

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“... and after the earthquake a fire,
but the HOLY ONE was not in the fire,
and after the fire
a sound of sheer silence.”*

- 1 Kings 19:12

June 22, 2025

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Still Small Voice" (*Switch*)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Congregational giving update**
 - Jun 9-15: \$1,035.52 / weekly budget: \$1,826.92
- **White basket offering through June:** Reconciling Ministries Network / Reconciling United Methodists of Eastern PA
 - total to date: \$34 (goal: \$500)
- **Young-ish Adults**
 - in lieu of this month's gathering, you're invited to attend the Rock This Roof benefit concert, Jun 28!
 - allmeansall.org/young-ish-adults
- **Faith-Based Reparative Justice: A Tool for Racial Healing**
 - Jul 10-13 @ Pendle Hill
 - pendlehill.org/events/faith-based-reparative-justice-a-tool-for-racial-healing
 - contact Pastor Tim to learn more
- **Resistance for such a time as this**
 - allmeansall.org/resistance
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Monday, Jun 23, 6:30-7:30 pm: Beginner Yoga (*weekly*)

- Calvary (Chapel) – 48th St entrance
- allmeansall.org/yoga

Tuesday, Jun 24, 6 pm: Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)

- allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2nd & 4th: 6 pm

Wednesday, Jun 25, 10-11 am: Beginner Yoga (*weekly*)

- see Jun 23 for details

Saturday, Jun 28

- **1 pm:** Meditation (*weekly*)
 - Calvary (Board Room) – 48th St entrance
 - witnessandintegrate@gmail.com
- **5-9 pm:** Rock This Roof Community Benefit Concert
 - allmeansall.org/rock-this-roof

Sunday, Jun 29

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
 - receiving new members,
- **12:30-1 pm:** Reception for new members

Visiting With 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.

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: “Be Still and Know That I Am God”

(TFWS #2057, John Bell)

Be still and know that I am God.

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Call to Worship *(Beth Merrill Neel)*

One: There is silence,

ALL: and there is light.

One: There is music,

ALL: and there is grace.

One: There are people,

ALL: and there is life.

One: There is hope,

ALL: and there is God.

One: Let us worship well today.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Womb of Life" (TFWS #2046, alternate tune:
*UMH #400, Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second / lyrics:
Ruth Duck*)

Womb of life, and source of being,
home of every restless heart,
in your arms the world's awakened;
you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather 'round you,
at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,
we are nurtured by your care.

Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,
born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us,
knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles,
Life of Life, and Death of Death,
Risen Christ, come stand among us,
send the Spirit by your breath.

Brooding Spirit, move among us;
be our partner, be our friend.
When our memory fails, remind us
whose we are, what we intend.
Labor with us, aid the birthing
of the new world yet to be,
free of servant, lord, and master,
free for love and unity.

Mother, Brother, Holy Partner,
Father, Spirit, Only Son:
We would praise your name forever,
One in three, and three in one.

We would share your life, your passion,
share your word of world made new,
ever singing, ever praising,
one with all, and one with you.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Offering Our Gifts

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*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not
regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

- 2 Corinthians 9:7

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Michael Leunig – adapted)*

God help us to live slowly, to move simply, to look softly,
to listen quietly, to allow emptiness: to let the heart create
for us. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Reading: "Becoming the 'Buddha': The Way of
Meditation" *(from The Pluralism Project at Harvard University)*

According to tradition, Siddhartha seated himself at the
foot of a tree, which has since been called the Bodhi
Tree, the tree of enlightenment. He vowed to sit beneath
that tree until he had attained deep insight into suffering.
As he sat through the night, a profound stillness settled
upon his mind, like that of a lake on a windless day. This
stillness enabled him to see ever more deeply and clearly
into the cycle of grasping, clinging, and egotism found at
the root of suffering.

The demon Mara rose to tempt him and to attack him
with arrows of passion. Desire, fear, pride, and thirst rose

to challenge his clear concentration of mind. But Siddhartha placed his hand on the earth, calling earth itself to witness his firm resolve. When the morning star appeared, Siddhartha Gautama became the Buddha, literally the "Awakened One." He had woken up to the nature of the changing world and the causes of suffering. This state of awakening was also called *nirvana*, literally the "blowing out" of the fires of ego-centered attachment which are the source of suffering. Siddhartha is called *Shakyamuni Buddha*, the "Sage of the Shakya clan," to make clear that this awakening is not uniquely his. ... It is said that, out of great compassion, the newly enlightened Shakyamuni Buddha set out to show others the path he had followed so they might set foot on that path as well.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Scripture Lesson: 1 Kings 19:1-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. **2** Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." **3** Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O HOLY ONE, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."

5 Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." **6** He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again.

7 The angel of the HOLY ONE came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." **8** He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. **9** At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the HOLY ONE came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" **10** He answered, "I have been very zealous for the HOLY ONE, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

11 The angel said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the HOLY ONE, for the HOLY ONE is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the HOLY ONE, but the HOLY ONE was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the HOLY ONE was not in the earthquake, **12** and after the earthquake a fire, but the HOLY ONE was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" **14** He answered, "I have been very zealous for the HOLY ONE, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

15a Then the HOLY ONE said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia. *(repeat)*

Sermon: "Sheer Silence"

Song: "Come and Find the Quiet Center" *(TFWS #2128, tune: B.F. White / lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray)*

Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.

SHARING

Prayers of the People

Sung Response (tune: UMH #294, Hugh Wilson / lyrics: John Pritchard – adapted)

O Wind and Fire, O Rock and Vine,
O Voice so still and small,
we bring our lives, our joys and tears
to you who embraces all.

O Wind and Fire, O Rock and Vine,
O Voice so still and small,
we bring our lives, our hopes and fears
to you who embraces all.

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: “Pool of Love” (Alexa Sunshine Rose, Murray Kyle)

May the pool of love we have gathered here
Spread its wings and fly far and near
From the depths of our hearts to the farthest star
May our love bless everyone

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