

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



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HOLY ONE saying, ‘Whom shall
I send, and who will go for us?’
And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’”*

- Isaiah 6:8

May 26, 2024

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Divisionary (Do the Right Thing)" (Ages to Ages)

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

Tuesday, May 28, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer (weekly)

Sunday, Jun 2

- **9-9:45 am:** Virtual Worship (no Communion)
- **10:30 am-12 pm:** Philly Pride March
 - allmeansall.org/pride
 - 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

Sunday, Jun 9

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*Communion*)
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck
 - join us as we officially welcome our new office manager, Shakirah Holloway

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: "Come and Fill Our Hearts
(Confitemini Domino)" (*TFWS #2157, Jacques Berthier / Taizé
Community – adapted*)

Con – fi – te – mi – ni Do – mi – no
quo – ni – am bo – nus
Con – fi – te – mi – ni Do – mi – no
Al – le – lu – ia!

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O (God), are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Al – le – lu – ia!

Call to Worship (*from Third Space*)

One: O Divine Voice,

ALL: You sing and the universe comes into being;

One: O Divine Breath,

ALL: You breathe and all things spring to life;

One: O Divine Word,

ALL: You call and Creation is sustained;

One: O Divine Flesh,

ALL: You are born among us, and the Creator is clothed in Creation;

One: O Divine Spirit,

ALL: You fill all that has been formed;

One: O Divine Life,

ALL: You are the pulse of all that is.

One: And so, in amazement and awe, in wonder and celebration we marvel at this mystery: In you all things live and move and have being. In all things, you live and move and express your Divine artistry

ALL: And so we join with Creation in the eternal song of worship and wonder. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "God the Sculptor of the Mountains" (TFWS #2060, alternate tune: UMH #220, Henry T. Smart / lyrics: John Thornburg)

God the sculptor of the mountains,
God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens,
God the potter of the land;
You are womb of all creation,
we are formless; shape us now.

God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,
God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar in the darkness,
God the beacon of the free:
You are fount of all deliv'rance,
we are sightless; lead us now.

God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,

God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
You are host at every table,
we are hungry; feed us now.

God the unexpected infant,
God the calm, determined youth,
God the table-turning prophet,
God the resurrected truth:
You are present every moment,
we are searching; meet us now.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer

Holy Mystery, God beyond our full knowing, we give thanks for the countless ways you are yet made known to us: through the gift of Creation and the profound interconnectedness and interdependence of all living things; through the life, death and resurrected life of Jesus, who walked way more than a mile in our shoes as divine witness to your unending grace and love; through the ongoing movement of your Spirit, ever-breathing newness into our lives and the world around us.

Holy Mystery, as your beloved, as those made in your image, inspired by your Creation, called by your Jesus, and empowered by your Spirit, send us to make known your life-giving love to the world, in all its beauty and brokenness. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 29

Ascribe to the HOLY ONE, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the HOLY ONE glory and strength. **2** Ascribe to the HOLY ONE the glory of God's name; worship the HOLY ONE in holy splendor. **3** The voice of the HOLY ONE is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the HOLY ONE, over mighty waters. **4** The voice of the HOLY ONE is powerful; the voice of the HOLY ONE is full of majesty. **5** The voice of the HOLY ONE breaks the cedars; the HOLY ONE breaks the cedars of Lebanon. **6** God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. **7** The voice of the HOLY ONE flashes forth flames of fire. **8** The voice of the HOLY ONE shakes the wilderness; the HOLY ONE shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. **9** The voice of the HOLY ONE causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all say, "Glory!" **10** The HOLY ONE sits enthroned over the flood; the HOLY ONE sits enthroned as Sovereign forever. **11** May the HOLY ONE give strength to God's people! May the HOLY ONE bless God's people with peace!

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

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the HOLY ONE sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of God's robe filled the temple. **2** Seraphs were in attendance above God; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. **3** And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory." **4** The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. **5** And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the Sovereign, the God of hosts!" **6** Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a

live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. **7** The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." **8** Then I heard the voice of the HOLY ONE saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Sent"

Song: "Here I Am, Lord" (UMH #593, Dan Schutte)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied,
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (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: "This Little Light of Mine" (AAHH #549, African American spiritual)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, no! ...

Everywhere I go ...

All through the night ...

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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A background graphic featuring several stylized hands in various shades of light pink and peach, each holding a heart. The hands are positioned at different heights and angles, creating a sense of collective support and care.