

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“Go and learn what this means,
‘I desire mercy not sacrifice.’”*

- Matthew 9:13a

June 11, 2023

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

GATHERING

Prelude: "Mercy" (Dave Matthews Band)

*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)

- **Pastor Tim on vacation:** Jun 17-23
 - in case of a pastoral emergency, contact Jennine Miller: 215.990.5668
- **Meal support for Sharon:** mealtrain.com/trains/z38lvo
- **Meal support for Ted & Dennis:**
 - mealtrain.com/trains/v5yggq6
- **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

Today, 1-2ish pm (following worship): 2nd Sunday Potluck

- Eastern Service Workers Association reps are joining us to discuss their mission and how we can support

Tuesday, Jun 13

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- **6 pm:** POWER West/Southwest Cluster Meeting
 - Mosaic Church / 51st & Sansom
 - contact Eriks (eriksslush@hotmail.com) to get involved with Calvary's POWER Team
- **7 pm:** Trustees

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

- guest preacher: Alisha Berry

Sunday, Jun 25

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **1-2ish pm (following worship):** Ice Cream Social
 - celebrating Ursula before she moves to Hawaii
- **3 pm:** Interfaith Pride Service
 - Arch Street Presbyterian Church / 1724 Arch St

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: "I've Got Peace Like a River" (TFWS #2145, African American spiritual)

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (repeat)

I've got joy like a fountain ...

I've got love like an ocean ...

Call to Worship (Beth Merrill Neel – adapted)

One: Into this world we are born,

ALL: into the beauty and sorrow of everyday life.

One: Into this day we awake,

ALL: into possibility and the unknown.

One: Into this church we are welcomed,

ALL: into God's grace and each other's truth.

One: So let us worship our God this day,

ALL: as those loved and called to love. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here" (*tune: UMH #579, Henry Carey / lyrics: Brian Wren*)

Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love, for love were made.

Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed;
we come, with all our heart and mind,
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name,
and then receive us as your own;
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone;
we strain to glimpse your mercy seat,
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends;
suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends,
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share;
give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do,
while love is making all things new.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (*John van de Laar – adapted*)

God, we are a broken people, and we live in a broken world. But you are a whole God, and you never stop offering wholeness to us. And so, wherever we and people around us are broken within our bodies, minds or souls, we pray that healing may come. Wherever we and people around us are broken apart by the determination to dominate, we pray that peace may come. Wherever we and people around us are broken down by need and neglect, we pray that compassion may come. Wherever we and people around us are broken up by stress, fear and uncertainty, we pray that faith may come.

And so we bring you our brokenness, God, and pray for healing, so that we – loving as you are, merciful as you are – may be part of healing the world. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Hosea 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: **6:1** "Come, let us return to the Holy One; for it is God who has torn, and God will heal us; God has struck down, and God will bind us up. **2** After two days God will revive us; on the third day God will raise us up, that we may live before God. **3** Let us know, let us press on to know the Holy One; God's appearing is as sure as the dawn; God will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth." **4** What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is

like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. **5** Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. **6** For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. **10** And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. **11** When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" **12** But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **13** Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

18 While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." **19** And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. **20** Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, **21** for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." **22** Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.

23 When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, **24** he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And

they laughed at him. **25** But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. **26** And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Mercy, Mercy, Me"

Song: "Wounded World that Cries for Healing" (*tune: UMH #400, unknown / lyrics: TFWS #2177, Shirley Erena Murray*)

Wounded world that cries for healing –
here we hold each other's pain,
wounded systems, bruised and bleeding
bear the load, the scars of strain;
dollars ration out compassion,
hard decisions rule the day,
Jesus of the healing Spirit,
free us to another way!

Through our nation's spent frustration,
through the corridors of stress
may there move a kindlier wisdom
all may feel, and all may bless;
tax and tithe are for a purpose
shared to shield the poor and weak;
past the symptoms of our sickness
let the voice of justice speak.

Honor those whose loving spirit
nurses hope, restores and heals,
towel and basin used in service
like the Christ who comes and kneels;
in the tending, in the mending
may we see the right and fair,

in our common quest for wholeness
heal each other by our care.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

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

Sung Response (*tune: TFWS #2128, B.F. White / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

Source of life and love o'erflowing,
gather all the cares we bring.
Hold our tears and hold our longing
for a world where all can sing.
Stir in us as hope resilient; breathe in us as life renewed.
Bind our hearts in sure rejoicing
in a world we share with you.

Communion / The Great Thanksgiving

One: God is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to God and to each other.

One: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

ALL: It is good to give God our thanks and praise.

One: God of Unfathomable Love, we thank you that life flowed from you at Creation and flows from you now – renewed with each breath. As those formed in your image, we need only touch the hem of your garment to know your healing power. Within the free flow of your mercy and grace, you transform our pitfalls into possibilities, our doubt to faith, our despair to hope, our fear to love. You bring us home to ourselves, and call us home to each other.

ALL: And so, with your people on earth, with all Creation, and with the full company of heaven, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-b, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal - adapted):

Holy, holy, holy (One); 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 (our God).

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

One: Blessed are all who come in your name and Spirit, and blessed is Jesus, your Christ, who embodied your mercy and grace. He fed the hungry and stood with the outcasts, healed the sick and restored the broken. He brought even the dead to life. He washed his disciples' feet and shared a holy meal with them, a meal reaffirming your covenant to be always with us in love.

On the night ... And so as we break the bread and share the cup, we remember.

ALL: Held in and bound together by that same love, we taste the same Spirit and feast on the same promise, as we proclaim the mystery at the heart of our faith:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-c, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):

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

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

One: Pour out your Spirit on all of us gathered here, in person and virtually. Pour out your Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, and on those elements we use to remember this holy meal. Make them be for us Christ's body, broken, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, interconnected and interdependent. As Jesus called Matthew to follow, may this meal call us forth again to follow your way of mercy and grace – as much for the healing of the world as for our own. May your love flow in and through us toward life made whole for all.

ALL: By your Spirit make us one in love with you, with each other and with ourselves.

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-d, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):
Amen. Amen. Amen. / Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Sung Response: "Eat This Bread" (UMH #628, tune: Robert Batastini & Taizé Community / lyrics: Jacques Berthier)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: "Guide My Feet" (TFWS #2208, African American spiritual)

Guide my feet while I run this race. (2x)
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand ...
Stand by me ...
I'm your child ...
Search my heart ...

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Go Now in Peace" (UMH #665, Natalie Sleeth)

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

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