

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*“God said, ‘Do not lay your hand  
on the boy or do anything to him ...’”*

**- Genesis 22:12a**

**July 2, 2023**

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

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Disability Pride Month

## GATHERING

**Prelude:** "Look Up" (*Joy Oladokun*)

*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](http://allmeansall.org/announcements))

- **Calvary Confirmation coming this Fall, for ages 12-15**
  - contact Pastor Tim for details
- **Meal support for Sharon:** [mealtrain.com/trains/z38lvo](http://mealtrain.com/trains/z38lvo)
- **Meal support for Ted & Dennis:**
  - [mealtrain.com/trains/v5yga6](http://mealtrain.com/trains/v5yga6)
- **New Sanctuary Movement wish list for newly arriving immigrants:** [tinyurl.com/nsm-wish](http://tinyurl.com/nsm-wish)
- **Worship volunteers:** sign up at [tinyurl.com/worship-help](http://tinyurl.com/worship-help)

## Calendar

**Tuesday, Jul 4:** Independence / Interdependence Day

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

**Sunday, Jul 9**

- **9:30-10:30 am:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck
  - join us for breakfast this time around as we officially (and belatedly) welcome Norris!
- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **4-7 pm:** Eastern Service Workers Association 47th Anniversary Dinner
  - St. Paul's Community Center / 1018 Wallace St
  - RSVP: [phillyeswa1976@gmail.com](mailto:phillyeswa1976@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, Jul 11, 7 pm:** Trustees

## 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:** "Breathing In, Breathing Out" (*tune: Betsy Rose / lyrics: Thich Nhat Hanh*)

Breathing in, breathing out (2x)

I am blooming as a flower, I am fresh as the dew

I am solid as a mountain, I am firm as the earth

I am free

Breathing in, breathing out (2x)

I am water, reflecting what is real, what is true

And I feel there is space, deep inside of me

I am free (3x)

**Call to Worship** (*adapted from Disability Awareness materials*)

One: Praise God!

**ALL: Praise God for all creation:**

One: for people with all kinds of gifts and graces;

**ALL: for disabilities and abilities with which to share our world;**

One: for lives that struggle toward wholeness;

**ALL: for the hope that we are given as the human family;**

One: for hopes and dreams and the vision to bring God's vision to a reality,

**ALL: where all people are seen as children of God.**

One: Praise God for all of God's children.

**ALL: Let all God's people sing praises. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song:** "Bring Many Names" (TFWS #2047, tune: Carlton R. Young / lyrics: Brian Wren)

Bring many names, beautiful and good,  
celebrate, in parable and story,  
holiness in glory, living, loving God.  
Hail and Hosanna! bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,  
planning all the wonders of creation,  
setting each equation, genius at play:  
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,  
feeling the strains of human living,  
caring and forgiving, till we're reconciled:  
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

Old, aching God, grey with endless care,  
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,  
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:  
Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,  
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,  
crying out for justice, giving all you have:  
Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known,  
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,  
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:  
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!

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

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## **GROUNDING**

### **Community Prayer** *(Erina Kim-Eubanks – adapted)*

God of creativity, of diversity, multiplicity, and accessibility, you say in your house are many rooms. You build a space where all can dwell and live exactly as who we are – without shame. So forgive us for the ways that we have shut out and shut in – making barriers to your presence, forging walls to togetherness, creating hierarchies of bodies and minds, and building environments that are disabling.

Help us co-create with you sacred space that welcomes our sacred worth, the fullness of each and all. Inspire creativity for universal design marked not just by widened doors and ramped walkways, but widened language and open processes. Give us fortitude to build spaces that are physically accessible and psychologically safe – welcoming of neurodiversity, acknowledging the wholeness of who we are, our complete need for each other, and every gift we bring.

May your way of Shalom – in which every kind of mind, body, and spirit are honored as valuable and good – be made manifest in our world, so that all your children have room to flourish. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Special Music**

### **Scripture Lesson:** Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. God said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." **2** God said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." **3** So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son

Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. **4** On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. **5** Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you."

**6** Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. **7** Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" **8** Abraham said, "God will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. **9** When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. **10** Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. **11** But the angel of the Holy One called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." **12** God said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." **13** And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. **14** So Abraham called that place "The Holy One will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Holy One it shall be provided."

## **Choral Alleluia**

**Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 10:40-42

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

**41** Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; **42** and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**Choral Alleluia**

**Sermon:** "Here I Am"

**Song:** "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" (*tune: UMH #581, tune: B.F. White / lyrics: Albert F. Bayly – adapted*)

(Christ), whose love through humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
offered mercy's perfect deed,  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose  
every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.

As, O (God), your deep compassion  
(heals) the sick and (frees) the soul,  
use the love your Spirit kindles  
still to (make your people) whole.

As we worship, grant us vision  
fill your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to tireless striving,  
your abundant life to share.

Called from worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, goodwill and comfort,  
counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your (children), (God), in freedom  
may your mercy know, and live.

## **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.

### **Communion / The Great Thanksgiving** *(enfleshed – adapted)*

One: The Holy One be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

**ALL: We open our hearts to you, O God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God who takes risks for love.

**ALL: For the courage of the Holy that lives in us, we give thanks.**



One: Throughout history, O God, we have struggled to claim the power you have given us. Destructive forces within and around us make us question your call upon our lives. We turn ourselves over, in ways ordinary and remarkable, to what is. To what has been. To the familiar. But you have created us for so much more.

**ALL: And so, empowered by you, we join together with your people on earth, with all Creation, and with the full company of heaven, praising your name and joining the unending hymn:**

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-b, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal - adapted):

**Holy, holy, holy (One); God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

**Blest is the one who comes in the name of (our God).**

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

One: In Jesus, we saw a life lived in all its potential. In all its sacred power. Life that is abundant. Love that was creative, and fervent for justice. We saw, too, the consequences of living as if the kingdom were close. And so we wonder: If we live with such courage, what will we lose? In proclaiming truths that confront unjust power, do we stand a chance of survival? How will it go for us, if we are willing to risk everything for love? You have never promised us safety, but you have shown us what is possible.

The Spirit brings new life even to places of death. For Jesus, knowing the dangers ahead, there was nothing he would trade for his love of the suffering and betrayed, not even his own life.

On the night ... And so as we break the bread and share the cup, we remember. And in remembering, we reclaim what Jesus taught us about ourselves – about the power God has given us. We remember that God

enfleshed is good news that feeds, that protects, that heals, that loves.

**ALL: Held in and bound together by that same love, may we taste the same Spirit and feast on the same promise, as we proclaim the mystery at the heart of our faith:**

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-c, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.  
Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

One: Pour out your Spirit on all of us gathered here, in person and virtually. Pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup, O God, and on whatever elements we use to join in this holy meal. In our sharing, fill our hearts with courage to believe the kingdom is within us, to live faithfully and boldly in pursuit of love that liberates, and to follow the wisdom that leads from the margins.

**ALL: By your Spirit make us one in love with you and with each other, as with ourselves.**

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-d, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):  
**Amen. Amen. Amen. / Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

**Sung Response:** "Eat This Bread" (UMH #628, tune: Robert Batastini & Taizé Community / lyrics: Jacques Berthier)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

## **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:** "Go Now in Peace" (UMH #665,  
*Natalie Sleeth*)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
may the love of God surround you  
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

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