

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“Yes, everything is for your sake,
so that grace, as it extends
to more and more people,
may increase thanksgiving ...”
- 2 Corinthians 4:15*

June 9, 2024

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "On the Wings of Grace" (Melanie DeMore et al)

Welcome & Announcements

(also available at allmeansall.org/announcements)

- **Volunteers needed for community projects starting this fall:** Avery D. Harrington Elementary School, Sankofa Community Farm, Grace Cafe (at Arch Street UMC)
 - allmeansall.org/community-projects
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Jun 9, 12:45-2 pm: 2nd Sunday Potluck

- join us as we officially welcome our new office manager, Shakirah Holloway

Tuesday, Jun 11, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer (weekly)

Thursday, Jun 13, 7-8:30 pm: POWER West/Southwest Cluster

- West Philadelphia Mennonite Church / 123 S. 51st St
- contact Pastor Tim to get involved with Calvary's POWER Team

Sunday, Jun 16, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

Sunday, Jun 23, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

- our POWER West/Southwest Cluster organizer, Kimya Williams, will be joining us to update on POWER's work

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

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

Peace, salaam, shalom, (3x)
Peace, salaam, shalom.

Call to Worship (*Nancy Gowler – based on Psalm 130*)

One: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

ALL: We cry out, believing that God hears us.

One: Come together and wait for God.

ALL: We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

One: Surely God's presence is here with us now.

ALL: We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.

One: Come, worship our God.

ALL: We celebrate the power of God that restores us.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "O God, I Seek Your Grace" (*tune: UMH #557, Johann G. Nageli / lyrics: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*)

O God, I seek your grace; my soul is thirsting still
as in a dry and weary place without a stream or well.

I come in praise and prayer, beholding all your ways;
your steadfast love, beyond compare
is reason for my praise.

In you I will abide; I lift my hands above!
My soul is richly satisfied when feasting on your love.
With thanks my spirit sings as I lie down and rest;
and in the shadow of your wings
I know that I am blessed.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (*John van de Laar – adapted*)

O God, we choose not to give in to fear: even when we are threatened by violence and abuse, we choose to believe in the power of love. We choose not to be led by despair: even when dreams fail and the world seems to grow colder and more broken, we choose to believe in the power of hope. We choose not to be blinded by cynicism: even when joy and celebration feel naïve and frivolous, we choose to believe in the power of faith. We choose not to be over-awed by death: even when grief and pain shuts out all other voices, we choose to believe in the power of life.

In every time, in each place, with all people, may your resurrection rise up within us, and lead us to new, creative, healing choices. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – "I believed, and so I spoke" – we also believe, and so we speak, **14** because we know that the one who raised Jesus the Messiah will raise us

also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into the presence of Jesus. **15** Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. **16** So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. **17** For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, **18** because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

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

Scripture Lesson: Mark 3:31-35

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. **32** A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." **33** And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" **34** And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!" **35** Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Extended Grace, Extended Family"

Song: "The Servant Song" (*TFWS #2222, Richard Gillard – adapted*)

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on this road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

(Sibling, family), let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

Sung Response *(tune: UMH #682, Thomas Tallis / lyrics: John Pritchard)*

O draw us near, companion God.
For every joy, your name we laud.
For every wound and each sigh, too,
we pray your love will see us through.

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

One: God is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to God.

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.

During the final Passover, the final meal, he shared with his disciples ... 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, as we proclaim 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. Live and breathe and move in us, that we may embody and extend your grace. May all of life be Holy Communion for us, and for us all: the sharing of love in community, as members of one extended family.

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 & Taizé 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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