

Calvary

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"(God's) unfailing love
continues forever, and
(God's) faithfulness continues
to each generation."
- Psalm 100:5*

June 28, 2020
4th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "The Rising" (*Bruce Springsteen*)

Welcome and Announcements

Singing Our Way In

"Guide My Feet" (*UMH #2208*)

Guide my feet while I run this race (3x)
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand . . .

Stand by me . . .

I'm your child . . .

Search my heart . . .

Guide (our) feet, while (we) run this race . . .

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" (*TFWS #2195*)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,

In the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid.

lift up your voices, the Lord is near,

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Invitation to Holy Presence / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship (*John Pritchard*)

One: Virtually gathered, spiritually united, welcome.

ALL: Peace—the peace of God's Spirit—be yours.

One: Gather, friends, as people of God, people who imagine otherwise.

ALL: We join as people of a story different from the tale shared around us,

One: a story in which all lives truly matter, especially those long ignored, devalued, trampled,

ALL: Black lives, brown lives, women's and girls' lives, trans lives, lives consigned to poverty—every life;

One: a story in which safety is ensured by trust and sharing and mutual respect,

ALL: not threat and intimidation, not battery and fear, not arms nor armor;

One: a story in which we are made for joy, for singing and dancing and shared pleasure,

ALL: not measuring up, nor anxious striving, nor ceaseless pressure to perform;

One: a story in which life is filled with abundance, enough of what we need for all,

ALL: and no one need have too little nor take too much.

One: Come, friends, gather as the people of God, people who imagine otherwise, people who can truly celebrate.

ALL: We join, though physically parted, to share a different story, a different spirit, a truly hopeful dream. We join in praise: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

(UMH #89, alternate lyrics)

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, Source of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the storms of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays.
Stars and angels sing around you,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
singing bird and flowing fountain
teach us what our praise should be.

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest.
Wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!

Loving Spirit, Father, Mother,
all who love belong to you;
teach us how to love each other,
by that love our joy renew.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning over us,
reconciling race and clan.
Ever singing, move we forward,
Faithful in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us onward
In the triumph song of life.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer *(John Pritchard)*

We gather, O God, in a moment fraught with danger and promise, with pain and hope. We gather, still under viral threat and bound by uncertainty over how and how much to emerge from isolation. We gather, still grieving, grieving so many lives lost to COVID, grieving Black lives lost to violence, state-sponsored and sustained violence.

Yet we gather as well in a spirit rising in the demand for change, in the solidarity of rage and hope, in the certainty that now is the moment.

We gather in the peril and potential of this time, turning to you for wisdom, for courage, for strength. Grant us love enough to care for ourselves, to listen to our fears, our needs, our considerations of safety; grant us love enough to be present to those around us, to hear their hopes and fears, to encourage their faithful daring, to respect their needs for safety; grant us love enough to be present to this moment, to recognize the new world it is pregnant with and to help midwife it.

In this time aswirl with pain and potential, O God, breathe into us anew, and grant us spirits large enough to meet it, large enough to weep, to hope, to laugh with joy and be bold with love. All this we ask in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "Amazing Grace" (*Calvary Choir*)

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 100

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! **2** Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before (God), singing with joy.

3 Acknowledge that the Lord is God! (God) made us, and we are (God's). We are (God's) people, the sheep of (God's) pasture. **4** Enter (God's) gates with thanksgiving; go into (God's) courts with praise. Give thanks to (God) and praise (God's) name. **5** For the Lord is good. (God's) unfailing love continues forever, and (God's) faithfulness continues to each generation.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 100 (*Christine Robinson*)

Be Joyful—everybody—

Muslims, Christians, Pagans, Atheists.

Gladly serve the good.

Rejoice in the gift of life.

Highest above, deepest within

Around us in nature, present in each.

We are yours, You are ours.

We enter your presence with Thanksgiving

With chants and songs

With grateful hearts and open hands.

And know a flash of eternity.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Reflections of an Interim Pastor

Hymn of Response: "My Life Flows On"

(TFWS #2212, alternate lyrics)

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *(refrain)*

What though my joys and comforts die?
I know God's Spirit liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night God giveth. *(refrain)*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
What though the darkness gather round?
How can I keep from singing? *(refrain)*

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: "Rising" *(unknown; additional lyrics: James K. Manley)*

Life is a test of the heart and the soul
Rising, we're rising
But something keeps moving us on to the goal

Rising, we're rising

Refrain

*Rising on the wings of faith, over life's storm-troubled seas
Carried along by a spirit of grace, rising, we're rising*

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep . . .

You coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep . . .

And over the eons you called to each thing . . .

Wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings . . . *(refrain)*

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand . . .

And you goaded your people with a law and a land . . .

And when they were blinded by their idols and lies . . .

You spoke through your prophets to open their eyes . . . *(refrain)*

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill . . .

You whispered in silence when the whole world was still . . .

And down in the city you called once again . . .

You blew through your people on the rush of the wind . . .

(refrain)

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 28, 2020 – Announcements

CALENDAR

Today

8 pm: Virtual Pride Worship Service – Love is Resilient (followed by virtual Pride Parade)

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

Upcoming

Tuesday, Jun 30, 12 pm: Midweek Prayer

- info at allmeansall.org/connecting-virtually

Tuesday, Jun 30, 7-8:30 pm: POWER Leadership Assembly – Refund the People & Defund the Police

- info at powerinterfaith.org

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

- you can reach him at pastor@allmeansall.org

Wednesday, Jul 1, 5-7 pm: POWER Training / Finding Grounding from the Inside Out – Imagining a Healed World Together

- info at powerinterfaith.org

Sunday, Jul 5, 11 am: Worship, with Communion

- Pastor Calvin's first Sunday at Calvary

Saturdays, Jul 11 - Aug 1, 9-11 am: The End of White Christianity

- sponsored by The Alternative Seminary; contact Will O'Brien (willobrien59@gmail.com / 215.842.1790) to register or for more info (deadline is Jun 30)

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 Calvin.

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 Tim Emmett-Rardin (timstuer@gmail.com).

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