

Calvary United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



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

- 1 Corinthians 12:7

May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "What's Going On"

(Marvin Gaye, Al Cleveland, Renaldo "Obie")

Welcome and Announcements

Singing Our Way In

"We Rise" *(Batyá Levine)*

We rise . . . humbly hearted
Rise . . . won't be divided
Rise . . . with spirit to guide us
Rise!

Chorus

*In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're right here! (repeat)*

We rise . . . all of the children
Rise . . . elders with wisdom
Rise . . . ancestors surround us
Rise! *(Chorus)*

We rise . . . up from the wreckage
Rise . . . with tears and with courage
Rise . . . fighting for life
Rise! *(Chorus, then repeat first verse)*

"Holy Spirit, Come to Us (Veni Sancte Spiritus)" *(TFWS #2218)*

Holy Spirit, come to us.
Kindle in us the fire of your love.
Holy Spirit, come to us. *(2x)*

Invitation to Holy Presence / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship *(John Pritchard)*

One: Virtually gathered, spiritually united, welcome.

ALL: Peace—the peace of God's Spirit—be yours.

One: Enlivened by holy breath, we join in praise.

ALL: For life, flowing through us this day, we say: Alleluia!

One: Moved by sacred wind, we join in praise.

ALL: For strength—to endure, to rise—this day, we say: Alleluia!

One: Sparked by holy flame, we join in praise.

ALL: For the ability to dream healing dreams, for the passion to pursue them, we say: Alleluia!

One: Empowered by sacred gifts, we join in praise.

ALL: For something to contribute to the good of all, to bless each other, we say: Alleluia!

One: Woven into one holy body, we join in praise.

ALL: For life shared, enmeshed, intimately entwined and mutually supportive, we say: Alleluia!

One: Filled with God's very Spirit, we join—hearts, voices, lives—in praise.

ALL: For this moment, joined though apart, sharing Holy Presence, we praise the living Spirit: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: “Spirit of God” (TFWS #2117)

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.

We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at 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.

CENTERING

Community Prayer (*John Pritchard, adapted*)

We gather, O God, around a story of your Spirit resting on disciples and enlivening them, a story of intoxicating power and holy dreams, yet we share that story in a time of ongoing confinement, of life shrunken and under threat. And in a time of deep-seated racial trauma and unrest, of life dishonored, of life so violently stolen away.

We long to know your presence so powerfully, to be moved so energetically, to dream so passionately, and yet our lives are upended.

We wait as disciples waited long ago, our hearts gathered as one. We long for your Spirit to stir within us, for your life to rise through us, for your dream to claim and empower us. We seek your healing touch in and through our brokenness, that we might know life, new life, full, committed, passionate, connected life, as your people, as one body. Like wind, like fire, move within us and within our communities, we pray.
Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "New Start" (*Lorelle Becton*)

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; **5** and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; **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. **13** For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” **12** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” **13** But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem,

let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. **15** Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only 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 sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. **18** Even upon . . . slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. **19** And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. **20** The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. **21** Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

One: May the Spirit add understanding to our hearing.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Deep Breaths"

Hymn of Response: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (TFWS #2120)

Refrain

*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. (*Refrain*)

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*)

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns

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

Prayer Response (*tune: UMH #408 / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

O Open Arms, now hold our cares,
the aches we've named, the joys we've shared.
And hold us, too; into us breathe—
your grace, your life, let us receive.

Closing Hymn: “We Rise” (*Batya Levine*)

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ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Let the Church Say Amen"

Let the church say, "Amen" *(repeat)*

God has spoken, let the church say, "Amen"

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May 31, 2020 – Announcements

CALENDAR

Today

1 pm: Young Adult Gathering

- contact Grace for details to connect virtually:
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Upcoming

Monday, Jun 1, 5 pm: Justice for George Floyd! Physically Distanced Speakout

- 8th & Cherry

Monday, Jun 1, 6:30 pm: Fight for Floyd – Where Do We Go From Here?

- panel discussion with various leaders (including DA Larry Krasner), presented by Eastern PA UMC Urban Commission; info at na.eventscloud.com/fightforfloyd

Monday, Jun 1, 7:30-9 pm: Planting in an Earthquake – Balancing Patience and Urgency in a Time of Change

- lecture and discussion with longtime activist and artist Ricardo Levins Morales; info at pendlehill.org

Tuesday, Jun 1, 12 pm: Midweek Prayer (Cord Whitaker)

Tuesday, Jun 2: PA Primary Election

Wednesday, Jun 3, 5-7 pm: POWER Training / Finding Grounding from the Inside Out – Listening Deeply to One Another (1st Wednesdays)

- info at powerinterfaith.org/calendar

Saturday, Jun 6, 10 am-12:30 pm: Congregational Meeting

- focused on Calvary building options

Sunday, Jun 7, 11 am: Worship, with Communion

- BYOCE (Communion elements)

Sunday, Jun 7, 1 pm: Church Council

Tuesday, Jun 9, 6 pm: Trustees

Sunday, Jun 14, 11 am: Worship

- Pastor Tim will be on vacation and Pastor Calvin will be joining us for worship, led by a Calvary team

Tuesday, Jun 16, 6 pm: Finance Committee

Sunday, Jun 21, 12:30 pm (following worship): Congregational Meeting

focused on the future of the United Methodist Church

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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