

# Calvary

## United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*"Then Jesus took the loaves, and  
when he had given thanks, he distributed  
them to those who were seated; so also the fish,  
as much as they wanted."*

- John 6:11

**July 25, 2021**  
9th Sunday after Pentecost

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING

**Prelude:** "This Little Light of Mine"

*(Yo-Yo Ma, Marika Hughes, Marcus Rojas et al)*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### Announcements

- donate to building campaign: [tinyurl.com/CCCCPhilly](http://tinyurl.com/CCCCPhilly)
- Pastor Tim will be on vacation Aug 2-7; please contact Kristine Morrow (Staff-Parish Relations Committee chair) in case of a pastoral emergency: 267.624.5530
- tentative return to in-person worship: Sunday, Aug 29 at Clark Park, then Sunday, Sep 12 at Calvary

### Calendar

#### **Today**

- **1 pm:** Calvary Building Clean-Out/Clean-Up
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group
  - info at [allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group](http://allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group)
  - also Aug 29

#### **Tuesday, Jul 27**

- **12-12:30 pm:** Midweek Prayer
  - info at [allmeansall.org/virtual](http://allmeansall.org/virtual)
- **12-1 pm:** Virtual Lunches for Driver's Licenses for All *(also Fridays, semi-weekly)*
  - info at [tinyurl.com/licensesforallvirtuallunch](http://tinyurl.com/licensesforallvirtuallunch)

#### **Sunday, Aug 1**

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Worship, with Communion
  - BYO communion elements
- **12:30 pm:** Church Council

**Friday, Aug 6 - Saturday, Aug 7:** Eastern PA Conference 2021  
Laity Academy

- info at [epaumc.org](http://epaumc.org) (search Laity Academy)

**Sunday, Aug 8, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Worship

- guest preacher: Pastor John

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

- save the date for now; details coming soon!

**Saturday, Oct 23, 4 pm:** Charge Conference

## 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](mailto: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: "Circle Chant"** *(Linda Hirschorn)*

Circle round for freedom, circle round for peace  
For all of us imprisoned, circle for release  
Circle for the planet, circle for each soul  
For the children of our children:  
keep the circle whole!

## **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: Gather, friends, in the gracious abundance of God's presence.

**ALL: We join to hold and be held in each other's heart.**

One: And this, friends, is abundance, not to fear but to trust.

**ALL: We rest in God's grace.**

One: This is abundance, not to hoard but to share.

**ALL: We dare in God's grace.**

One: This is abundance, not to be alone but together in community.

**ALL: We are held in God's grace.**

One: This is abundance, not to live guardedly but to love with abandon.

**ALL: We give ourselves in God's grace.**

One: This is abundance, not to yield to anxious worry but to know enough.

**ALL: We are satisfied in God's grace.**

One: Gather, friends, and know God among us.

**ALL: We open our hearts to the grace that gathers us; we open our mouths to praise God, who is with us: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Hymn:** “What Gift Can We Bring” (*UMH #87*)

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?  
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,  
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.  
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,  
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,  
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,  
the Word is our promise always, forever;  
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,  
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

**Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**CENTERING**

**Community Prayer** (*John Pritchard, adapted*)

We meet you O God, in the night sky, dwarfing us with the immensity of your universe. We meet you in the water of a creek, each drop teeming with life. We meet you in wetlands and forest and ocean's depth, balanced systems of life-sustaining mutuality. We meet you as gift—life-giving, life-delighting gift. We meet you as wail—raging wail for justice and for the healing of the planet. We meet you as seamstress, threading our lives into the fabric of community. We meet you as love—fierce, tender, unrelenting and unfailing love.

And so we give thanks this day, thanks for your presence, ever with us, ever beyond us. Clear a space within us in these moments where we may meet you again, intimate friend, wondrous mystery, and when we do, birth in us something fresh—fresh wonder, fresh commitment, fresh joy. You who stirs in burning star and crashing wave and soaring eagle, stir in us, stir us toward abundant life, we pray. Amen.

## Silent Prayer

**Special Music:** "A House Called Home" (*Calvary Choir*)

**Scripture Lesson:** 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."

**43** But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" **44** He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

## Choral Alleluia

**Scripture Lesson:** John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. **2** A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. **3** Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. **4** Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. **5** When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" **6** He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. **7** Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

**8** One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, **9** "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" **10** Jesus said,

"Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. **11** Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

**12** When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." **13** So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. **14** When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

**15** When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. **16** When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, **17** got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. **18** The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. **19** When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. **20** But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." **21** Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## **Choral Alleluia**

**Sermon:** "More Than Enough"

**Hymn of Response:** "Where Is Bread?"

*(tune: UMH #400 / lyrics: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)*

"Where is bread?" the great crowd murmured —  
Thousands strong, yet all in need.

"Where is bread?" your people wondered,  
Faced with such a crowd to feed.

Who, Lord Jesus, could have guessed it?  
One small boy brought food to share.

Taking what he gave, you blessed it;  
All were fed, with much to spare.

Where is bread? We know their yearning;  
Every day, we wish for more.

God, in time, we're slowly learning:  
All we own can make us poor.  
Our possessions can possess us,  
Leaving hunger deep inside.  
Christ our Bread, come now and bless us;  
At your feast, we're satisfied.

"Where is bread?" the call is rising;  
Millions cry who must be fed.  
God, your answer seems surprising:  
"You, my Church, you give them bread."  
Bread to fill each hungry spirit,  
Bread for hungry stomachs, too!  
Give us bread and help us share it.  
Richly blest, may we serve you.

## **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: "This Little Light of Mine"**

*(UMH #585, with additional lyrics)*

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 . . .  
All around the world . . .  
So that all may have enough . . .  
Toward abundant life for all . . .

## **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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