

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



"... he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, ..."
- Mark 6:34a

July 21, 2024
9th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Disability Pride Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Lead Me On" (*Paul Gioia*)

Welcome & Announcements

(also available at allmeansall.org/announcements)

- **Please keep up with your giving as you're able:**
 - allmeansall.org/donate
- **Community engagement projects:** volunteers needed this fall at Avery D. Harrington Elementary School, Sankofa Community Farm and Grace Café (at Arch Street UMC)
 - allmeansall.org/community-projects
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up
- **Calvary rummage sale, Sep 28:** volunteers needed to help coordinate our fundraising rummage sale
 - please contact the church office to sign up:
office@allmeansall.org
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Tuesday, Jul 23, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)

- allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer

Sunday, Jul 28, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

Sunday, Aug 4, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship
(*Communion*)

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

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

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

Call to Worship (*Joanna Harader – inspired by Psalm 23*)

One: In the darkest valley,

ALL: at the banquet table;

One: in the hard work of life,

ALL: at the moments of ease;

One: in our day-to-day reality,

ALL: at times set aside—

One: like this time, now—

ALL: for worship, for listening, for paying attention;

One: with every step we take:

ALL: goodness and mercy follow us; our cups overflow.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" (*tune: trad. North American / lyrics: Isaac Watts*)

My shepherd, you supply my need,
most holy is your name;
in pastures fresh you make me feed,
beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back,
when I forsake your ways;

you lead me, for your mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

When through the shades of death I walk,
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.

Your hand in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows,
your oil anoints my head.

Your sure provisions, gracious God,
attend me all my days;
O, may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, nor a guest,
but like a child at home.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Mary Petrina Boyd – adapted)*

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us.
When we face darkness and death, you walk beside us.
When we hunger for your love, you fill us with your
presence. When we are fearful, you feed us at your table.
May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the
days of our lives. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-4

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the HOLY ONE. **2** Therefore thus says the HOLY ONE, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the HOLY ONE. **3** Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. **4** I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the HOLY ONE.

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

Scripture Lesson: Mark 6:30-34

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.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Sheep Without a Shepherd"

Song: "We'll Be at Home" (*tune: UMH #453, William P. Doane / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

Come, God, renew the earth; bring us your peace.
Let war be learned no more, all conflicts cease.
Let lambs with wolves lie down,
in safety all be found.
We'll be at home in your shalom.

Come, God, renew our world; all things refresh.
Touch every wound and heal, broken ones bless.
Blind eyes with sight be found,
mute tongues with praise abound.
We'll be at home in your shalom.

Come, God, renew our lives; give us your grace.
Touch every heart until all know your face.
Earth's every good we'll share,
for one another care.
We'll be at home, in your shalom.

Come, God, renew all things; grant a new start.
Unlock the chains we wear; open our hearts.
Grant each a welcome place,
a friend in every face.
We'll be at home in your shalom.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

Sung Response (*tune: UMH #420, Robert Jackson / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

Hear us, O living God. Hear all we bring to you—
each joy, each tear,
each hope, each fear,
each sigh of gratitude.

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.

Hide it under a bushel, no! ...

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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