tim will be on vacation, May 11-17. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact James Ker (Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee): 215.317.2251 or jker@sas.upenn.edu.

Upcoming

Monday, May 11, 7-8:30 pm: POWER Training / Faith-Based Organizing 101 – Self Interest (every other Monday)

- powerinterfaith.org/calendar

Tuesday, May 12, 12 pm: Midweek Prayer (Cord Whitaker)

Wednesday, May 13, 7 pm: Midweek Prayer (Lauren Ballester)

Thursday, May 14, 7:30 am: Methodist Federation for Social Action & Reconciling United Methodists of Eastern PA Virtual Gathering

- contact Pastor Tim for details

Sunday, May 17, 11 am: Worship

- Lesley Curtis and Cord Whitaker will be leading the service (and preaching) while Pastor Tim is on vacation

Sunday, May 17, 1-2 pm: Young Adult Gathering

- contact Grace for details to connect virtually:
g_johnson11@sbcglobal.net

Tuesday, May 19, 6 pm: Finance Committee

Thursday, May 21, 7-8:30 pm: POWER Training / Civic Engagement 2020 – Voting During COVID-19 (every other Thursday)

- powerinterfaith.org/calendar

Wednesday, Jun 3, 5-7 pm: POWER Training / Finding Grounding from the Inside Out – Listening Deeply to One Another (1st Wednesdays)

- powerinterfaith.org/calendar

Saturday, Jun 6, time TBD: Congregational Meeting

VISITING WITH US?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason(s) you chose to join us this morning! Since we aren't able to greet you in person during this coronavirus pandemic, please contact Pastor Tim if you have any questions or prayer concerns.

INVITATIONS / OPPORTUNITIES

Interfaith Philadelphia

Check out interfaithphiladelphia.org for a variety of online trainings and other opportunities to connect and develop skills across difference! Upcoming offerings include: Interfaith Ally Workshop, Passport to Understanding, and Civil Conversations trainings.

Resist Harm Movement

You are invited to join Calvary and fellow Reconciling United Methodists from around the country to support **Resist Harm** (resistharm.com / #ResistHarm), a movement of resistance to the anti-LGBTQ Traditional Plan now on the books in the United Methodist Church. **May's theme is "Witness."**

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, contact the church office (office@allmeansall.org).

Other Email Lists?

You may like to receive email updates from other groups with which Calvary is involved. If so, here's more info:

- POWER: powerinterfaith.org
- New Sanctuary Movement: sanctuaryphiladelphia.org
- PA Interfaith Power & Light: info@paipl.org
- Reconciling United Methodists of Eastern PA:
pastor@historicstgeorges.org
- Methodist Federation for Social Action – Eastern PA:
milesj526@verizon.net
- Eastern PA Conference (UMC): epaumc.org

Want to Help with Worship?

For the time being, as long as we're gathering virtually for worship, if you would like to participate by leading the Call to Worship or reading scripture, please contact Pastor Tim.

Volunteer with Nursery and Calvary Kids

We're always looking for more volunteers to work with our children during worship (and beyond)! All volunteers must be involved in the congregation for at least six months, and complete background clearances in compliance with all state laws. If you're interested, please contact Pastor Tim.

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