

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"To each person is given
the manifestation of the Spirit
for mutual good."*

- 1 Corinthians 12:7

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

Jewish American Heritage Month

Mental Health Awareness Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: “As the Wind Song through the Trees”
(*tune: Lim Swee Hong / lyrics: Wong Ee Suen – Mandarin Chinese, Shirley Erena Murray – English / perf. by SióLik*)

You are invited during the Gathering Song to still your hearts, your minds, your bodies, as we come together for worship.

Welcome & Announcements

• **Visiting with us?**

- We're glad you're here! We strive to make our worship space—in-person and virtual—as welcoming and accommodating of different needs as possible. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact Pastor Tim.

• **Spring Retreat – Claiming Divine Abundance:** Jun 20 (with overnight options Jun 19 and/or 20)

- St. Raphaela Center (Haverford)
- allmeansall.org/spring-retreat

• **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons

• **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Monday, May 25, 6:15-7:15 pm: Yoga (weekly)

- Chapel – 48th St entrance
- allmeansall.org/yoga

Tuesday, May 26

- **3 pm:** Midweek Prayer (weekly)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- **3 pm:** Finance Committee (*bimonthly – 3rd Tuesdays / rescheduled*)

- **6-8 pm:** Resistance Quilting Group
 - allmeansall.org/quilting
 - contact Brooke if interested, and for location details: christensenvoice@gmail.com
- **7:30-8:45 pm:** Bible/Book Study – Sabbath Economics (*hybrid / weekly, through Jun 16*)
 - allmeansall.org/bible-studies

Wednesday, May 27

- **10-11 am:** Yoga (*weekly*) – see May 25 for details
- **12-12:30 pm:** Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Immigrant Justice (*weekly / New Sanctuary Movement*)
 - Philadelphia ICE Field Office / 114 N 8th St
 - contact Pastor Tim to join our NSM Team

Saturday, May 30

- **9:30 am-12 pm:** Calvary @ Sankofa Community Farm
 - 3000 S. 56th St
 - allmeansall.org/Sankofa
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up
- **1 pm:** Meditation (*weekly / West Philly Insight*)
 - Board Room (upstairs) – 48th St entrance

Sunday, May 31

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **1-3 pm:** Confirmation Class
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group
 - allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Tuesday, Jun 2, 9:30 am-3:30 pm: Action & Advocacy Day (*POWER Interfaith*)

- Harrisburg
- contact Pastor Tim if interested in participating

Wednesday, Jun 3, 7-8ish pm: Spirituality on Tap

- Dahlak / 4708 Baltimore Ave
- allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

Saturday, Jun 6, 10 am-1 pm: Methodist History Tour

- Old St. George's UMC & Mother Bethel AME Church
- contact Pastor Tim by May 29th to sign up

Sunday, Jun 7

- **9-10 am:** Hybrid Worship (*Communion*)
 - please note the earlier/shorter worship time in order to accommodate Pride participation
- **11 am:** Philadelphia Pride March – “March into Pride” (*Philly Pride 365*)
 - 13th & Locust, then along the Parkway (ticketed Festival to follow at Eakins Oval)
 - contact Pastor Tim to join Calvary’s contingent

Wednesday, Jun 7, 7-8ish pm: Spirituality on Tap (*last gathering before summer break*)

- Dahlak / 4708 Baltimore Ave
- allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

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 (*Karla Miller – adapted*)

One: O rushing, wild Spirit of God, pour out the fire of love upon us! Unfurl your language upon our lips, unlock our minds to embrace all possibility, unleash our hearts so your justice flows freely.

ALL: O for a thousand tongues to sing sweet praise!

One: O rushing, wild Spirit of God, pour out the fire of love upon us! May your breeze bring health and wholeness, may your breath heat our resolve, may your Spirit fill the earth with mercy and grace.

ALL: O for a thousand tongues to sing sweet praise!

One: O rushing, wild Spirit of God, pour out the fire of love upon us! Set us free from self-doubt, make us listeners to deepen our awareness, shake us awake when we forget our privilege.

ALL: O for a thousand tongues to sing sweet praise!

One: O rushing, wild Spirit of God, pour out the fire of love upon us!

ALL: Amen. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Spirit of God" (TFWS #2117, Steve Garnaas-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)

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Third Space – adapted)*

Spirit of God, Holy Spirit, you are the restless breath of love that sweeps through the world. You move where you will, breaking down barriers, stirring hearts to change, making all things possible. Inspire each one of us to hunger and thirst for justice!

Come, Spirit of God, sweep through our world bringing great change. May the bounty of your goodness be shared justly so all may fully share in the rich blessings of your Creation. And, for us, bring transformation in our praying and living, so that we may act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you all the days of our lives. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "Send Down the Fire" *(Marty Haugen – adapted)*

*Send down the fire of your justice,
send down the rains of your love;
come, send down the Spirit,
breathe life in your people,
and we shall be people of God.*

Call us to be your compassion,
teach us the song of your love;
give us hearts that sing, give us deeds that ring,
make us ring with the song of your love. *(Refrain)*

Call us to learn of your mercy,
teach us the way of your peace;

give us hearts that feel, give us hands that heal,
make us walk in the way of your peace. *(Refrain)*

Call us to answer oppression,
teach us the fire of your truth;
give us righteous souls, 'til your justice rolls,
make us burn with the fire of your truth. *(Refrain)*

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

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are diversities of ministries, but the same Sovereign. **6** And there are diversities of works, but it is the same God who works for all of them in everyone. **7** To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for mutual good. **8** To one ... through the Spirit is given a word of wisdom, and to another a word of knowledge according to the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, **10** to yet another working miracles, to another prophecy, to yet another discernment of spirits, to another families of tongues, to another the translation of tongues. **11** All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia. *(repeat)*

Sermon: "Mutual Goodness"

Song: "Are You Lost?" *(tune: UMH #384, John Zundel / Lyrics: Hannah C. Brown)*

Are you lost among earth's peoples,
wand'ring cold and all alone?
Do you wonder if you're cherished?
Do you wonder if you're known?
Love will bind us as a fiber,
washed and carded, spun and wound,
knit together as a blanket,
warmed and welcomed, sought and found.

Are you bruised by hurt and hardship,
strained by wrongs or racked by need?
Do you tire of endless waiting
for the world to free and feed?
Love will join us as a body
with the strength and means to mend;
ev'ry member bears a treasure
on which all of us depend.

Are you hoping for a future
that is better than our past?
Are you yearning for communion
where the first are welcomed last?
Love delights in all our difference,
teaching justice and respect,
calling souls and skills and powers
to repair and reconnect.

In our wilderness of people
let us seek the common good.
In our discord and divisions,
hearts can still be understood.

Love is with us when we're working,
turning strangers into kin.
Love invites us and unites us
to be better than we've been.

SHARING

Stewardship Sharing

Offering Our Gifts

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*"Each of you must give as
you have made up your mind,
not regretfully or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver."*

- 2 Corinthians 9:7



Previous giving (rounded)

- May 11-17: \$929/ weekly budget: \$1,663
- White Basket, May 17: \$92

Prayers of the People

"Thanks be to God" / "God hears our prayer"

Sung Response (*tune: UMH #418, African American spiritual / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

Hold us, heal us, living Spirit;
every hurt, each joy—please hear it.
Pour your life and love into us;
make us yours, we pray.

ENGAGING

Closing 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.

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.

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)*

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Pool of Love" *(Alexa Sunshine Rose, Murray Kyle)*

May the pool of love we have gathered here
Spread its wings and fly far and near
From the depths of our hearts to the farthest star
May our love bless everyone

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