

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“I will put my spirit within you,
and you shall live ...”*

- Ezekiel 37:14a

May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Jewish American Heritage Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Spirit in the Dark" (Aretha Franklin)

Welcome & Announcements

(also available at allmeansall.org/announcements)

- **Volunteers needed for community projects starting this fall:** Avery D. Harrington Elementary School, Sankofa Community Farm, Grace Cafe (at Arch Street UMC)
 - allmeansall.org/community-projects
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today

- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck
 - join us for discussion of General Conference
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group
 - allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Tuesday, May 21

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (weekly)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- **7 pm:** Finance Committee

Tuesday, May 21 - Thursday, May 23: Annual Conference

(Eastern PA Conference of the United Methodist Church)

- Wildwood, NJ

Thursday, May 23, 7 pm: Trustees (rescheduled)

Sunday, May 26, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

Sunday, Jun 2

- **9-9:45 am:** Virtual Worship (no Communion)
- **10:30 am-7 pm:** Philly Pride March & Festival
 - march begins at 6th & Walnut
 - contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary

Thursday, Jun 6

- **5-8 pm:** Baltimore Avenue Dollar Stroll
 - contact Pastor Tim to help staff Calvary's table!
- **8-9ish pm:** Spirituality on Tap (*last one until September!*)
 - Carbon Copy / 701 S. 50th St
 - allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

Friday, Jun 7 - Saturday, Jun 8: Spring Retreat

- Pendle Hill (Wallingford, PA)
- allmeansall.org/spring-retreat

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 or sign up online. Our **Calvary Connections e-newsletter** goes out every Thursday night.

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: "Breath of God, Breath of Peace"

(tune: Sally Ann Morris / lyrics: Adam M.L. Tice)

Breath of God, Breath of peace,
Breath of love, Breath of life,
Breath of justice, Breath of passion,
Breath creating, Breath of healing,
Breath of singing, Breath of praying,
Come upon us, come restore us,
come inspire us, Breath of God.

Call to Worship *(from RevGalBlogPals – adapted)*

One: Spirit of the Living God, dance with us on this day.

ALL: Come, Whirlwind of Wonder!

One: Sing to the groaning of Creation.

ALL: Come, still small voice of hope!

One: Enflame us with your passion for justice.

ALL: Come, Liberator of the Least!

One: Purify us of our grasping greediness.

ALL: Come, Advocate of selfless living!

One: Silence our gossiping tongues.

ALL: Come, Harmony of God's Heart!

One: Breath of God, renew us; Wind of God, blow through us; Fire of God, burn within us; Tongue of God, speak to us.

ALL: Come, Spirit, come! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Spirit of God" *(TFWS #2117, Steve Garnas-Holmes – adapted)*

Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,
glow as you always do; create us anew.

Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,
healing upon your wings for all living things.

For when we live your peace, captives will find release,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far-off lands
you hold all the human race in one warm embrace.

No matter where we go, you hold us together so,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,
the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.

(Though we may fail and fall, we know that we are all)
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Spirit of God, in all, we gladly hear your call,
the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.

Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Holy Baptism / The Baptismal Covenant

Introduction

Presentation of Candidate: Oliver Kirchner Olecki

Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Baptism

Commendation and Welcome

Congregational Response

We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Oliver, and we welcome you in love. We will so order our lives after the example of Jesus, that surrounded by steadfast love, your faith may be increased, your hope confirmed, and your love perfected in the way that leads to life abundant and eternal.

And as members together with you in the universal body of Christ, the family of God, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church and of this congregation, by our prayers and presence, our gifts and service, that all may know life abundant and eternal.

Song: "Wonder of Wonders" (TFWS #2247, tune: William Boyd, lyrics: Jane Parker Huber – adapted)

Wonder of wonders, here revealed;

God's covenant with us is sealed.

And long before we know or pray,
God's love enfolds us every day.

Here in this sacrament we see
God's grace unbound, for all, for me!
May we respond with joyful praise
in loving service all our days.

This child of God, though young or old,
we welcome now into Christ's fold,
to know with us God's loving care;
here all our joys and sorrows share.

Now we our vow of faith renew,
stretch wide our sights to global view,
and claim with (people) far and near
a larger family held dear.

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)*

Eternal God, Spirit of Love, you create all things. You give life to all living beings, in all our diversity and wonder. You breathe in us and make us one in your love. Your presence calls out in each of us to one another, seeking to be one with each other. Speak to us in our worship. Sing your song to us in our hearts. Come to new life in us. We open our hearts to you. Spirit of love, arise! Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the HOLY ONE came upon me, and brought me out by the spirit of the HOLY ONE and set me down in

the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. **2** God led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. **3** God said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O HOLY ONE, you know."

4 Then God said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the HOLY ONE. **5** Thus says the HOLY ONE to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. **6** I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the HOLY ONE."

7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. **8** I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. **9** Then God said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the HOLY ONE: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." **10** I prophesied as God commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. **11** Then God said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' **12** Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the HOLY ONE: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. **13** And you shall know that I am the HOLY ONE, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. **14** I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the HOLY ONE, have spoken and will act," says the HOLY ONE.

Choral Alleluia *(UMH #186, Jerry Sinclair)*

Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:1-18 *(A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney)*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in the same place. **2** And there came suddenly from heaven a sound like the sweeping of a mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

3 Then there appeared among them divided tongues, as of fire, and one rested on each of them. **4** And all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in other tongues just as the Spirit gave them to speak. **5** Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** Now at this sound the crowd gathered and was confused because each heard them speaking in the native language of each.

7 Amazed and astounded, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** And how do we hear, each in our own native language? **9** Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and those who live in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjacent to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs, we hear them speaking in our own tongues about God's deeds of power." **12** All were amazed and questioning to one another, saying, "What does this mean?" **13** But others, mocking, said, "They are filled with new wine."

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you all, and attend to my speech. **15** For those persons are not drunk as you suppose, it is only the third hour (nine o'clock) in the morning. **16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: **17** 'In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your daughters and your sons shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your elders shall dream dreams.

18 Even upon my slaves, both women and men, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.'"

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "(Re)born of the Spirit"

Song: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (TFWS #2120, James Manley)

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,

blow through the wilderness calling and free;

Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,

stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,

then you coaxed up the mountains

from the valleys of sleep;

and over the eons you called to each thing:

wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. *(refrain)*

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,

and you goaded your people with a law and a land;

and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,

then you spoke through your prophets

to open their eyes.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,

blow through the wilderness calling and free;

Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,

stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,

then you whispered in silence

when the whole world was still;

and down in the city, you called once again,

when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. *(refrain)*

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions, your people arise. *(refrain)*

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

“Thanks be to God” or “God hears our prayer”

Sung Response *(tune: UMH #294, Hugh Wilson / lyrics: John Pritchard – adapted)*

O Wind and Fire, O Rock and Vine,
O Voice so still and small,
we bring our lives, our joys and tears
to you who embraces all.

O Wind and Fire, O Rock and Vine,
O Voice so still and small,
we bring our lives, our hopes and fears
to you who embraces all.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: “Spirit Wind” *(tune: UMH #292, American folk hymn / lyrics: Steve Garnaas-Holmes)*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

That you who made the earth
with love would give us birth
and by your Spirit’s breath lead us on, lead us on,
and by your Spirit’s breath make us whole.

Great Spirit, may the wind of your love freely blow,
oh, let your wind of love freely blow,
and guide us in your grace

in every time and place,
to bear your love and peace as we go, as we go.
Oh, let the winds of love freely blow!

As we are born anew from above, from above,
God, send us out to serve in your love.
And may we freely go
wherever your winds blow,
though how we do not know, in your love, in your love,
wherever your winds blow, in your love.

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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