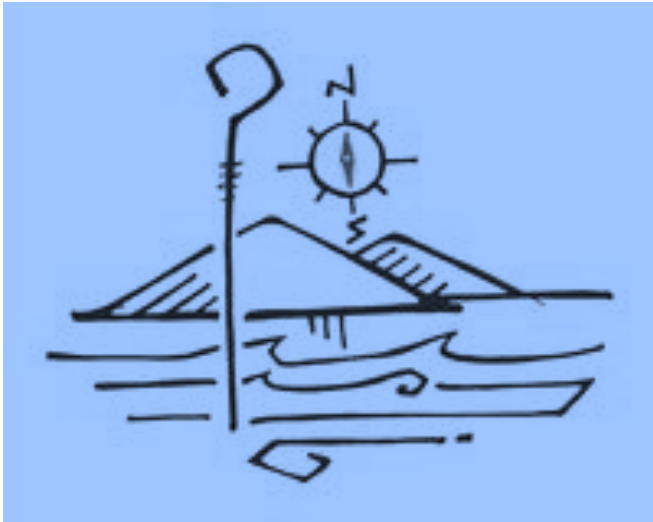


Calvary United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"I came that they may have life,
and have it abundantly."*

- John 10:10

May 3, 2020
4th Sunday of Easter

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Singing Our Way In

"Circle Chant" (*Linda Hirschorn*)

Circle round for freedom, circle round for peace
For all of us imprisoned, circle for release
Circle for the planet, circle for each soul
For the children of our children:
keep the circle whole!

"Shepherd Me, O God" (*TFWS #2058*)

Shepherd me, O God,
beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
from death into life.

Invitation to Holy Presence / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship (*John Pritchard*)

One: Breathed into life this day, welcome.

ALL: May the power of new life stir in us all.

One: We join in this virtual space made holy by our coming together.

ALL: The sacred thread weaves our hearts and spirits into one.

One: And so we acknowledge the holy presence that shepherds us.

ALL: May we learn to trust, even now.

One: May we be shepherded into nourishing places, calming places, places to restore our troubled souls.

ALL: May we find rest for our anxious spirits.

One: May we be shepherded into just ways, loving ways, ways that are right.

ALL: May we walk with holy steps.

One: May we be shepherded through all that threatens and alarms us.

ALL: May we be given comfort that leads beyond fear.

One: May we be shepherded to a table where goodness overflows.

ALL: In its simplicity, may we discover life, and life in abundance, and may we join our hearts in praise: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: "Christ Is Risen" (*UMH #307*)

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
Christ is risen! Get you gone!
God the First and Last is with us,
Sing Hosanna, everyone!

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer (*John Pritchard*)

Love that births all things, even as life shrinks and is under

threat, we glimpse its wonder. So birth in us a sense of your great gift and thanks for it.

Love that holds all things, hold us, hold our world, in this trying, uncertain time.

Love that heals all things, heal those victim to the coronavirus, those physically stricken, those emotionally and spiritually stricken, those financially stricken, and those stricken yet again by the injustice at the heart of our world.

Love that casts out fear, cast out our fear that this will not pass, that we will not recover from all that is lost, that life, full, meaningful life, is gone.

Love that rises from the grave, rise in us, even now, as gratefulness, as joy, as life.

Love that dreams fullness of life for all things, stir up your dream in us; even when it aches right now, do not let it fall silent.

Love that moves all things, move us, to live out of love, not fear, to nourish hope, not despair, to grow spirits large enough to both mourn and praise.

Love that calls our names, let us hear and let us rest in you.
Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "Lord, Help Me to Hold Out" (*Calvary Choir*)

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. **2** (God) makes me lie down in green pastures; (God) leads me beside still waters; **3** (God) restores my soul. (God) leads me in right paths for (God's) name's sake. **4** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me. **5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **6** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: John 10:1-10

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. **2** The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. **5** They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." **6** Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. **8** All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. **9** I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

One: May the Spirit add understanding to our hearing.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "The Voices We Follow" (Rev. Amy Emmett-Rardin)

Hymn of Response: "Open My Eyes"

(Jesse Manibusan, altered lyrics)

Open my eyes, (Love), help me to see your face

Open my eyes, (Love), help me to see.

Open my ears, (Love), help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, (Love), help me to hear.

Open my heart, (Love), help me to love like you.

Open my heart, (Love), help me to love.

I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love,

I live within you, rest now in me.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns

“Thanks be to God” or “God, hear our prayer”

Prayer Response *(tune: UMH #175 / lyrics: John Pritchard)*

O living God, we wait for you,
each wound, each rift to heal,
each empty heart and life to fill,
each day with joy to seal.

Closing Hymn: “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

(TFWS #2153, altered lyrics)

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

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

I’m gonna live so (Grace) can use me . . .

I’m gonna live so (Truth) can use me . . .

I’m gonna live so (Peace) can use me . . .

I’m gonna live so (Love) can use me . . .

Communion / Great Thanksgiving *(John Pritchard)*

One: God is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts.

ALL: We open them to God and to one another.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: It is right, O God, and a joyous thing to praise you, who spins the web of all creation and breathes life into us. You etch your image into each person and give us to one another that we may find and honor your presence. You nourish us by each other’s love and strengthen us by each other’s support and delight us by each other’s presence and sculpt us by each other’s witness. Even now, as a virus threatens and isolates us, you continue to stir life, awakening a dormant creation and causing it to rise. And so, with all your people on

earth, with the great company of the heavens and all creation, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-b)

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

One: Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your Christ, Jesus, in whose life and work we see your touch weaving new relationships. He was born among outsiders and foreigners came to greet him. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, welcomed at his table those unwanted elsewhere, and called all who would to follow him. Rejected and killed by some, he rose to live among those who continued his welcome and work, who experienced his presence as they shared a simple meal, breaking bread as his body was broken, pouring wine as his blood was poured out, sharing the bread and cup as they shared one Spirit with him. We continue to share the bread and cup that we may share his Spirit and his work, even as we share the mystery of faith:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-c)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

One: Stir up your Spirit now as we share the bread and cup, each in our separate places but joined in the same act at the same moment. By your Spirit, make us one with each other, one in Jesus' passion for justice and wholeness, one in celebration of your grace weaving all creation into one blessed family. With all who have lived and will live and are living now, we truly praise your name.

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-d)

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Sung Response: “Let Us Break Bread Together” (UMH #618)

Let us break bread together on our knees. *(repeat)*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees . . .

Let us praise God together on our knees . . .

ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: “Go Now in Peace” (UMH #665)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

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May 3, 2020 – Announcements

CALENDAR

Today

Following worship: Virtual fellowship in breakout rooms

Upcoming

Monday, May 4, 7-8:30 pm: POWER Training / Faith-Based Organizing 101 – The Power of Our Stories

- powerinterfaith.org/calendar

Tuesday, May 5, 12 pm: Midweek Prayer (Cord Whitaker)

Tuesday, May 5, 8 pm: Reconciling Ministries Network Worship

- facebook.com/RMNetwork/events
- marking what would have been the start of General Conference (now tentatively rescheduled for Aug 31 - Sep 10, 2021)

Wednesday, May 6, 5-7 pm: POWER Training / Finding Grounding from the Inside Out – Listening to Ourselves

- powerinterfaith.org/calendar

Wednesday, May 6, 7 pm: Midweek Prayer (Lauren Ballester)

Thursday, May 7, 12-12:30 pm: POWER Vigil for Incarcerated During COVID-19

- powerinterfaith.org/calendar

Thursday, May 7, 7-8:30 pm: POWER Training / Voter Engagement 2020 – Using OutVote

- powerinterfaith.org/calendar

Sunday, May 10, 11 am: Worship

- virtual fellowship following worship!

Tuesday, May 12, 6 pm: Trustees

Sunday, May 17, 11 am: Worship

- Cord Whitaker and Lesley Curtis will be leading the service (and preaching) while Pastor Tim is on vacation

Sunday, May 17, 1-2 pm: Young Adult Gathering

- contact Grace for details to connect virtually:
g_johnson11@sbcglobal.net

Tuesday, May 19, 6 pm: Finance Committee

VISITING WITH US?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason(s) you chose to join us this morning! Since we aren't able to greet you in person during this coronavirus pandemic, please contact Pastor Tim if you have any questions or prayer concerns.

INVITATIONS / OPPORTUNITIES

Resist Harm Movement

You are invited to join Calvary and fellow Reconciling United Methodists from around the country to support **Resist Harm** (resistharm.com / [#ResistHarm](https://twitter.com/ResistHarm)), a movement of resistance to the anti-LGBTQ Traditional Plan now on the books in the United Methodist Church. **May's theme is "Witness."**

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, contact the church office (office@allmeansall.org).

Other Email Lists?

You may like to receive email updates from other groups with which Calvary is involved. If so, here's more info:

- POWER: powerinterfaith.org
- New Sanctuary Movement: sanctuaryphiladelphia.org
- PA Interfaith Power & Light: info@paipl.org
- Reconciling United Methodists of Eastern PA:
pastor@historicstgeorges.org
- Methodist Federation for Social Action – Eastern PA:
milesj526@verizon.net
- Eastern PA Conference (UMC): epaumc.org

Want to Help with Worship?

For the time being, as long as we're gathering virtually for worship, if you would like to participate by leading the Call to Worship or reading scripture, please contact Pastor Tim.

Volunteer with Nursery and Calvary Kids

We're always looking for more volunteers to work with our children during worship (and beyond)! All volunteers must be

involved in the congregation for at least six months, and complete background clearances in compliance with all state laws. If you're interested, please contact Pastor Tim.

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