

# Calvary

## United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*Welcome! Step inside ...*

**June 14, 2020**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING

### Prelude

### *Welcome and Announcements*

### Singing Our Way In

*"A New Start" (Lorelle Becton)*

With the soft earth below

And the strong, gentle spirit hovering above

Let's undermine hostility

In the strong pursuit of love.

### Call to Worship

One: Come, friends, God's love beckons.

**ALL: Let us look ahead to the way love leads.**

One: First find your feet.

**ALL: As we stand upon the soft earth, love is our ground.**

One: Now raise your heads.

**ALL: We breathe in the spirit that hovers above.**

One: Your body will know the way and the time.

**ALL: Love connects us like warm summer, and we travel arm in arm.**

One: Do not be afraid of a long hot journey.

**ALL: We can always kneel to drink from love's cool waters.**

One: How did we get here, in God's gentle pursuit?

**ALL: Our journey began in darkness.**

One: How did we rise?

**ALL: The light of God brought dawn and then strengthening daylight.**

One: We stood, then, in God's love?

**ALL: We yearned to move forward in love's bold illumination.**

One: And how is it that you go?

**ALL: We march—we march and we pray, in God's light.**

One: Dance, then, dear friends, and sing!

**ALL: We will dance in God's peace, in God's love, in God's**

**grace. Alleluia to the God who calls us and guides us,  
refreshes us and blesses us—surprises us. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Hymn: “Down by the Riverside”**

Gonna lay down my burden,  
Down by the riverside (3x)  
Gonna lay down my burden,  
Down by the riverside,  
Ain't gonna study war no more.

Refrain

*No I ain't gonna study war no more,  
Ain't gonna study war no more (2x) (repeat)*

Gonna lay down my sword and shield . . . *(refrain)*

Gonna try on my long white robe . . . *(refrain)*

Gonna try on my starry crown . . . *(refrain)*

**Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**CENTERING**

**Community Prayer**

You who hover as spirit overhead,  
You who lead us on the earthly path of love, the path of  
conscience, the path of protest and progress,  
You who guide us into new light,  
We gather to renew, O God, the belonging we have in our  
family at Calvary and the family of all,  
We bring you thanks, O God, for the gifts of those who hold  
torches in a world that needs light,  
We bring concern for the way ahead, but most of all, hope.  
Remind us of how far we have come, and do not let us  
forget what the road was like.  
Show us again the strength we have in one another, and in  
you. Amen.

## Silent Prayer

**Scripture Lesson:** Genesis 18:9-14, 21:1-7

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." **10** Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. **11** Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. **12** So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" **13** The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' **14** Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." **15** But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. (God) said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

**21:1** The LORD dealt with Sarah as (the LORD) had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as (the LORD) had promised. **2** Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. **3** Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. **4** And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. **5** Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. **6** Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." **7** And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet have borne him a son in his old age."

## Choral Alleluia

**Scripture Lesson:** Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. **3** And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that

suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5** and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. **6** For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. **8** But God proves (God's) love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

One: May the Spirit add understanding to our hearing.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

### **Choral Alleluia**

**Reflection:** "Surprised by Hope" (*Kristine Morrow*)

**Hymn of Response:** "Here I Am, Lord" (*UMH #593*)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest 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?

#### Chorus

*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? (*chorus*)

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? (*chorus*)

## **SHARING**

### **Prayers of the People/Joys and Concerns**

"Thanks be to God" or "God, hear our prayer"

### **Prayer Response** (*tune: UMH #175*)

Hold, living God, the prayers we bring,  
The hurts and hopes we share,  
The gifts that stir our gratitude.  
Grant we may feel your care.

## **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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## **Calvary United Methodist Church**

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at the corner of spirituality & justice*

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# June 14, 2020 – Announcements

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## CALENDAR

### Today

**Pastor Tim remains on vacation until tomorrow.** In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact James Ker (Staff-Parish Relations Chair): 215.317.2251 or [jker@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:jker@sas.upenn.edu).

### Upcoming

**Tuesday, Jun 16, 12 pm:** Midweek Prayer (Cord Whitaker)

**Tuesday, Jun 16, 6 pm:** Finance Committee

**Saturday, Jun 20, 10 am & 6 pm:** Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington

- also Sunday, Jun 21, 6 pm; sponsored by Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival (info at [poorpeoplescampaign.org](http://poorpeoplescampaign.org))

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

- focused on the future of the United Methodist Church

**Sunday, Jun 28, 11 am:** Worship

- Pastor Tim's final service as interim pastor

**Sunday, Jun 28, 8 pm:** Virtual Pride Worship Service – Love is Resilient (followed by virtual Pride Parade)

- info at [rmnetwork.org](http://rmnetwork.org) (service will be livestreamed via Facebook Live)

**Sunday, Jul 5, 11 am:** Worship

- Pastor Calvin's first Sunday at Calvary

## 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**

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