

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*“The realm of God is as if someone  
would scatter seed on the ground, ...  
and the seed would sprout and grow,  
they do not know how.”*

**- Mark 4:26**

**June 16, 2024**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song:** "Garden Song" (*Pete Seeger*)

## **Welcome & Announcements**

(also available at [allmeansall.org/announcements](http://allmeansall.org/announcements))

- **Volunteers needed for community projects starting this fall:** Avery D. Harrington Elementary School, Sankofa Community Farm, Grace Café (at Arch Street UMC)
  - [allmeansall.org/community-projects](http://allmeansall.org/community-projects)
  - contact Pastor Tim to sign up
- **Calvary rummage sale:** volunteers needed to help revive our fundraising rummage sale (date TBD)
  - please contact the church office to sign up: [office@allmeansall.org](mailto:office@allmeansall.org)
- **Pastor Tim vacation:** Jun 23 (evening) – Jul 9
- **Previous sermons:** [allmeansall.org/sermons](http://allmeansall.org/sermons)
- **Previous bulletins:** [allmeansall.org/bulletins](http://allmeansall.org/bulletins)

## Calendar

### **Tuesday, Jun 18**

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
  - [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)
- **7 pm:** Church Council

### **Sunday, Jun 23**

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
  - our POWER West/SW Cluster organizer, Kimya Williams, will be joining us with a POWER update
- **3 pm:** Interfaith Pride Service
  - Mazzoni Center / 1348 Bainbridge

**Saturday, Jun 29:** Mass Poor People's & Low-Wage Workers' Assembly & Moral March on Washington, DC & to the Polls (*Poor People's Campaign*)

- Washington, DC

**Sunday, Jun 30, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Rev. John Pritchard

**Sunday, Jul 7, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship

*(Communion)*

- guest preacher: Rev. John Pritchard

### 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**

**Singing Our Way In:** "Open Unto Me" (*tune: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan / lyrics: Anne Thurman, based on Howard Thurman prayer*)

Open unto me light for my darkness

Light for my darkness open unto me

Open unto me light for my darkness

Open unto me, O God

Open unto me strength for my weakness ...

Open unto me peace for my turmoil ...

Open unto me joy for my sorrow ...

**Call to Worship** (*Joanna Harader – based on Psalm 92 & 95*)

One: Come, let us sing to Yahweh;

**ALL: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

One: Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;

**ALL: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

One: It is good to give you thanks, O Yahweh;

**ALL: To sing praises to your name, O Most High;**

One: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

**ALL: and your faithfulness by night,**

One: to the music of the lute and harp,

**ALL: to the melody of the lyre.**

One: For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;

**ALL: At the works of your hands we sing for joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song:** "God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us"  
*(UMH #100, tune: John Goss / lyrics: William Boyd Grove – adapted)*

God, whose love is reigning o'er us,  
source of all, the ending true;  
hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.

Word of God from nature bringing  
springtime green and autumn gold;  
mountain streams like children singing,  
ocean waves like thunder bold:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.

Holy God of ancient glory,  
(showing us what love can do);  
Abram's faith and Sarah's story  
formed a people bound to you.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.

Covenant, new again in Jesus,  
Starchild born to set us free;  
sent to heal us, sent to teach us  
how love's children we might be.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, (help us to see)!

Lift we then our human voices  
in the songs that faith would bring;  
live we then in human choices  
lives that, like our music sing:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

## **Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## **GROUNDING**

### **Community Prayer** *(Ted Loder – adapted)*

O God, who out of nothing brought everything that is, out of what we are bring more of what we dream but haven't dared. Direct our power and passion to creating life where there is death, to putting flesh of action on bare-boned intentions, to lighting fires against the midnight of indifference, to throwing bridges of care across canyons of loneliness; so we can look on Creation, together with you, and, behold, call it very good. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Special Music**

### **Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to give thanks to the HOLY ONE, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; **2** to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, **3** to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. **4** For you, O HOLY ONE, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

### **Choral Alleluia** *(UMH #186, Jerry Sinclair)*

### **Scripture Lesson:** Mark 4:26-34

(Jesus) also said, "The realm of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, **27** and would sleep

and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, they do not know how. **28** The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. **29** But when the grain is ripe, at once they go in with their sickle, because the harvest has come."

**30** He also said, "With what can we compare the realm of God, or what parable will we use for it? **31** It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; **32** yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." **33** With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; **34** he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## Choral Alleluia

**Sermon:** "Scattering Seeds"

**Song:** "The Kingdom of Heaven (It is Near)" (tune: UMH #98, William H. Doane / lyrics: Rhonda Waters – adapted)

The (kindom) of heaven is like a small seed,  
which planted in darkness becomes a great tree.  
It grows even taller its branches reach wide;  
the birds of the air find their shelter inside.

*It is near! It is near! Christ bids us to see.*

*It is near! It is near! Turn around and believe.*

*By love we are welcomed, by love we are called.*

*The (kindom) of heaven is good news for all.*

The (kindom) of heaven's like yeast for the bread;  
the smallest amount and then all shall be fed.

Mere flour and water take on a new form  
and call us to table where we are transformed. (refrain)

The (kindom) of heaven, God's glorious dream;  
within us, around us, it's here to be seen.  
In small acts of kindness, in great feats of faith,  
the (kindom) of heaven breaks forth in this place. *(refrain)*

## **SHARING**

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

**Sung Response** *(tune: UMH #682, Thomas Tallis / lyrics: John Pritchard)*

O draw us near, companion God.  
For every joy, your name we laud.  
For every wound and each sigh, too,  
we pray your love will see us through.

## **ENGAGING**

**Closing Song:** "The Trees of the Field" *(TFWS #2279, tune: Stuart Dauermann / lyrics: Steffi Geiser Ruben)*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field,  
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, *(clap 2x)*  
the trees of the field will clap their hands, *(clap 2x)*  
the trees of the field will clap their hands *(clap 2x)*  
while you go out with joy.

## **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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