

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“Now at this sound the crowd
gathered and was confused because
each heard them speaking
in the native language of each.”*

- Acts 2:6

June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Let the Waters" (*Michael Gungor, with Liz Vice and Charles Jones*)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Faith-Based Reparative Justice: A Tool for Racial Healing**

- July 10-13 @ Pendle Hill
- pendlehill.org/events/faith-based-reparative-justice-a-tool-for-racial-healing
- contact Pastor Tim to learn more

- **Resistance for such a time as this**

- allmeansall.org/resistance

- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons

- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Jun 8

- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck
 - NOTE: last monthly potluck until September, though we may work in a summer picnic!
- **3 pm:** Interfaith Pride Service (*Mazzoni Center*)
 - First Baptist Church of Philadelphia / 123 S. 17th St

Monday, Jun 9

- **6:30-7:30 pm:** Beginner Yoga (*weekly*)
 - Calvary (Chapel) – 48th St entrance
 - allmeansall.org/yoga
- **8-9 pm:** Book Study (*weekly through Jun 30, except Jun 23*)
 - allmeansall.org/book-studies

Tuesday, Jun 10

- **3:30 pm:** Trustees
- **6 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
 - 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2nd & 4th: 6 pm

Wednesday, Jun 11, 10-11 am: Beginner Yoga (*weekly*)

- see Jun 9 for details

Thursday, Jun 12, 10 am: City Council Hearing on Mayor Parker's "Housing Opportunities Made Easy" Initiative

- Philadelphia City Hall / Room 400
- contact Pastor Tim to join others from POWER Interfaith

Saturday, Jun 14

- **1 pm:** Meditation (*weekly*)
 - Calvary (Board Room) – 48th St entrance
 - witnessandintegrate@gmail.com
- **12-3 pm:** NO KINGS Mass Protest
 - LOVE Park / 16th & Arch (marching to Philly Museum of Art)
 - contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary

Sunday, Jun 15

- **10:15 am:** Choir rehearsal
- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship

Saturday, Jun 21, 12-3 pm: POWER Interfaith Citywide Leaders Strategy Meeting

- Olivet Presbyterian Church / 22nd & Mt. Vernon
- contact Pastor Tim if you're interested, or to get involved in Calvary's POWER Interfaith Team

Sunday, Jun 22, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

Friday, Jun 27, 6 pm: Young-ish Adults Gathering (*monthly – last Fridays*)

- allmeansall.org/young-ish-adults

Saturday, Jun 28, time TBA: "Raise This Roof" Calvary Benefit Concert

- stay tuned for details – all proceeds to support critical building repairs

Visiting With 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.

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: "Here in This Place" (*Christopher Grundy*)

Holy One, may your presence here open our minds
may your Spirit among us help us to find
you are rising up now like a fountain of grace
from the holy ground
here in this place (*repeat*)

Call to Worship (*Christians AIDS Bureau of Southern Africa*)

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

ALL: fill us.

One: Come, Holy Breath,

ALL: live in us.

One: Come, Holy Wind,

ALL: move through us.

One: Where we are led by other impulses, we become
slaves again and our way of being is guided by fear.

Where we are guided by prejudice,

ALL: fill us with love.

One: Where we are guided by pessimism,

ALL: fill us with joy.

One: Where we are guided by misunderstanding,

ALL: fill us with peace.

One: Where we are guided by superficial quick-fixes,

ALL: fill us with patience.

One: Where we are guided by self-interest,

ALL: fill us with kindness.

One: Where we are guided by apathy,

ALL: fill us with goodness.

One: Where we are guided by convenience,

ALL: fill us with faithfulness.

One: Where we are guided by complacency,

ALL: fill us with meekness.

One: Where we are guided by temptation,

ALL: fill us with self-control.

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

ALL: fill us.

One: Come, Holy Breath,

ALL: live in us.

One: Come, Holy Wind,

ALL: move through us. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Spirit of God" (TFWS #2117, Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted)

Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,
glow as you always do; create us anew.

Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,
healing upon your wings for all living things.

For when we live your peace, captives will find release,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far-off lands
you hold all the human race in one warm embrace.

No matter where we go, you hold us together so,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,
the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.

(Though we may fail and fall, we know that we are all)
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Spirit of God, in all, we gladly hear your call,
the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.

Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Offering Our Gifts

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*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not
regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

– 2 Corinthians 9:7

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (Joanna Harader – adapted)

Holy One, for all of the ways you speak to us—in rushing
wind, in dancing flames, in words we understand, and in
all that transcends language, we give thanks. Speak
to and through us once again, that we might be among
those who live your unifying love in a divided world.
Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (TFWS #2120,
James Manley)

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then 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 with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes.

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city, you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. *(refrain)*

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions, your people arise. *(refrain)*

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. **2** And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

3 And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. **4** Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." **5** The HOLY ONE came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. **6** And the HOLY ONE said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. **7** Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not

understand one another's speech." **8** So the HOLY ONE scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. **9** Therefore it was called Babel, because there the HOLY ONE confused the language of all the earth, and from there the HOLY ONE scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Choral Alleluia (*UMH #186, Jerry Sinclair*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:1-18 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in the same place. **2** And there came suddenly from heaven a sound like the sweeping of a mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

3 Then there appeared among them divided tongues, as of fire, and one rested on each of them. **4** And all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in other tongues just as the Spirit gave them to speak. **5** Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** Now at this sound the crowd gathered and was confused because each heard them speaking in the native language of each.

7 Amazed and astounded, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** And how do we hear, each in our own native language? **9** Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and those who live in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjacent to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs, we hear them speaking in our own tongues about God's deeds of power." **12** All

were amazed and questioning to one another, saying, "What does this mean?" **13** But others, mocking, said, "They are filled with new wine."

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you all, and attend to my speech. **15** For those persons are not drunk as you suppose, it is only the third hour (nine o'clock) in the morning. **16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: **17** 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your daughters and your sons shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your elders shall dream dreams. **18** Even upon my slaves, both women and men, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.'"

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia. *(repeat)*

Sermon: "Lost & Found in Translation"

Song: "Come, Teach Us, Spirit of Our God" *(tune: UMH #57, Carl G. Gläser / lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray)*

Come, teach us, Spirit of our God,
the language of your way,
the lessons that we need to live,
the faith for every day.

Excite our minds to follow you,
to trace new truths in store,
new flight paths for our spirit space,
new marvels to explore.

Engage our wits to dance with you,
to leap from logic's base,

to capture insight on the wing,
to sense your cosmic grace.

Inspire our spark to light from you,
to catch creation's flair,
new artistry to celebrate,
new harmonies to dare.

Delight our hearts to worship you,
to learn compassion's code,
to live in context of your love,
great teacher who is God!

SHARING

Prayers of the People

Sung Response (*tune: UMH #294, Hugh Wilson / lyrics: John Pritchard – adapted*)

O Wind and Fire, O Rock and Vine,
O Voice so still and small,
we bring our lives, our joys and tears
to you who embraces all.

O Wind and Fire, O Rock and Vine,
O Voice so still and small,
we bring our lives, our hopes and fears
to you who embraces all.

Communion / The Great Thanksgiving (*Steve Garnaas-Holmes and John Pritchard – adapted*)

One: God is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts.

ALL: We open them to God and to each other.

One: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

ALL: It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

One: Eternal and Infinite One, you are beyond all things,
greater than all time and space. You are the Loving

Mystery that brings all things into being, earth and stars, family and song, beauty and grace. You create us as the image of your love, and claim us as your beloved. Your Spirit of wisdom, Spirit of love and truth, has set her table; she calls out to us. Though you are unsearchable, you invite us to this meal where we may know you and your love more fully. And so, with all your people on earth, with all Creation, with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-b, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal - adapted):

Holy, holy, holy (One); 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 (our God).

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

One: Blessed are all who gather in your name, and blessed is Jesus, your Christ, your Word made flesh, your Beloved, in whom your love flowed. He was killed by the forces of evil and injustice, but in the power of your infinite love and grace, the grave could not hold him. In life, in death, and in resurrection, he revealed you as Holy Communion itself, the generous sharing of life and love. And he empowered us with your Spirit, that we, too, might join in sharing your life and love.

At the final Passover meal he shared with his friends, Jesus took the bread and cup and shared it with them, along with the promise that such breaking, even of his body, would not break the Spirit of love they shared ... And so we remember. As often as we break the bread and share the cup, we remember. We taste the same Spirit, we feast on the same promise, and renew our commitment to follow the same path, proclaiming the mystery at the heart of our faith:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-c, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

One: Pour out your Spirit on us gathered here and virtually, on these gifts of bread and cup, and on all those elements we use to join in this feast of love. Stir up your Spirit among us. Stir up our bonds with each other and all who share your name. Stir up the courage within us to wait in hope, the strength to stand for justice, the love to hold onto each other and to give each other life. Stir up your Spirit again that we may feast on the bread and cup of promise, and may become the flesh in which your way takes shape. May all of life be Holy Communion for us all: the sharing of love in community.

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-d, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):
Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Sung Response: "Eat This Bread" (UMH #628, tune: Robert Batastini & Community / lyrics: Jacques Berthier)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

ENGAGING

Benediction

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

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

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