

Calvary

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"So God created humankind in
(God's) image, in the image of God
(God) created them . . . "*

- Genesis

June 7, 2020
1st Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "Ella's Song" (*Bernice Reagon Johnson*)

Welcome and Announcements

Singing Our Way In

"Bless the Lord" (*TFWS #2013*)

Bless the Lord my soul
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul
who leads me into life.

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: We acknowledge, friends, that we live amidst fierce, gracious, awesome mystery.

ALL: Blessed is the God beyond us, within us, between us.

One: Blessed is the God who set stars burning, galaxies swirling, and proclaims it all good.

ALL: Alleluia to the creative mystery!

One: Blessed is the God who set planets in orbit, cooled their crusts, dug trenches for water to fill seas, and proclaims it all good.

ALL: Alleluia to the creative mystery!

One: Blessed is the God who birthed the unimaginable diversity of life, whose arms like a web hold it all, who proclaims it all good.

ALL: Alleluia to the creative mystery!

One: Blessed is the God who fashioned humans in the divine image, who breathes into them all and proclaims them all good.

ALL: Alleluia to the creative mystery!

One: Blessed is the God who remains with us always, who celebrates the wondrous creation and names it all very, very good.

**ALL: Alleluia to the creative mystery! Alleluia to the loving web!
Alleluia to the holy presence! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Opening Hymn: "We Sing to You, O God" (TFWS #2001)

We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth,
let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth.

To you, O God, let songs be raised,
in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.

We wandered far from home out in a desert land,
you shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band.
You kept us safe within your arms
and sheltered us against the storm.

You bear us through the world, an eagle to her young,
who rises on her wings and bears us toward the sun.
We ride the vaults of light and air
and trust in your unfailing care.

O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings,
the everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.
Your word is true, your way is just,
you are the God in whom we trust.

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, though distant physically from one another, yet joined virtually and spiritually into one community giving thanks for the mystery of your life among us.

You who stirs life—our heart to beat, our lungs to breathe—we give thanks for your life in ours. You who receives our breath in the end, we give thanks for our life in yours. You who makes us for love, who gives us to each other and weaves our lives together, we give thanks for your life in ours. You whom we love, whom we touch, when we love another, we give thanks for our life in yours. You who unsettles us and stretches us into newness, we give thanks for your life in ours.

You whom we answer in every act of hope, every new day dared, every fear challenged by trust, we give thanks for our life in yours.

Hold us today—each of us, all of us—through all that gives us courage and all that makes us tremble. Hold us in the mystery of your life, of your love, among us. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "Wade in the Water" (*TFWS #2107, Calvary Choir*)

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 1:27-2:4a

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. **4a** These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 8

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. **2** Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. **3** When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; **4** what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? **5** Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. **6** You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, **7** all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, **8** the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. **9** O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

One: May the Spirit add understanding to our hearing.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Reading: Excerpt from "Still I Rise" (*Maya Angelou*)

Out of the huts of history's shame

I rise

Up from a past that's rooted in pain

I rise

I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide

Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear

I rise

Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear

I rise

Bringing the gifts that my ancestor's gave,

I am the dream and the hope of the slave.

I rise

I rise

I rise.

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Song: “We Rise” (*Batya Levine*)

We rise . . . humbly hearted
Rise . . . won't be divided
Rise . . . with spirit to guide us
Rise!

Chorus

*In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're right here! (repeat)*

We rise . . . all of the children
Rise . . . elders with wisdom
Rise . . . ancestors surround us
Rise! (*Chorus*)

We rise . . . up from the wreckage
Rise . . . with tears and with courage
Rise . . . fighting for life
Rise! (*Chorus, then repeat first verse*)

Reading: Excerpt from “Letters from Westerbrook” (*Etty Hillesum*)

All I wanted to say is this: The misery here is quite terrible; and yet, late at night when the day has slunk away into the depths behind me, I often walk with a spring in my step along the barbed wire. And then time and again, it soars straight from my heart—I can't help it, that's just the way it is, like some elementary force—the feeling that life is glorious and magnificent, and that one day we shall be building a whole new world. Against every new outrage and every fresh horror, we shall put up one more piece of love and goodness, drawing strength from within ourselves. We may suffer, but we must not succumb.

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Reading: “Songs for the People” (*Frances E. W. Harper, 1895*)

Let me make the songs for the people,
Songs for the old and young;
Songs to stir like a battle-cry
Wherever they are sung.
Not for the clashing of sabres,

For carnage nor for strife;
But songs to thrill the hearts of men
With more abundant life.

Let me make the songs for the weary,
Amid life's fever and fret,
Till hearts shall relax their tension,
And careworn brows forget.

Let me sing for little children,
Before their footsteps stray,
Sweet anthems of love and duty,
To float o'er life's highway.

I would sing for the poor and aged,
When shadows dim their sight;
Of the bright and restful mansions,
Where there shall be no night.

Our world, so worn and weary,
Needs music, pure and strong,
To hush the jangle and discords
Of sorrow, pain, and wrong.

Music to soothe all its sorrow,
Till war and crime shall cease;
And the hearts of men grown tender
Girdle the world with peace.

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Song: "Turning of the World" (*Ruth Pelham*)

Let us sing this song for the turning of the world
that we may turn as one
With every voice, with every song
we will move this world along,
and our lives will feel the echo of our turning.

With every voice, with every song,
we will move this world along.

With every voice, with every song,
we will move this world along,
and our lives will feel the echo of our turning.

Let us sing this song for the loving of the world . . .

Let us sing this song for the healing of the world . . .

Let us sing this song for the dreaming of the world . . .

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: “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

(tune: J. Rosamond Johnson / lyrics: James Weldon Johnson)

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

*Sing a song full of the faith that
the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.*

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rode,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

*We have come over a way that
with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path
through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,

thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

*Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts drunk with the wine
of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.*

Communion / Great Thanksgiving *(John Pritchard)*

One: God is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts.

ALL: We open them to God and to one another.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: You exhale a universe, O God, and set galaxies swirling.
You breathe on hot gases to cool them into planets. You stir in
the soupy waters and spark life. You form people from the
dust of stars, stamp them with your image, and breathe into
them your own breath.

**ALL: Wonderful are your works; wondrous are we, who are
fearfully and wonderfully made!**

One: You covenant with a people to be your people, to be a
light of justice in a world covered by shadows. When the
shadows cover even them, again and again you send
prophets to be the voice of hope, to call them back to your
justice flowing like waters, to your peace where none shall be
afraid.

**ALL: Wonderful is your work; wondrous are we, whom you call
to share it.**

One: And so, with your covenant people, with prophets who
call them, with all who yearn for justice, indeed, with all of
your glorious creation, we sing a hymn of praise:

ALL SING *(TFWS #2257-b)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

One: Blessed is the flesh that embodies your way. Blessed is Jesus of Nazareth, who welcomed the excluded, empowered the broken, shared with those who were hungry and poor and so gave rise to abundance.

ALL: Holy is the way of God; blessed be the Spirit who encamps among us.

One: At his final meal with his friends, Jesus took bread and gave it to them, with the promise that such breaking, even of his body, would not break the Spirit they shared nor silence their witness to a brutal world. Likewise, he passed a cup with the promise that God's life, God's covenant, God's passion for justice, would continue through them.

ALL: Holy is the way of God; blessed be the Spirit who encamps among us.

One: And so we break and eat bread and drink from a cup to taste the same Spirit and feast on the same promise and renew our commitment to the same path, even as we wait in the mystery of faith:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-c)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

One: Stir up your Spirit among us as we each eat bread and drink from a cup. Stir up our bonds with each other and all who share your name. Stir up the courage to wait in hope, the strength to stand for justice, the love to hold onto each other and to give each other life.

ALL: Stir up your Spirit that we may feast on the bread and cup of promise and may become the flesh in which your way takes shape. Living God, renew us; revive our praise:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-d)

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Sung Response: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (UMH #618)

Let us break bread together on our knees. (repeat)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees . . .

Let us praise God together on our knees . . .

ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Go Now in Peace" (UMH #665)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

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June 7, 2020 – Announcements

CALENDAR

Today

12:30 pm (following worship): Church Council

Today is Peace with Justice Sunday within the United Methodist Church. Half of funds received stays in the Eastern PA Conference to fund justice work, the other half goes to the larger church's justice projects.

Pastor Tim will be on vacation through next Sunday. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact James Ker (Staff-Parish Relations Chair): 215.317.2251 or jker@sas.upenn.edu.

Upcoming

Monday, Jun 8: Moral Monday National Day of Fasting and Focus

- culminating with a livestream at 5 pm, asking people to stop wherever they are for 8 minutes and 46 seconds in silence, in honor of the time George Floyd had the literal knee of the state on his neck; sponsored by Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival (info at poorpeoplescampaign.org)

Tuesday, Jun 9, 12 pm: Midweek Prayer (Cord Whitaker)

Tuesday, Jun 9, 6 pm: Trustees

Sunday, Jun 14, 11 am: Worship

- Pastor Tim will be on vacation and worship will be led Calvary members; Pastor Calvin will also be joining us

Tuesday, Jun 16, 6 pm: Finance Committee

Saturday, Jun 20, 10 am & 6 pm: Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington

- also Sunday, Jun 21, 6 pm; sponsored by Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival (info at poorpeoplescampaign.org)

Sunday, Jun 21, 12:30 pm (following worship): Congregational Meeting

- focused on the future of the United Methodist Church

Sunday, Jun 28, 11 am: Worship

- Pastor Tim's final service as interim pastor

Sunday, Jul 5, 11 am: Worship

- Pastor Calvin's first Sunday at Calvary

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 Tim.

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 Pastor Tim.

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