

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



“He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’”

- Mark 4:40

June 23, 2024

5th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Into the Deep" (*Malcolm Gordon*)

Welcome & Announcements

(also available at allmeansall.org/announcements)

- **Welcome to Kimya Williams**, our POWER West/SW Cluster organizer
- **Pastor Tim vacation:** Jun 23 (evening) – Jul 9
 - in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Jennine Miller (Staff-Parish Relations Committee chair): 215.990.5668
- **Community engagement projects:** volunteers needed this fall at Avery D. Harrington Elementary School, Sankofa Community Farm and Grace Café (at Arch Street UMC)
 - 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
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Jun 23, 3 pm: Interfaith Pride Service

- Mazzoni Center / 1348 Bainbridge

Tuesday, Jun 25, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)

- allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer

Wednesday, Jun 26, 7-8 pm: Orientation to Organizing with New Sanctuary Movement

- bit.ly/organizingwithnsm

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: "Be Still and Know That I Am God"
(TFWS #2057, John Bell – based on Psalm 46:10)

Be still and know that I am God.

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Call to Worship (*Steve Garnaas-Holmes*)

One: God of love, you hear the cry of those who suffer.

ALL: We cry out with all who are in anguish.

One: Gentle Christ, you walk with those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

ALL: We walk with you among those who suffer.

One: Holy Spirit, we often despair as we face the troubles of the world.

ALL: We open ourselves to your presence, so we need not fear. Calm our hearts, and give us courage to serve with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (UMH #117, tune: William Croft / lyrics: Isaac Watts – adapted)

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of (your) throne
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is (your) arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting (you are) God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in (your) sight,
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
(you are) our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes)*

God of all Creation, sometimes the storms frighten us and we cry to you. Sometimes our challenges are great and we tremble. Sometimes the storms are around us, and sometimes they are within. Speak your word of peace to us, that we may endure our storms and face our difficulties with peace and faith. We open our hearts to your grace. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 9:9-20

The HOLY ONE is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. **10** And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O HOLY ONE, have not forsaken those who seek you. **11** Sing praises to the HOLY ONE, who dwells in Zion. Declare God's deeds among the peoples. **12** For God who avenges blood is mindful of them; God does not forget the cry of the afflicted. **13** Be gracious to me, O HOLY ONE. See what I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death, **14** so that I may recount all your praises, and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance. **15** The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught. **16** The HOLY ONE is made known, God has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. **17** The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. **18** For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever. **19** Rise up, O HOLY ONE! Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be judged before you. **20** Put them in fear, O HOLY ONE; let the nations know that they are only human.

Choral Alleluia (UMH #186, Jerry Sinclair)

Scripture Lesson: Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." **36** And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. **37** A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. **38** But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" **39** He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. **40** He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" **41** And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Silent Reflection

- *How do you understand the relationship between faith and fear?*
- *How does your faith impact your fear (or how has it impacted)?
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- *When you feel afraid, do you have or can you imagine spiritual practices that (would) help you stay grounded in faith/peace?*

Song: "Stand By Me" (UMH #512, Charles Albert Tindley)

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the world is tossing me
like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me.

when the host of hell assail,
and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.
When I do the best I can,
and my friends misunderstand,
thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.

When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;
when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me.
When my life becomes a burden,
and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.

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: "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: "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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