

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*“Then God said, ‘See, I am setting a  
plumb line in the midst of my people ...’”*

**- Amos 7:8b**

**July 14, 2024**

*8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Disability Pride Month*

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song:** "Kindness" (Ryan Adams)

## **Welcome & Announcements**

(also available at [allmeansall.org/announcements](http://allmeansall.org/announcements))

- **Community engagement projects:** volunteers needed this fall at Avery D. Harrington Elementary School, Sankofa Community Farm and Grace Café (at Arch Street UMC)
  - [allmeansall.org/community-projects](http://allmeansall.org/community-projects)
  - contact Pastor Tim to sign up
- **Calvary rummage sale:** volunteers needed to help revive our fundraising rummage sale (date TBD)
  - please contact the church office to sign up:  
[office@allmeansall.org](mailto:office@allmeansall.org)
- **Previous sermons:** [allmeansall.org/sermons](http://allmeansall.org/sermons)
- **Previous bulletins:** [allmeansall.org/bulletins](http://allmeansall.org/bulletins)

## Calendar

### **Tuesday, Jul 16**

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (weekly)
  - [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)
- **7 pm:** Finance Committee

**Sunday, Jul 21, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship

**Sunday, Jul 28, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship

## 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:** "Prayer Chant (We Resist)" *(Mark Miller)*

We resist, we refuse, to let hatred in.

We rise up, we won't back down.

We're in this 'til the end. *(repeat)*

Pray for your enemies, welcome the stranger,  
show love to your neighbor.

We're in this 'til the end.

**Call to Worship** *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted)*

One: God of peace, the world is troubled.

**ALL: And you come among us with healing and grace.**

One: God, the world is torn by evil.

**ALL: And you surround us with goodness and mercy.**

One: Your witnesses for righteousness are scorned.

**ALL: But you uphold your beloved to do your will.**

One: God of grace, we thank you, and we open our hearts to you.

**ALL: Even in the shadow of injustice we worship you with joy. Give us hearts of courageous love; give us the faith of Jesus. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song:** "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here" *(tune: UMH #579, Henry Carey / lyrics: Brian Wren)*

Great God, your love has called us here,

as we, by love, for love were made.

Your living likeness still we bear,

though marred, dishonored, disobeyed;

we come, with all our heart and mind,  
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains  
of broken trust and chosen wrong,  
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,  
by social forces swept along,  
by powers and systems close confined,  
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name,  
and then receive us as your own;  
not through some merit, right or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone;  
we strain to glimpse your mercy seat,  
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends;  
suffer and serve till all are fed,  
and show how grandly love intends,  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share;  
give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair,  
and offer all that faith can do,  
while love is making all things new.

### **Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### **GROUNDING**

**Community Prayer** *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes)*

Holy One, at times it seems we are surrounded by evil, but it is the other way around. There is evil in the world, but it is

surrounded by good. Even the worst injustice is contained within your grace. There is more love than hate or fear. Renew your love in us, O God. Give us the eyes to see injustice, and the faith to act with mercy and grace. Give us the courage to love, and the power to heal. Amen.

## Silent Prayer

## Special Music

**Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 24 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney – adapted*)

To the CREATOR OF ALL belongs the earth and all that fills her, the world, and those who dwell in her. **2** For God upon the seas has founded her, and on the rivers has established her. **3** Who shall ascend the hill of the HOLY ONE? And who shall stand in God's holy place? **4** (Those) who (have) clean hands and pure hearts, who (do) not lift up their hands to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully on their souls. **5** Instead they will lift up a blessing from the FAITHFUL GOD, and what is right from the God of their salvation. **6** Such is the generation of those who seek God, who seek the face of the God of Rebekah. **7** Lift up your heads, you gates! and be lifted up, you everlasting doors! that the One of glory may come in. **8** Who is the One of glory? The FIRE OF SINAI, strong and mighty, the GOD WHO IS MAJESTY, mighty in battle. **9** Lift up your heads, you gates! and be lifted up, you everlasting doors! that the One of glory may come in. **10** Who is this One of glory? The COMMANDER of heaven's legions, God is the One of glory.

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

**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.'

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## **Choral Alleluia**

**Sermon:** "Plumb and Level (or Not)"

**Song:** "Let Justice Flow Like Streams" (*tune: UMH #732, Aaron Williams / lyrics: Jane Parker Huber*)

Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water pure,  
enabling growth, refreshing life,  
abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed,  
an everflowing stream of faith  
translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight,  
define our measure true,  
and justice, right, and peace pervade  
this world our whole life through.

## **SHARING**

### **Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns**

**Sung Response** (*tune: UMH #420, Robert Jackson / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

Hear us, O living God. Hear all we bring to you—  
each joy, each tear,  
each hope, each fear,  
each sigh of gratitude.

## **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:** "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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