

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*“If I could not be peaceful  
in the midst of danger,  
then the kind of peace I might have  
in simpler times is meaningless.”*

**- Thich Nhat Hanh**

**July 20, 2025**

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

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Disability Pride Month

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song:** "We Are Weaving Our Lives" (Alexa Sunshine Rose, feat. Marya Stark and Alice Maxine)

## **Welcome & Announcements**

- **Pastor Tim on vacation through tomorrow, Jul 21**
  - in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Marcine: 484.574.0270
- **Fall Retreat:** Saturday, September 27
  - Innabah Camp & Retreat Center
  - [allmeansall.org/retreats](http://allmeansall.org/retreats)
- **Calvary accessibility audit**
  - contact Pastor Tim if you're interested in helping
- **Watershed Circle (PA Interfaith Power & Light):**
  - [allmeansall.org/watershed](http://allmeansall.org/watershed)
  - contact Sparrow to learn more:  
[sprwfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:sprwfrancis@gmail.com)
- **Previous sermons:** [allmeansall.org/sermons](http://allmeansall.org/sermons)
- **Previous bulletins:** [allmeansall.org/bulletins](http://allmeansall.org/bulletins)

## Calendar

### **Monday, Jul 21**

- **5-6:30 pm:** Caregivers Group (weekly, through Aug 25)
  - Calvary Parsonage / 815 S. 48<sup>th</sup> St
  - [allmeansall.org/caregivers](http://allmeansall.org/caregivers)
- **6:30-7:30 pm:** Yoga (weekly)
  - Calvary (Chapel) – 48<sup>th</sup> St entrance
  - [allmeansall.org/yoga](http://allmeansall.org/yoga)

### **Tuesday, Jul 22, 6 pm:** Midweek Prayer (weekly)

- [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm

## **Wednesday, Jul 23**

- **10-11 am:** Yoga (*weekly*)
  - see Jul 21 for details
- **3 pm:** Finance Committee (*rescheduled*)

**Friday, Jul 25, 6 pm:** Young-ish Adults Gathering (*monthly – last Fridays*)

- [allmeansall.org/young-ish-adults](http://allmeansall.org/young-ish-adults)
- contact Bethany for details and to RSVP, or to be added to the email list: [bethanycw@gmail.com](mailto:bethanycw@gmail.com)

**Saturday, Jul 26, 1 pm:** Meditation (*weekly*)

- Calvary (Board Room) – 48th St entrance
- [witnessandintegrate@gmail.com](mailto:witnessandintegrate@gmail.com)

**Sunday, Jul 27, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship

**Sunday, Aug 3, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship  
(*Communion*)

### Visiting With 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.

## **CENTERING & CONNECTING**

### **Breathing Our Way In**

**Singing Our Way In:** “In All That Changes” (*tune: UMH #420, Robert Jackson / lyrics: Steve Garnaas-Holmes*)

In all that changes, God,  
all that will fail or fall,  
your loving presence still abides,  
and will not fade at all.

In all that changes, God,  
your love is strong and sure.  
Therefore we give in thanks for grace,  
and trust it will endure.

Through raging storm and sea,  
you are the rock that stands.  
Free from all else, we give ourselves  
into your loving hands.

**Call to Worship** *(The Iona Community – adapted)*

One: O God, who called and calls all life into being.

**ALL: The earth, sea and sky are yours.**

One: Your presence is within and all around us.

**ALL: Every atom is full of your energy.**

One: Your Spirit enlivens all Creation;

**ALL: with her we yearn for justice to be done.**

One: For Creation to be freed from bondage,

**ALL: for the hungry to be fed,**

One: for captives to be released,

**ALL: For your kindom of peace to come on earth. Alleluia!**

**Alleluia!**

**Opening Song:** “O God, in Whom All Life Begins” *(tune: UMH #152, trad. English melody / lyrics: Carl P. Daw Jr.)*

O God in whom all life begins,  
who births the seed to fruit,  
bestow your blessing on our lives;  
here let your love find root.  
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts  
of patience, joy, and peace;  
deliver us from numbing fear,  
and grant our faith increase.

Unite in mutual ministry  
our minds and hands and hearts  
that we may have the grace to seek  
the pow'r your peace imparts.  
So let our varied gifts combine  
to glorify your name  
that in all things by word and deed  
we may your love proclaim.

Through tears and laughter, grief and joy,  
enlarge our trust and care;  
so bind us in community  
that we may risk and dare.  
Be with us when we gather here  
to worship, sing, and pray,  
then send us forth in pow'r and faith  
to live the words we say.

### **Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### **Offering Our Gifts**

[allmeansall.org/time-talent](http://allmeansall.org/time-talent) / [allmeansall.org/donate](http://allmeansall.org/donate)

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,  
not regretfully or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver."*

**– 2 Corinthians 9:7**

### **GROUNDING**

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

God of love, sometimes we have served you in ways that are true to our gifts and callings; and sometimes we have submitted to other people's expectations of us. Help us be true to who you create us to be, to love in the ways you give us, to befriend you and each other in peace and in harmony with your delight. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Special Music**

**Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 15

O HOLY ONE, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? **2** Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;  
**3** who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to

their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors; **4** in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the HOLY ONE; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; **5** who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Reading** (*Anne Klein*)

Science and mystics say everyone is connected. We are all children of the Big Bang. We come from space. Everything we see and touch comes from space. Our blood carries iron, sourced in the explosive energy of supernovas. We are not a smallness separate from this grandeur. We are nourished by it and contribute to it. My breath, my iron, was once in someone else's body, and will be again. Yours likewise. With this vast perspective in mind, who among us is a stranger?

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**Choral Alleluia**

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia. (*repeat*)

**Sermon:** "The Frightening Power of Interconnectedness"

**Song:** "Let All Things Now Living" (*TFWS #2008, tune: trad. Welsh melody / lyrics: Katherine K. Davis*)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,

till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

The law God enforces, the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

## **SHARING**

### **Prayers of the People**

**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" (*AAHH #549, 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 ...

### **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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# Calvary United Methodist Church

*at the intersection of 48<sup>th</sup> & Baltimore / spirituality & justice*

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