

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



"What troubles you, Hagar?"
- from Genesis 21:17

June 25, 2023

4th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

GATHERING

Prelude: "Peace, Salaam, Shalom" (Pat Humphries & Sandy Opatow, perf. By Emma's Revolution et al)

**You're invited to be in silence during the Prelude,
as we transition together into this sacred time and space.**

Welcome & Announcements

(full Announcements available at allmeansall.org/announcements)

- **Meal support for Sharon:** mealtrain.com/trains/z38lvo
- **Meal support for Ted & Dennis:**
 - mealtrain.com/trains/v5yga6
- **New Sanctuary Movement wish list for newly arriving immigrants:** tinyurl.com/nsm-wish
- **Worship volunteers:** sign up at tinyurl.com/worship-help

Calendar

Today

- **1-2ish pm (following worship):** Ice Cream Social
 - celebrating Ursula before she moves to Hawaii
- **3 pm:** Interfaith Pride Service
 - Arch Street Presbyterian Church / 1724 Arch St

Tuesday, Jun 27

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- **7 pm:** Church Council

Sunday, Jul 2, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Hybrid Worship, with Communion

Sunday, Jul 9

- **9:30-10:30 am:** 2nd Sunday Potluck
 - join us for breakfast instead of our usual lunch, as we officially (and belatedly) welcome Norris!
- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship

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 / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "Peace, Salaam, Shalom" (*Pat Humphries & Sandy Opatow*)

Peace, salaam, shalom, (3x)

Peace, salaam, shalom.

Call to Worship (*Malcolm Doney – adapted*)

One: In this moment, we gather our random thoughts, our scattered lives and bring the entirety of ourselves to this place of calm. Silence.

ALL: We seek sanctuary so that we can risk everything.

One: Loving God, we ask for stillness.

ALL: Grant us peace in heart, mind and body.

One: We ask for your presence.

ALL: We welcome you to this gathering.

One: We ask for inspiration.

ALL: Open our eyes, that we may see.

One: God who is present in our suffering as well as our celebrations, who embraces the anxious, the poor, the broken, who raises up the humble and judges the proud.

ALL: Forgive our selfishness, warm our hearts, provoke our anger, stir our generosity. Grant us wisdom and courage. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "God of Grace and God of Glory" (*UMH #577, tune: John Hughes / lyrics: Harry Emerson Fosdick – adapted*)

God of grace and God of glory,
on (your) people pour (your) power;
crown (your) ancient church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn (your) Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure (your) children's warring madness,
bend our pride to (your) control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss (your kindom)'s goal,
lest we miss (your kindom's) goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for (your) salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving (you) whom we adore,
serving (you) whom we adore.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Gretta Vosper – adapted)*

We are here, O God. We come into this place together to challenge one another, to bear the cost and know the joys of love: to celebrate its presence; to live with respect in creation; to claim love for ourselves and become love in the service of others, in the pursuit of justice, and the resistance of evil. We come to recognize our humanity and celebrate it at our table; to see love and loss in one another's eyes, and by them, to be both convicted and freed.

May love bind us to one another so we might better serve the world. As one, we proclaim: We are not alone, for we journey together in the spirit of your love. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 86:1-10

Incline your ear, O Holy One, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. **2** Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; **3** be gracious to me, O Holy One, for to you do I cry all day long. **4** Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Holy One, I lift up my soul. **5** For you, O Holy One, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. **6** Give ear, O Holy One, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. **7** In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. **8** There is none like you among the gods, O Holy One, nor are there any works like yours. **9** All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Holy One, and shall glorify your name. **10** For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 21:8-21 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

The child grew, and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day of Isaac's weaning. **9** Then Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had given birth to for Abraham, playing. **10** So she said to Abraham, "Drive out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit with my son, with Isaac."

11 The situation was evil in Abraham's eyes on account of his son. **12** And God said to Abraham, "See it not as evil in your eyes on account of the boy and on account of your slave woman. In all that Sarah says to you, obey her voice, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. **13** Yet even the son of the slave woman I will make a nation also, because he is your offspring." **14** So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar. He placed it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. Then she walked away and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-Sheba. **15** When the water in the skin was gone, she thrust the child under one of the bushes. **16** Then she went and sat herself down before him some way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Let me not see the death of the child." So, she sat before him and she lifted up her voice and she wept. **17** And God heard the voice of the boy; and the messenger of God called to Hagar from the heavens, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. **18** Rise, lift the boy and hold him with your hand, for a great nation of him will I make." **19** Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and let the boy drink. **20** God was with the boy, and he grew up; he settled in the wilderness, and became an archer. **21** He settled in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother acquired a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Troubles"

Song: "When Trouble Strikes and Fear Takes Root" (*tune: UMH #298, Lowell Mason / lyrics: John Bell & Graham Maule – adapted*)

When trouble strikes and fear takes root,
and dreams are dry and sense unsound;
when hope becomes a barren waste,
the doubts like mountains soar around.

Our wandering minds believe the worst
and ask, as faith and fervor fade,
"Has God now turned (God's) back on us
forsaking those (so) loved and made?"

God says "See how a woman cares.
Can she forget the child she bore?
Even if she did, I won't forget:
Though feeling lost, I love you more."

"My dearest daughter, fondest son,
my weary folk in every land,
your souls are cradled in my heart,
your names are written on my hand."

Then praise (our God) through faith and fear,
in holy and in hopeless place;
for height and depth and heaven and hell
can't keep us far from God's embrace."

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

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

Sung Response (tune: TFWS #2128, B.F. White / lyrics: John Pritchard)

Source of life and love o'erflowing,
gather all the cares we bring.
Hold our tears and hold our longing
for a world where all can sing.
Stir in us as hope resilient; breathe in us as life renewed.
Bind our hearts in sure rejoicing
in a world we share with you.

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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