

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“But wanting to vindicate himself,
he asked Jesus,
‘And who is my neighbor?’”
- Luke 10:29*

July 13, 2025

5th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Disability Pride Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Love Is the Touch" (*tune: John L. Bell / lyrics: Alison Robertson / perf. by Siskin Green*)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Congregational giving** (*rounded*)
 - Jun 30-Jul 6: \$2,441 / weekly budget: \$1,827
- **Pastor Tim on vacation, Jul 13-21**
 - in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Marcine: 484.574.0270
- **Fall Retreat:** Saturday, September 27
 - Innabah Camp & Retreat Center
 - allmeansall.org/retreats
- **Caregivers Group:** Mondays, 5-6:30 pm (*Jul 21 - Aug 25*)
 - Calvary Parsonage / 815 S. 48th St
 - allmeansall.org/caregivers
- **Calvary accessibility audit**
 - contact Pastor Tim if you're interested in helping
- **Watershed Circle (PA Interfaith Power & Light):**
 - allmeansall.org/watershed
 - contact Sparrow to learn more:
sprwfrancis@gmail.com
- **Resistance for such a time as this**
 - allmeansall.org/resistance
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Monday, Jul 14, 6:30-7:30 pm: Yoga (*weekly*)

- Calvary (Chapel) – 48th St entrance
- allmeansall.org/yoga

Tuesday, Jul 15, 3 pm: Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)

- allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2nd & 4th: 6 pm

Wednesday, Jul 16, 10-11 am: Yoga (weekly)

- see Jul 14 for details

Saturday, Jul 19, 1 pm: Meditation (weekly)

- Calvary (Board Room) – 48th St entrance
- witnessandintegrate@gmail.com

Sunday, Jul 20, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Lesley Curtis

Friday, Jul 25, 6 pm: Young-ish Adults Gathering (monthly – last Fridays)

- allmeansall.org/young-ish-adults
- contact Bethany for details and to RSVP, or to be added to the email list: bethanycw@gmail.com

Sunday, Jul 27, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

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: “Return to Me” (*Rickie Byars*)

Return to me, return to me

With every breath, return

End and begin with me

With every breath, return

Return to love ...

Return to peace ...

Call to Worship (*Beth Merrill Neel – adapted*)

One: Into this world we are born,

ALL: into the beauty and sorrow of everyday life.

One: Into this day we awake,

ALL: into possibility and the unknown.

One: Into this church we are welcomed,

ALL: into God's grace and each other's truth.

One: So let us worship our God this day, we who are both loved and called to love.

ALL: Let us worship our God, who accompanies us along the way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "God of the Future" (*tune: UMH #451, trad. Irish melody / lyrics: Steve Garnaas-Holmes*)

God of our dark night, and God of our day,
God of our journey, whose will is our way,
when our path dims and the future's unknown,
still you walk with us; we're never alone.

Though the familiar should fade and turn strange,
your steady love for us never will change.
So when we worry and can't see the way,
Love, still your grace is enough for today.

All that is taken and all that we lose,
all of the cost of the path that we choose
never compares with the grace you impart:
faithful and gracious, you give us your heart.

Bless all the journeys we still are to make.
May they shed mercy and light for your sake.
Lead us with courage on journeys unknown,
walking in blessing, and never alone.

Be our companion, our courage, our nerve,
you, the heart in us, to love and to serve.
Blessings you promise, whatever befall.
Still you walk with us, O lover of all.

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 *(Ted Loder – adapted)*

O God, who out of nothing brought everything that is, out of what we are bring more of what we dream but haven't dared. Direct our power and passion to creating life where there is death, to putting flesh of action on bare-boned intentions, to lighting fires of love against the midnight of indifference, to throwing bridges of care across canyons of division; so we can look on Creation, together with you, and behold, call it very good. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Amos 7:7-15

This is what God showed me: God was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in hand.

8 And the HOLY ONE said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then God said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; **9** the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." **10** Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. **11** For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" **12** And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land

of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; **13** but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." **14** Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, **15** and the HOLY ONE took me from following the flock, and the HOLY ONE said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the law 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 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 vindicate 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 took off, 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 upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. **34** He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine.

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

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

Sermon: "Go and Do Likewise"

Song: "In This World of Strife and Anger" *(tune: UMH #150, William Moore / lyrics: Catherine MacDonald – adapted)*

In this world of strife and anger,
in this world of doubt and pain,
Jesus joins us on the journey,
daring us to live God's reign.

*Love our neighbor, love (each other),
love our God, this is the way.
Love abundant, love expanding,
love is more than words to say.*

We are givers, we are takers,
we are wounded, we are healed.
(We're all in this life together),
we need justice to be real. *(refrain)*

We who once were lost and seeking,
we who wandered, (run aground).
God show us that life's abundant
when we share with all around. *(refrain)*

SHARING

Prayers of the People

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: "May You Run and Not Be Weary" (tune & refrain: UMH #525, Charles Albert Tindley / lyrics: TFWS #2281, Paul Murakami & Handt Hanson)

May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

*By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.*

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Pool of Love" (Alexa Sunshine Rose, Murray Kyle)

May the pool of love we have gathered here
Spread its wings and fly far and near
From the depths of our hearts to the farthest star
May our love bless everyone

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Celebrating 40 Years as a Reconciling Congregation

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