

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"... and in the place where it was
said to them, 'You are not my
people,' it shall be said to them,
'Children of the living God.'"*

- Hosea 1:10b

July 24, 2022
7th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "Nearer, My God, to Thee" (arranged & performed by Al Green)

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 26, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer (weekly)

- info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality

Sunday, Jul 31, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Virtual Worship

- info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality

Saturday, Aug 6, 1-5 pm: Memorial Service for Catherine Morris

- Church of the Redeemer Baptist Church / 2421 Dickinson St

Sunday, Aug 7, 2 pm: Church Council

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 worshiping 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: "Seek Ye First" (UMH #405, Karen Lafferty – adapted)

Seek ye first the (kindom) of God
and (God's) righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia!

Call to Worship (Beth Merrill Neel – adapted)

One: Children of God: welcome!

ALL: Welcome to this place of love and grace.

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

ALL: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news, the gospel of generosity and grace:

ALL: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are. In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Life-Giver, Lover of Us All" (tune: UMH #682,
Thomas Tallis / lyrics: Laurie Aleona)

Life-giver, Lover of us all,
upon your holy name we call.
Your new day come, your will be done,
on earth as in all realms beyond.

We pray this day for bread to live;
forgive our sins as we forgive;
and give us strength in time of test;
grant us release from evil's death.

For all the cosmos is your own,
your power of love which we have known.
The splendor, radiant, without end;
to God be praise! Amen. Amen.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (Bret S. Myers – adapted)

O God, our Divine Parent, may your presence be ever revered. May your peace and justice dwell among us. May your love and compassion live within and between us. Nourish us daily with the necessities of life; sustenance for our bodies, and inspiration for our spirits. And may the forgiveness we give be that which we receive from you; the kindness we show be that which we perceive in you. Lead us on virtuous paths, and distance us from evil. For your world is our world, and your reign our reign; then, now and always. May it be so. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Hosea 1:2-10

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." **3** So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. **4** And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. **5** On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

6 She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them.

7 But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

8 When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. **9** Then the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God." **10** Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." **2** He said to them, "When you pray, say: (Mother-)Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. **3** Give us each day our daily bread. **4** And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves

forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

5 And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; **6** for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' **7** And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' **8** I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9 "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. **10** For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. **11** Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? **12** Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? **13** If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly (Mother-)Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask (them)!"

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Gospel of Generosity and Grace"

Song: "The Love of God Comes Close" (tune: UMH #715, John Darwall / lyrics: John Bell)

The love of God comes close
where stands an open door,
to let the stranger in, to mingle rich and poor.

The love of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way.

The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease to ease the lives forlorn.

The peace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way.

The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears.

The joy of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way.

The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised and bent.

The grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way.

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: "Siyahamba / We Are Marching" (*TFWS #2235-b, traditional South African*)

Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos',
si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos. (repeat)

Si – ya – hamba, hamba, si – ya – hamba
hamba, si – ya – hamb' e
ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos (repeat)

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God. (repeat)

We are marching, marching, we are marching,
marching, we are marching in the light of God. (repeat)

We are living in the love of God ...

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"

Calvary United Methodist Church

at the intersection of 48th & Baltimore / spirituality & justice

801 S. 48th Street / Philadelphia, PA 19143

215.724.1702 / office@allmeansall.org / **allmeansall.org**

Pastor Tim Emmett-Rardin: pastortim@allmeansall.org

(in case of pastoral emergency: 215.370.7411)