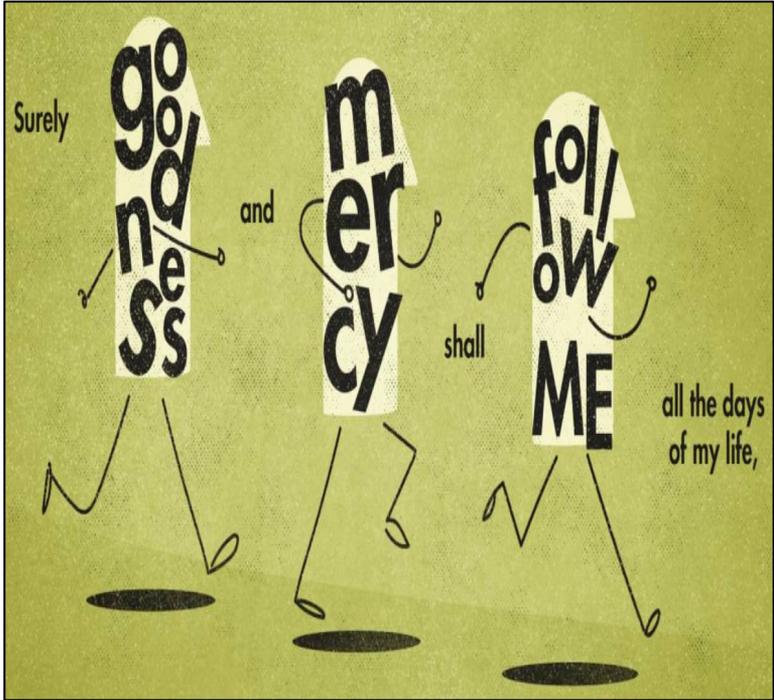


Calvary

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life . . ."*

- Psalm 23:6

July 18, 2021
8th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "The 23rd Psalm" (*Bobby McFerrin*)

Welcome and Announcements

Announcements

- donate to building campaign: tinyurl.com/CCCCPhilly

Calendar

Tuesday, Jul 20

- **12 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
 - info at allmeansall.org/virtual
- **6 pm:** Finance Committee

Thursday, Jul 22, 2-3 pm: Reparations – A Moral and Spiritual Responsibility (*Religions for Peace USA*)

- info at rfpusa.org

Saturday, Jul 24, 10 am and Sunday, Jul 25, 1 pm: Calvary Building Clean-Out/Clean-Up

- email office@allmeansall.org to sign up

Sunday, Jul 25, 8 pm: Spiritual Reflection Group (*monthly*)

- info at allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group
- also Aug 29

Saturday, Sep 11, 10 am: Charge Conference

Saturday, Sep 18, time TBD: Singing a New Song

- save the date for now; details coming soon!

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).

Want to Help with Worship?

If you would like to participate in worship by leading the *Call to Worship*, reading scripture, preaching or otherwise, please contact Pastor Tim.

Singing Our Way In: "Shepherd Me, O God" (TFWS #2058)

Shepherd me, O God,
beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
from death into life.

Invitation to Holy Presence / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship (*John Pritchard, adapted*)

One: In the Spirit that intertwines and empowers us, welcome.

ALL: Grace to you, and peace.

One: Come, friends. Bring what is broken to the Healing,
Shepherding Presence.

ALL: We come, carrying the aches and tears of our world.

One: Bring the Earth itself, wounded by greed, feverish and
unraveling.

**ALL: May we turn from destructive ways; may the living web
be renewed.**

One: Bring the global community, torn by obscene inequality,
so many vulnerable to virus, violence, hunger.

**ALL: May we turn from destructive ways; may we turn toward
one another.**

One: Bring our nation, deeply divided, riven by power
struggles, pitted against each other.

**ALL: May we turn from destructive ways; may we be restored
by justice.**

One: Bring our local communities, scarred by poverty, by
violence, by persistent racism.

**ALL: May we turn from destructive ways; may we birth new life
together.**

One: Bring our families, our lives, and the pain that diminishes
them.

ALL: Turn us from destructive ways; prod us toward wholeness.

One: Know this, friends: there is healing in the Divine life.

**ALL: And so we join together, pray with each other, and so,
finally, will our voices rise as one in praise: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Opening Hymn: "God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us"

(UMH #100, with alternate lyrics in parentheses)

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!

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer *(Maren C. Tirabassi, adapted)*

Faithful God, Forgiving God, Just God, Shepherding God, God of blessing and God of our most difficult times, you come to us with goodness and mercy, with love.

We come to you now for a moment of quiet in our self-made busyness. We come to you for energy in our weariness. We come to you for challenge when we are willing to settle for our own small plans and dreams. We long for the peace of your presence, even as we are afraid of the urgency of your call.

Enter, Spirit of God, into each of our lives and enliven us; enter, Spirit of God, into our community and enable us to love and serve you and all your creation. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "In Your Eyes" (*Calvary Choir*)

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. **2** (God) makes me lie down in green pastures; (God) leads me beside still waters; **3** (God) restores my soul. (God) leads me in right paths for (God's) name's sake. **4** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me. **5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. **31** He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. **32** And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. **34** As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like

sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. **54** When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, **55** and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. **56** And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Pursued By Love"

Hymn of Response: "Lord, You Are My Shepherd"

(tune: UMH #98 / lyrics: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

Lord, you are my shepherd and so I am blessed;
You make me lie down in green pastures to rest.
You lead me beside the still waters, O Lord;
In you I find peace and my soul is restored.

Refrain

*In this world, there is much that can tempt me away,
Yet in you, I'm content, as you guide me each day.
O Lord, I don't need to feel lost or alone;
For you are my Shepherd and I am your own.*

You lead me to do what is just, in your name;
You guide me through valleys of death and deep pain.
I'll fear nothing evil with you by my side;
Your rod and your staff, Lord, will comfort and guide. *(refrain)*

You set me a table right here by my foes;
You bless me with joy till my cup overflows.
Your goodness and mercy will follow me through;
I'll live in your presence, forever with you. *(refrain)*

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns

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

Prayer Response *(tune: UMH #408 / lyrics: John Pritchard)*

O Open Arms, now hold our cares,
the aches we've named, the joys we've shared.
And hold us, too; into us breathe—
your grace, your life, let us receive.

Closing Hymn: “May You Run and Not Be Weary” *(TFWS #2281)* *(alternate tune & refrain, UMH #525)*

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.*

ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: “Let the Church Say Amen”

Let the church say, “Amen” *(repeat)*
God has spoken, let the church say, “Amen”

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