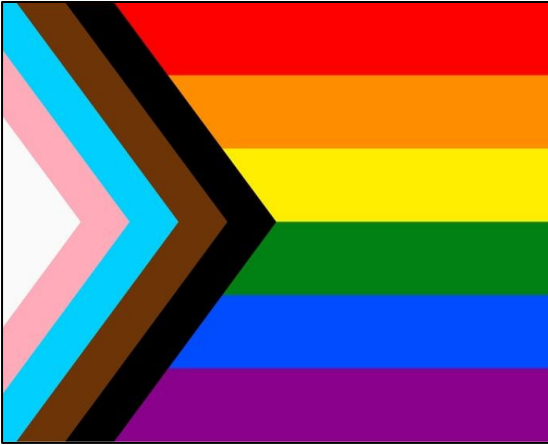


Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"God saw everything that
God had made, and indeed,
it was very good."*

- Genesis 1:31

June 4, 2023

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

GATHERING

Prelude: "Draw the Circle Wide" (tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: Gordon Light, perf. by Mark Miller, with Drew Theological School virtual choir)

**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:** mealtrain.com/trains/v5ygg6
- **New Sanctuary Movement wish list for newly arriving immigrants:** tinyurl.com/nsm-wish
- **Bread & Roses Gender Giving Project (Fall 2023):**
 - tinyurl.com/gender-justice
- **Worship volunteers:** sign up at tinyurl.com/worship-help

Calendar

Today, 10:30 am-7 pm: Philly Pride March & Festival

- allmeansall.org/pride
- meet at Calvary (10 am) or 5th & Arch (10:30 am)

Tuesday, Jun 6

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

Wednesday, Jun 7: POWER for a Moral Budget – Advocacy & Action Day

- PA State Capitol (Harrisburg)
- details/register at tinyurl.com/power-harrisburg

Sunday, Jun 11

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship, with Communion
- **1-2ish pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck
 - bring a dish and/or drinks to share if you can

Tuesday, Jun 13

- **6 pm:** POWER West/Southwest Cluster Meeting
 - location TBD
- **7 pm:** Trustees

Sunday, Jun 18, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Alisha Berry

Sunday, Jun 25

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **1-2ish pm:** Ice Cream Social
 - celebrating Ursula before she moves to Hawaii
- **3 pm:** Interfaith Pride Service
 - Arch Street Presbyterian Church / 1724 Arch St

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: "I Am Enough"

I am enough, I am beloved
That's a promise straight from God above
But God dwells, too, within my soul
Casts out my fears, and makes me whole

You are enough ...

We are enough ...

Call to Worship *(enfleshed – adapted)*

One: Gathered together, we proclaim the good news of God publicly, intentionally, and explicitly:

ALL: We joyfully affirm God's love for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, nonbinary, genderqueer, Two-Spirit people – and all those whose gender identities and sexual orientations words cannot yet fully describe.

One: The presence of God welcomes and celebrates the fullness of who we are.

ALL: We are people who desire. Who long. Who practice and experience love in many ways.

One: We celebrate love that is platonic and love that is erotic.

ALL: Love that is queer and love that is collective.

One: We are people made in God's image, who want to know and be known – for who we've been, who we are and who we are becoming.

ALL: We honor identities in transition. We delight in authentic self-expression. God moves in our being and our becoming.

One: How wonderful are the many works of God's creative hand!

ALL: May all who long for Love's embrace feel their sacred worth, this day and always. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: “Doxology” *(tune: UMH #95, Louis Bourgeois / lyrics: verse 1, Ruth Duck; verse 2, Nancy S. Taylor – adapted; remaining verses, Mary Luti)*

Praise God, the Source of life and birth;

Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;

Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame;

All glory, honor to God's name!

Praise God whose many names abound:

Our Life, our Rock, our Holy Ground.

Our Home, our All, Earth's Majesty,
Love, Spirit, Light and Mystery.

Praise God, the source of breath and birth,
who formed us from the dust of earth,
and made us kin in unity
to love and set each other free.

Praise God whose love will never cease,
whose justice raises up the least
and sits all creatures at the feast—
God's mercy is our hope and peace!

Praise God, whose image we all bear;
Praise Christ, whose mercy we all share;
Praise Spirit, making justice grow—
One God from whom all blessings flow! Amen.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (*enfleshed – adapted*)

Passionate One, your love for us was so great that you queered every boundary working against our ability to perceive you. When we imagined you as beyond us, in the heavens, distant from our ordinary life, you took on flesh like ours and queered the boundaries between divinity and creation. Through the queerness of Pentecostal wind and fire, you affirmed that you are always with us, within us, between us, around us and beyond us. Open our hearts, O God, to the sacredness of community that knows no boundaries. In the Incarnate One we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayer

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

WOMB OF LIFE, our Sovereign, how exalted is your name in all the earth! **2** Out of the mouths of children and nursing babes your majesty is praised above the heavens. **3** You have founded a stronghold against your adversaries, to put an end to the enemy and the avenger. **4** When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have established, **5** what are we that you should be mindful of us, the woman-born that you attend to them? **6** You have made us a little lower than God; you adorns us with glory and honor; **7** you give us mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under our feet: **8** All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field, **9** the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea. **10** WOMB OF LIFE, our Sovereign, how exalted is your name in all the earth!

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." **7** So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. **8** God called the dome

Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together God called Seas. And God saw that it was good. **11** Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. **16** God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. **17** God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, **18** to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19** And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." **21** So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. **22** God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." **23** And there was evening and there was morning,

the fifth day.

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so.

25 God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. **26** Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have

dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." **27** So God created humankind in God's image, in the image of God God created them; male and female God created them. **28** God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." **29** God said, "See, I

have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. **30** And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. **31** God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. **2** And on the seventh day God finished the work that God had done, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work that God had done. **3** So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that God had done in creation.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Prayer & Meditation: "Imago Dei" (*Richard Bruxvoort Colligan*)

- "God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good." – **Genesis 1:31**
- What does it mean to you to think of yourself, and so to think of all others, as having been made, being made, in the image of God – part of the goodness of Creation?

Song: "Creator, Companion, Comforter" (*tune: UMH #145, trad. Gaelic melody / lyrics: Craig Mitchell*)

God of Creation, gentle life-giver
present at birth, and
all through our days.

Author of sunrise, song in the night sky,
here in this place, we
offer our praise.

Jesus, companion, teacher and healer,
friend of the grieving, suffering, the poor.
Stand with your people, whisper among us
promise of mercy, goodness for all.

Spirit of comfort, blow through Creation,
stir up new life, breathe
peace through our world.

Healer of hearts, and hope for tomorrow,
weave all our sorrows into new dawn.

Here we give thanks for life in its fullness,
blessings received your gifts to us all.
Make us a people filled with compassion,
selflessly giving, serving your world.

SHARING

Prayers of the People

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: "Singing for Our Lives" (Holly Near)

We are a gentle, angry people
And we are singing, singing for our lives (repeat)

We are a justice-seeking people ...
We are young and old together ...
We are a land of many colors ...
We are gay and straight together ...
We are trans and cis together ...
We are a gentle, loving people ...

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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