

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"Mary has chosen the
better part, which will not be
taken away from her."*

- Luke 10:42b

July 17, 2022

6th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "Higher Love" (*Steve Winwood, performed by James Vincent McMorrow*)

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

Welcome / Announcements

- **Worship volunteers:** sign up at tinyurl.com/worship-help

Calendar

Tuesday, Jul 19

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
 - info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality
- **7 pm:** Finance Committee

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

Thursday, Aug 11, 7-8:15 pm: Community Rhythm Circle

- info at allmeansall.org/crc

Sunday, Aug 14, 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*)

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: "Nothing Can Trouble (Nada Te Turbe)" (TFWS #2054, Taizé Community/Jacques Berthier)

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
God alone fills us.

Nada te turbe, nada te espante.
Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.
Solo Dios basta.

Call to Worship (Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted)

One: Creator God, you welcome us into your home.

ALL: You receive us and serve us, and we receive your grace.

One: You sit with us and share quiet moments.

ALL: You speak your word to us, and we are changed.

One: You feed us with the energy of your love, and give us courage.

ALL: So we sit with you; we listen for your voice; and, changed, we go forth with your good news into this world. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Gather Us In" (TFWS #2236, Marty Haugen – adapted)

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your (children together),
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the (kingdom), now is the day.

*Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

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)*

Sometimes the world feels too silent, God; not without sound, but without any sound that makes sense. In all the noise of human sin and pain, we miss the sound of your voice.

So we pray for messengers to speak anew your word of restoration, and for ears to hear when they do.

Messengers of listening and forgiveness to silence the noise of conflict and hatred; messengers of seeing and empathy to silence the noise of stereotyping and disengagement; messengers of hope and responsibility to silence the noise of negativity and apathy; messengers of faith and perseverance to silence the noise of resignation and expediency.

In every place where people need to hear your word, may your messengers speak, and may your people listen. May we listen. And when need be, give us the courage to be the messengers. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: **2** a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; **3** a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; **4** a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; **5** a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; **6** a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; **7** a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a

time to speak; **8** a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

9 What gain have the workers from their toil? **10** I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. **11** (God) has made everything suitable for its time; moreover (God) has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. **12** I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; **13** moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. **39** She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. **40** But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." **41** But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; **42** there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "The Better Part"

Song: "Come and Find the Quiet Center" (TFWS #2128, tune: B.F. White / lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray)

Come and find the quiet center

in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.

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: "This Little Light of Mine" (*African American spiritual*)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go ...
All through the night ...
This little light of mine ...

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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