

Calvary

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"Those who find their life will lose it, and
those who lose their life for my sake will find it."*

- Matthew 10:39

June 21, 2020
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "Strength, Courage and Wisdom" (*India.Arie*)

Welcome and Announcements

Singing Our Way In

"This Little Light of Mine" (UMH #585, with additional lyrics)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go . . .

All through the night . . .

All around the world . . .

So that everyone can live . . .

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (UMH #420)

Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
til I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Invitation to Holy Presence / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship

One: We come, O God, bringing all that we are, all that we carry, all that we desire. We come as those worn down by an ongoing global pandemic, and inspired by national—even global—movement for change. We come as those

world-weary and faith-fueled. Burden-borne and hope-buoyed. Tear-soaked and joy-filled.

ALL: We come as people of your Spirit, members of one family.

One: We come, O God, as those seeking life, new life, abundant life—for ourselves, for us all.

ALL: We come as people of your Spirit, members of one family.

One: We come, O God, as those invited to holy paradox: to lose our lives so that we might find them in You, and in each and every other.

ALL: We come as people of your Spirit, as members of one family.

One: We come, O God, as those called to follow Jesus in your radical way of love—love inclusive, love extravagant, love reimagined, relentless, revolutionary.

ALL: We come, O God, as people of your Spirit, members of one family. Grant us strength, courage and wisdom for our journey together. Sharpen our minds, soften our hearts and embolden our spirits to risk your way of love. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: "How Can We Name a Love?" (*UMH #111*)

How can we name a love that wakens heart and mind,
indwelling all we know or think
or do or seek or find?

Within our daily world: in every human face,
love's echoes sound, and God is found,
hid in the commonplace.

If we awoke to life upheld by loving care
that asked no great reward but firm,
assured, was simply there,
we can, with parents' names, describe, and thus adore,
love unconfined, our Father kind,
our Mother strong and sure.

When people share a task, and strength and skills unite
in projects old or new, to make
or do with shared delight,
our Friend and Partner's will is better understood,

that all should share, create, and care,
and know that life is good.

So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet
a presence, sensed and shown at work,
at home, or in the street.

Yet names and titles all shine in a brighter sun:
in (God) alone is full love grown
and life and hope begun.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer *(Bobbi Patterson, adapted)*

Living God, you have been our shelter from one generation to another: overarching sky, shading tree, deepest waters, pulsing veins. You have spread your vine widely, offering us a bounteous fruitfulness of care and nurture, fulfillment and peace. Grow in us, that we may grow in love for you, for ourselves, for our neighbors, for the earth.

Grow in us, that we may root ourselves in your visions of justice and mercy. Open our arms that we might lift one another's burdens. Speak through our mouths that we might comfort the afflicted. Urge our feet that we might march in solidarity with the wounded.

Teach us to be the household of God, the family of God, a people—your people—spreading out the everlasting branches of love. Love inclusive, love extravagant, love reimagined, relentless, revolutionary. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "Wake Up Everybody" *(Calvary Choir)*

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 10:24-39 *(New Revised Standard Version)*

"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; **25** it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of

the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! **26** "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. **27** What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. **28** Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. **29** Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your (Creator). **30** And even the hairs of your head are all counted. **31** So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. **32** "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my (Creator) in heaven; **33** but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my (Creator) in heaven.

34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. **35** For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; **36** and one's foes will be members of one's own household. **37** Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; **38** and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. **39** Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 10:24-39 *(The Message)*

A student doesn't get a better desk than her teacher. A laborer doesn't make more money than his boss. **25** Be content - pleased, even - when you, my students, my harvest hands, get the same treatment I get. If they call me, the Master, 'Dungface,' what can the workers expect? **26** Don't be intimidated. Eventually everything is going to be out in the open, and everyone will know how things really are. **27** So don't hesitate to go public now. **28** Don't be bluffed into silence by the threats of bullies. There's nothing they can do to your soul, your core being. Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life - body and soul - in (God's) hands. **29** "What's

the price of a pet canary? Some loose change, right? And God cares what happens to it even more than you do.

30 (God) pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail - even numbering the hairs on your head! **31** So don't be intimidated by all this bully talk. You're worth more than a million canaries. **32** Stand up for me against world opinion and I'll stand up for you before my (Creator) in heaven. **33** If you turn tail and run, do you think I'll cover for you?

34 Don't think I've come to make life cozy. I've come to cut - **35** make a sharp knife-cut between son and father, daughter and mother, bride and mother-in-law, cut through these cozy domestic arrangements and free you for God. **36** Well-meaning family members can be your worst enemies. **37** If you prefer father or mother over me, you don't deserve me. If you prefer son or daughter over me, you don't deserve me. **38** If you don't go all the way with me, through thick and thin, you don't deserve me. **39** If your first concern is to look after yourself, you'll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you'll find both yourself and me.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Holy Boldness, Revolutionary Love"

Hymn of Response: "The Summons" (TFWS #2130)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?

Will you let the blinded man see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you
and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell that fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you,
and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you,
and you in me.

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: "May You Run and Not Be Weary" *(TFWS #2281)* *(tune & refrain, UMH #525)*

May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

*By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.*

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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June 21, 2020 – Announcements

CALENDAR

Today

12:30 pm (following worship): Congregational Meeting to share updates about General Conference and the future of the United Methodist Church

6 pm: Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington

- info at june2020.org (service will be live streamed)

Upcoming

Tuesday, Jun 23, 12 pm: Midweek Prayer (Cord Whitaker)

Wednesday, Jun 24, 1 pm: Dismantling Racism – A Service of Lament

- info at umc.org

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 (service will be live streamed)

Wednesday, Jul 1: Pastor Calvin officially begins as Calvary's new pastor

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).

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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