

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



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*"... God who raised Christ
from the dead will also give life
to your mortal bodies because of
the Spirit who lives in you."*

- Romans 8:11

July 16, 2023

7th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Disability Pride Month

GATHERING

Prelude: "Better" (Hezekiah Walker)

*You're invited to be in silence during the Prelude,
as we transition together into this sacred time and space.*

Welcome & Announcements

(full Announcements available at allmeansall.org/announcements)

- **Thanks to our guest preacher, Cord Whitaker!**
- **Pastor Tim remains on vacation through Jul 18**
 - in case of a pastoral emergency, contact Jennine: 215.990.5668
- **Meal support for Sharon:** mealtrain.com/trains/z38lvo
- **Meal support for Ted & Dennis:**
 - mealtrain.com/trains/v5yga6
- **New Sanctuary Movement wish list for newly arriving immigrants:** tinyurl.com/nsm-wish
- **Worship volunteers:** sign up at tinyurl.com/worship-help

Calendar

Tuesday, Jul 18, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer

- allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer

Sunday, Jul 23, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Hybrid Worship

Tuesday, Jul 25, 7 pm: Finance Committee

Sunday, Jul 30, 11:15 am-12:45 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 / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "My Soul Is at Rest" *(Taizé Community)*

My soul is at rest in God alone,
my salvation comes from God.

Call to Worship *(John Pritchard)*

One: In the Spirit who gives us life, welcome.

ALL: May divine power flow through us.

One: Come, friends, to the space for honesty.

ALL: We bring who we are, hopes and hurts, strength and sorrow.

One: "Out of the depths I cry to you, O God," said the psalmist,

ALL: and we know what it is to be in the depths, to feel hope's last thread fraying.

One: "How long, O God?" cried the psalmist,

ALL: and we know what it's like when struggle seems endless.

One: "Tears have been my food day and night," wailed the psalmist,

ALL: and we know how it feels to have life unravel,
to feel our world crumble.

One: "Fear not; I am with you," says the Holy One,

ALL: and we hear that in flooding chaos, in fiery change, we are not alone.

One: "God's mercies never come to an end. They are fresh every morning," cried Jeremiah in the midst of devastating loss,

ALL: and we know the gifts that keep us going, the small blessings and daily graces that make and keep our lives.

One: "though the harvest fails and the fields yield no food, nevertheless will I rejoice in the Holy One," proclaims the prophet Habakkuk,

ALL: and we too say, "nevertheless." Despite all that assails us, we still know joy, the joy of God's presence, the joy that leads us to praise: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "There Is a Balm in Gilead" (AAHH #524, African American spiritual – adapted, Melanie Debose)

**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. *(refrain)*

Don't ever feel discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend,
and if you look for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *(refrain)*

If you can't preach like Peter,
if you can't pray like Paul,
(just go and tell the Maker,
who's there to guide us all). *(refrain)*

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(RevGalBlogPals)*

God of life, God of hope, God of all, lift us on your love like eagle's wings. Sustain us, guide us, heal us. Then send us forth into the world, that we may love as you love. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 25:19-34 (*New International Version*)

This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, **20** and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan-aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. **21** Isaac prayed to God on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. God answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. **22** The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of God. **23** God said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

24 When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. **25** The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. **26** After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

27 The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. **28** Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. **29** Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. **30** He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.) **31** Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." **32** "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" **33** But Jacob said, "Swear to me

first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. **34** Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:1-11 (*New International Version*)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, **2** because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. **3** For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending God's own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so God condemned sin in the flesh, **5** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **5** Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. **6** The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. **7** The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. **8** Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. **9** You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. **10** But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. **11** And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of the Spirit who lives in you.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Trauma and Healing"

Song: "No Weapon" (Fred Hammond – adapted)

**No weapon formed against me shall prosper
It won't work**

**No weapon formed against me shall prosper
It won't work**

**Say no weapon formed against me shall prosper
It won't work**

**Say no weapon formed against me shall prosper
It won't work**

Say, God will do what (she) said (she) will do

God will stand by (their) word and

(they) will come through

God will do what he said he will do

(They) will stand by (their) word, (they) will come through.

**No weapon formed against me shall prosper
It won't work**

**No weapon formed against me shall prosper
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God will do what (they) said (they) would do

God's not a man that he should lie.

God will come through

Say, God will do what (they) said (they) will do

God will stand by (their) word, (they) will come through.

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SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

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

Sung Response (tune: UMH #175 / lyrics: John Pritchard)

O living God, we wait for you,
each wound, each rift to heal,
each empty heart and life to fill,
each day with joy to seal.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: “In That Great Gittin’ Up Mornin’” (AAHH #585, African American spiritual)

***In that great gittin’ up mornin’,
fare ye well, fare ye well.*** (4x)

There’s a better day a comin’,
fare ye well, fare ye well. (2x)
When I see king Jesus,
fare ye well, fare ye well. (2x) *(refrain)*

There’ll be no more dyin’,
fare ye well, fare ye well. (2x)
There’s be no more cryin’,
fare ye well, fare ye well. (2x) *(refrain)*

Oh, saint’s will be a risin’,
fare ye well, fare ye well. (2x)
There’ll be no more strivin’
fare ye well, fare ye well. (2x) *(refrain)*

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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