

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"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."*

- Acts 2:4

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
Jewish American Heritage Month
Mental Health Awareness Month

GATHERING

Prelude: "Your Spirit" (*Tasha Cobbs Leonard, feat. Kierra Sheard*)

**You're invited to be in silence during the Prelude,
as we transition together into this sacred time and space.**

Welcome & Announcements

(full Announcements available at allmeansall.org/announcements)

- **New Sanctuary Movement wish list for newly arriving immigrants:** tinyurl.com/nsm-wish
- **Bread & Roses Gender Giving Project (Fall 2023):**
 - tinyurl.com/gender-justice
- **Worship volunteers:** sign up at tinyurl.com/worship-help

Calendar

Tuesday, May 30

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer

Saturday, Jun 3 (with overnight option Jun 2 and/or 4):

Spring Retreat – Seasons of the Spirit

- Cranaleith Spiritual Center (NE Philly)
- allmeansall.org/spring-retreat

Sunday, Jun 4

- **9-9:30 am:** Virtual Worship (*no in-person option!*)
- **10:30 am-7 pm:** Philly Pride March & Festival
 - beginning at 5th & Arch
 - allmeansall.org/pride

Wednesday, Jun 7: POWER for a Moral Budget –
Advocacy & Action Day

- PA State Capitol (Harrisburg)
- details/register at tinyurl.com/power-harrisburg
- also pre-trip training: **Wednesday, May 31, 6:30-8 pm**

Sunday, Jun 11

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship, with Communion
- **1-2ish pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck
 - bring a dish and/or drinks to share if you can

Sunday, Jun 18, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Alisha Berry

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 / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "Spirit of the Living God" (UMH #393, Daniel Iverson – adapted)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me *(repeat)*

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us ...

Call to Worship (Karla Miller – adapted)

One: O rushing, wild Spirit of God, pour out the fire of your 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 your love upon us! May your breeze bring health and wholeness, may your breath heat our resolve, may your wind 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 your love upon us! Set us free from self-doubt, make us listeners as we seek deeper awareness, shake us awake when we drift toward indifference.

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

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

**ALL: Come, Spirit, come. Fall fresh upon us this Pentecost.
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)

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Wendy Janzen – adapted)*

Wild Wind of the Spirit, on this Pentecost day we revel in the ways your presence lives and moves among us and through us – inspiring us, challenging us, unsettling us.

May we be open to the winds of change, welcoming and bending to new ways of being. May we embrace and celebrate the lively and generative energy of this day, empowering us – in word and in action – to be agents of transformation in our spheres of influence, voices for the voiceless, and visionaries for a new future. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:4-12

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; **5** and there are varieties of services, but the same Sovereign; **6** and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. **7** To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. **8** To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of

wisdom, and to another the utterance 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 another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11** All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. **12** For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

Choral Alleluia

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: "Spiritually Speaking"

Song: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (TFWS #2120, James K. 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, hear 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: “This Little Light of Mine” *(African American
spiritual)*

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

Everywhere I go ...

All through the night ...

Spirit-filled and Spirit-led ...

This little light of mine ...

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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