

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"But wanting to justify himself,
he asked Jesus,
'And who is my neighbor?'"*
- Luke 10:29

July 10, 2022
5th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "I'll Take You There" (*Alvertis Isbell & Antonio Hardy, performed by The Staple Singers*)

Welcome / Announcements

- **Pastor Tim is on vacation through Jul 13;** in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Kristine (Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee): 267.624.5530
- **Worship volunteers:** sign up at tinyurl.com/worship-help

Calendar

Today, 1:30ish-3:30ish pm: Calvary Potluck Picnic at Clark Park (*weather permitting*)

- 43rd & Chester
- BYO lunch & chairs if you can (*extra food/drinks provided*)

Tuesday, Jul 12

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
 - info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality
- **6:30 pm:** Trustees

Thursday, Jul 14

- **6-8 pm:** Welcome to POWER Orientation
 - info at powerinterfaith.org/calendar
 - contact Eriks (eriksslush@hotmail.com) to get involved in Calvary's POWER Team
- **7-8:15 pm:** Community Rhythm Circle
 - info at allmeansall.org/crc

Friday, Jul 22, 6-8 pm: Calvary Kids Youth Group

- gathering for ages 11 (rising 6th graders) and up
- contact Pastor Tim for more info

Visiting With Us?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason you chose to join us! We invite you to fill out a Visitor Form at allmeansall.org/visitors; for those worshipping in person,

someone will share a form with you during the service. We strive to make our worship space (in person and virtual) as welcoming and accommodating of different needs as possible. If you have any concerns or questions regarding accessibility, 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 (office@allmeansall.org).

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "Live in Charity (Ubi Caritas)" (TFWS #2170, tune: Jacques Berthier / lyrics: from 1 Corinthians 13:3-8)

Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity, God will dwell with you.

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Call to Worship (Beth Merrill Neel – adapted)

One: God has set this day before us,

ALL: a day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

One: God has set our lives before us,

ALL: a span of years in which we love and learn and serve.

One: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

ALL: so that we might live fully in deep love. Let us worship the God of Love, the God who is Love. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us" (UMH #100, tune: John Goss / lyrics: William Boyd Grove - adapted)

God, whose love is reigning o'er us,
source of all, the ending true;
hear the universal chorus

raised in joyful praise to you:
Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.

Word of God from nature bringing
springtime green and autumn gold;
mountain streams like children singing,
ocean waves like thunder bold:
Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.

Holy God of ancient glory,
(showing us what love can do);
Abram's faith and Sarah's story
formed a people bound to you.
Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.

Covenant, new again in Jesus,
Starchild born to set us free;
sent to heal us, sent to teach us
how love's children we might be.
Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, (help us to see)!

Lift we then our human voices
in the songs that faith would bring;
live we then in human choices
lives that, like our music sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Michael Leunig – adapted)*

Dear God, we pray for another way of knowing, another way of being, another way of loving. Across the difficult terrain of our existence we have attempted to build a highway, and in so doing have lost our footpath. God lead us to our footpath: Lead us there where in simplicity we may move at the speed of natural creatures and feel

the earth's love beneath our feet. Lead us there where step-by-step we may feel the movement of creation in our hearts. And lead us there where side-by-side we may feel the embrace of the common soul.

Nothing can be loved at speed. God lead us to the slow path, to the joyous insights of the pilgrim; another way of knowing, of being, of loving. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "In Your Eyes" (*a Calvary original*)

Chorus

In your eyes, I see the kindness in your soul.

Be with us, make us whole.

In your eyes, doing justice, mending brokenness.

Share your love, forever more.

Scripture Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

... and the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as (God) delighted in prospering your ancestors, **10** when you obey the LORD your God by observing (God's) commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

11 Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. **12** It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" **13** Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" **14** No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" **26** He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" **27** He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." **28** And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" **30** Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. **31** Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. **32** So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. **34** He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **35** The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" **37** He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Silent Reflection

- Jesus answers the lawyer's question ("Who is my neighbor?") by sharing the Parable of the Good Samaritan. How would you answer his question?
- Who has been a good "neighbor" to you (not including family/friends)? How have they informed your understanding of who your "neighbors" are and what it means to love them?
- What did it feel like to receive love or mercy from/as a "neighbor"? What keeps you from being able to (fully) receive love from/as a "neighbor"?
- Consider any "neighbors" in your life to whom you find it difficult to show love/mercy, and what you might do to move in that direction. In what ways do you justify withholding love for specific "neighbors"?

Song: "You Are the Nerve" (*tune: UMH #437, Jean Sibelius / lyrics: Steve Garnaas-Holmes*)

O God, your Christ is risen in your people.
On earth Christ has no body now but ours.
We are the flesh and blood of your compassion:
moved by your Spirit, with its loving powers.
God be our heart, and we will be your Body,
serving in love in all our days and hours.

We are your feet, that go with joy to others
to share your love, the gospel we confess.
We are your eyes that see what is and may be,
that see each person's need and loveliness.
We are your hands, that work with strength for justice,
your hands that shelter, heal and feed and bless.

Love, move in me, and guide me by your Spirit,
even when I don't see or understand.
My life is yours, to be your living Body,
that I may love and serve at your command.
This is my life, my purpose and my power:
you are the nerve, and I your willing hand.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

“Thanks be to God” or “God, hear our prayer”

Sung Response (*tune: UMH #145 / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

Hear us, Creator. Hear us, O Lover.

Hear us, O Spirit moving within.

Hear all our longing; hear all our sorrow.

Hear every joy and praise that we bring.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: “Guide My Feet” (*TFWS #2208, African American spiritual*)

Guide my feet while I run this race. (2x)

Guide my feet while I run this race,
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 my feet ...

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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