

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“getting yourself together.
what about undoing yourself.”
- Nayyirah Waheed*

May 15, 2022
5th Sunday of Easter

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "Bridge Over Troubled Water" (*Paul Simon, performed by John Legend*)

Welcome / Announcements

- **We welcome Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart** as our guest preacher! She is currently Director for Faith-Based and Interfaith Affairs for the City of Philadelphia, as well as adjunct professor of Theology and Religious Studies at Villanova University – including joint affiliations with the University's Center for Peace and Justice Education and Africana Studies program.
- **Worship volunteers:** sign up at tinyurl.com/worship-help

Calendar

Today, 1:30ish-3:30ish pm: Calvary Potluck Picnic at Clark Park

- 43rd & Chester (*weather permitting*)
- BYO lunch & chairs (*extra food/drinks provided*)

Tuesday, May 17: PA Primary Election

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

Sunday, May 22, 2 pm: Philadelphia Interfaith Peace Walk

- Germantown/Roxborough
- info at interfaithpeacewalk.org/event-page
- contact Pastor Tim to participate with Calvary

Sunday, May 29, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Virtual Worship

Sunday, June 5

- **9-9:45 am:** Virtual Worship (*Pentecost*)
 - we will celebrate Communion Jun 12 instead
- **11 am:** Philly Pride March and Festival
 - 5th & Arch
 - contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary

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).

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "Come and Fill Our Hearts (Confitemini Domino)" *(TFWS #2157, Jacques Berthier)*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Call to Worship *(Rosie Venner – adapted)*

One: Come, all who are weary,

ALL: of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division.

One: Come, all who are heavy-laden,

ALL: with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger.

One: Come, all who have hope,

ALL: for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom of love.

One: God says, "See, I am making all things new."

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Now Thank We All Our God" (UMH #102,
tune: Johann Crüger / lyrics: Martin Rinkhart – adapted)

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed space to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
(be with us through) all ills,
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,
(Creator), now be given;
(whose love and life spring forth,
on earth as is in heaven);
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

God of love, in all that changes, you do not change, and
so we turn to you. Amidst all that passes, you remain

steadfast, and so we turn to you. Despite all that is unknown and unfamiliar, you speak to us, and so we turn to you. We turn our ears to hear your voice, our hearts to receive your love, our lives to reflect your light.

God of love, you are love itself. Where love is, there you are. In our thirst for your love, speak your love to us, renew your love in us, and let your love flow through us for the sake of all the world, in the spirit and the company of Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Job 2:7-9 *(The Voice translation)*

With that, the Accuser left the court and the Eternal's presence, and he infected Job with a painful skin disease. From the soles of his feet to the crown of his head, his body was covered with boils. **8** Job took a broken piece of pottery to scrape his wounds, and while he sat in the ashes just outside of town, **9** his wife found him.

Job's Wife: Will you still not swerve in your commitments? Curse God and die!

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6 *(The Voice translation)*

I looked again and could hardly believe my eyes. Everything above me was new. Everything below me was new. Everything around me was new because the heaven and earth that had been passed away, and the sea was gone, completely. **2** And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride on her wedding day, adorned for her husband and for his eyes only. **3** And I heard a great voice, coming from the throne.

A Voice: See, the home of God is with (God's) people. (God) will live among them; they will be (God's) people, and God ... will be with them. **4** The prophecies are fulfilled: (God) will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning no more, crying no more, pain no more, for the first things have gone away.

5 And the One who sat on the throne announced to ... creation,

The One: See, I am making all things new. (*turning to me*) Write what you hear and see, for these words are faithful and true. **6** It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will see to it that the thirsty drink freely from the fountain of the water of life.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

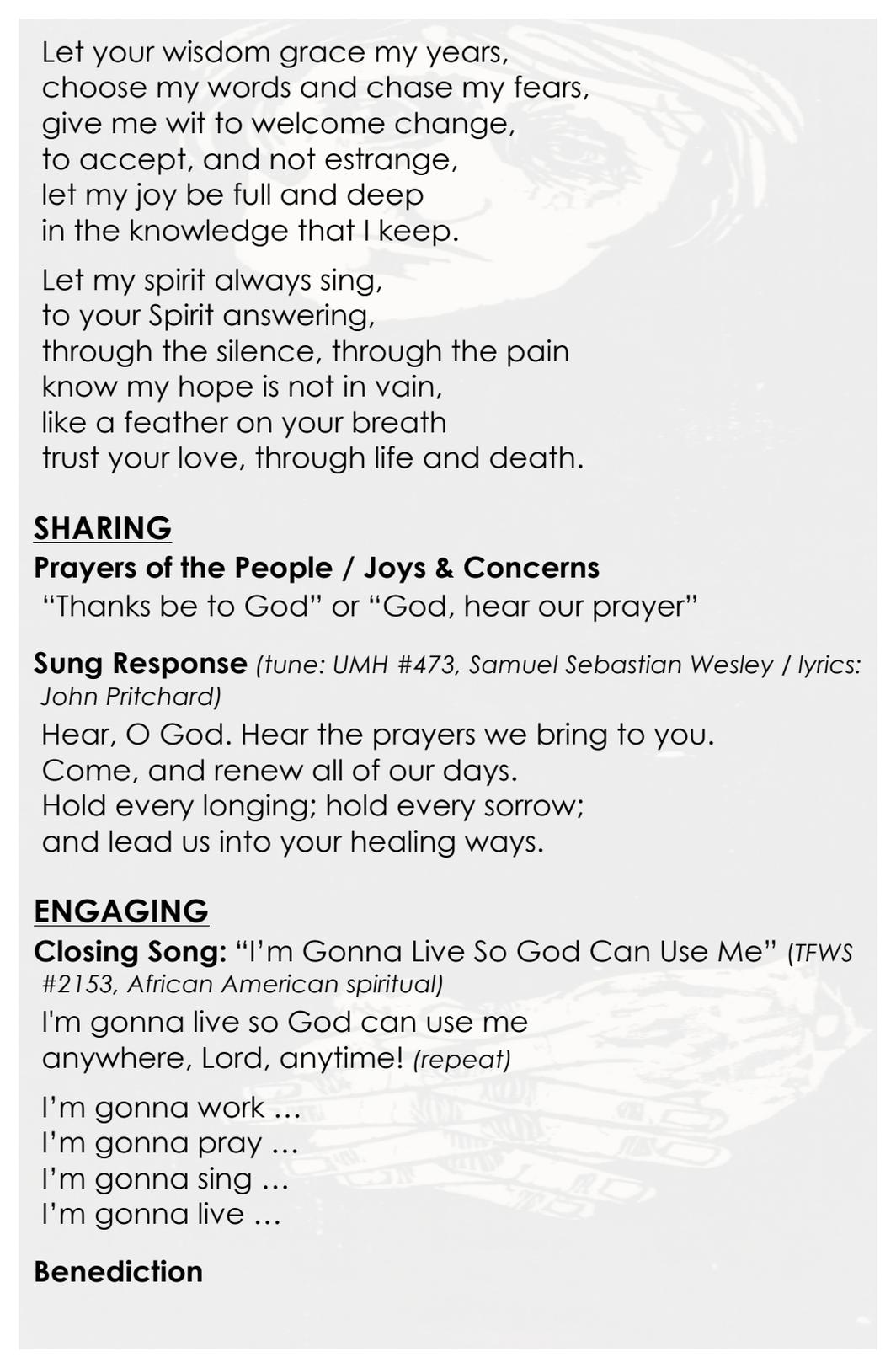
Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Your Grief Will Make Room for You"

Song: "Let My Spirit Always Sing" (*tune: UMH #578 / lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray*)

Let my spirit always sing,
though my heart be wintering,
though the season of despair
gave no sign that you are there,
God to whom my days belong,
let there always be a song.

Though my body be confined,
let your word engage my mind,
let the inner eye discern
how much more there is to learn,
see a world becoming whole
through the window of the soul.



Let your wisdom grace my years,
choose my words and chase my fears,
give me wit to welcome change,
to accept, and not estrange,
let my joy be full and deep
in the knowledge that I keep.

Let my spirit always sing,
to your Spirit answering,
through the silence, through the pain
know my hope is not in vain,
like a feather on your breath
trust your love, through life and death.

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: “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (*TFWS #2153, African American spiritual*)

I’m gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (*repeat*)

I’m gonna work ...
I’m gonna pray ...
I’m gonna sing ...
I’m gonna live ...

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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