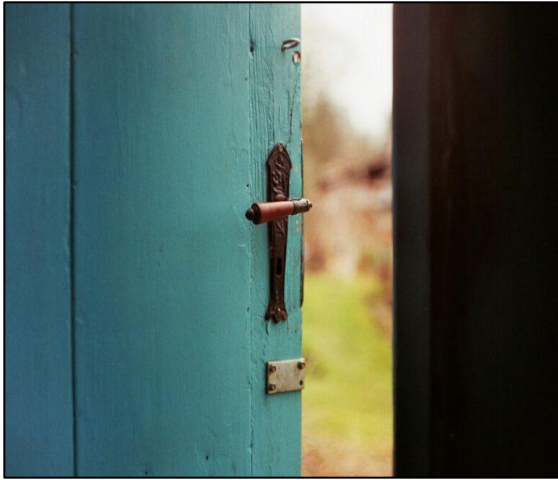


Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“So I say to you,
Ask, and it will be given to you;
search, and you will find; knock, and
the door will be opened for you.”*

- Luke 11:9

July 27, 2025

7th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Disability Pride Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "The Lord's Prayer in Arabic" (*Proskuneo Ministries*)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Congregational giving** (*rounded*)
 - Jul 14-20: \$606 / weekly budget: \$1,827
- **Fall Retreat:** Saturday, September 27
 - Innabah Camp & Retreat Center
 - allmeansall.org/retreats
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Monday, Jul 28

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

Tuesday, Jul 29, 3 pm: Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)

- allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2nd & 4th: 6 pm

Wednesday, Jul 30, 10-11 am: Yoga (*weekly*)

- see Jul 28 for details

Saturday, Aug 2

- **9 am-12 pm:** Calvary Workday
 - please contact the church office if you can help for part or all of the time
- **1 pm:** Meditation (*weekly*)
 - Calvary (Board Room) – 48th St entrance
 - witnessandintegrate@gmail.com

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

Sunday, Aug 10, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

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

Seek ye first the (kingdom) 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 (New Zealand Prayer Book – paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer inspired by the Māori and Polynesian peoples of New Zealand/Aotearoa)

One: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother
of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

ALL: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

One: The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

ALL: Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

One: Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

ALL: With the bread we need for today, feed us.

One: In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

ALL: In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

One: From trials too great to endure, spare us.

ALL: From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

One: For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Life-giver, Lover of Us All" (*tune: UMH #682, Thomas Tallis / lyrics: Laurie YJ 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 pow'r of love which we have known;
the splendor, radiant, without end.
To God be praise! Amen. Amen.

Stewardship Sharing

Offering Our Gifts

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*"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

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (*John Philip Newell – adapted*)

Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe, your name is sacred, beyond speaking. May we know your presence, may your longings be our longings in heart and in action. May there be food for the human family today and for the whole earth community. Forgive us the falseness of what we have done as we forgive those who are untrue to us. Do not forsake us in our time of conflict, but lead us into new beginnings. For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life are yours now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 85

HOLY ONE, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. **2** You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. **3** You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. **4** Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us. **5** Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? **6** Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? **7** Show us your steadfast love, O HOLY ONE, and grant us your salvation. **8** Let me hear what God the HOLY ONE will speak, for God will speak peace to God's people, to God's faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts. **9** Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear God, that God's glory may dwell in our

land. **10** Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. **12** The HOLY ONE will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. **13** Righteousness will go before God and will make a path for God's steps.

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Master, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." **2** So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Mother-Father, may your name be revered as holy. May 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 out of friendship, at least because of your persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. **9** "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to 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

asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish?

12 Or if the child asked for an egg, would 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 Creator give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!"

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: "Open-Door Policy"

Song: "Our Amma, Abba, Holy One (The Lord's Prayer)"
(tune: UMH #175, John B. Dykes / lyrics: Hannah C. Brown, verse 4: Pastor Tim)

Our Amma, Abba, Holy One,
we praise you far and wide.
In all the earth your will be done;
come close and be our guide.

Grant us enough to eat today.
Release us from our sin
to find the freedoms of your way,
the mercies sown within.

Teach us to love and to forgive;
each dawn, begin again.
Your justice, pow'r, and glory live
forevermore, amen.

Your holy kindom's close at hand,
opened through hearts and minds.
If we but knock and enter in,
abundant life to find.

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: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (TFWS #2153, African American spiritual – adapted)

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere ... anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me,
anywhere ... anytime!
I'm gonna work so ...
I'm gonna pray so ...
I'm gonna live so ...

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Pool of Love" (Alexa Sunshine Rose, Murray Kyle)

May the pool of love we have gathered here
Spread its wings and fly far and near
From the depths of our hearts to the farthest star
May our love bless everyone

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