

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*“... as you are being  
rooted and grounded in love.”*

*- Ephesians 3:17b*

**July 28, 2024**

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

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Disability Pride Month

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song:** “My Heart Is Ready” (Cindy Kallett, perf. by Lisa G. Littlebird)

## **Welcome & Announcements**

- **Community engagement projects:** volunteers needed this fall at Avery D. Harrington Elementary School, Sankofa Community Farm and Grace Café
  - [allmeansall.org/community-projects](http://allmeansall.org/community-projects)
  - contact Pastor Tim to sign up
- **Fall Community Rummage Sale:** Sep 28, 10 am-3 pm
  - volunteers needed to help coordinate – please contact the church office to sign up:  
[office@allmeansall.org](mailto:office@allmeansall.org)
- **Save the dates:**
  - **Fall Retreat (for all ages):** Oct 19, 10 am-5 pm
  - **Spring Retreat (for adults):** May 16-17, 2025
- **Previous sermons:** [allmeansall.org/sermons](http://allmeansall.org/sermons)
- **Previous bulletins:** [allmeansall.org/bulletins](http://allmeansall.org/bulletins)

## Calendar

**Tuesday, Jul 30, 12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (weekly)

- [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)

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

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

- guest preacher: Rev. David Tatgenhorst

**Sunday, Aug 18, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Lesley Curtis

## 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:** "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 (*repeat*)

**Call to Worship** (*John van de Laar – adapted*)

One: In our daily choices and relationships, in our homes and communities,

**ALL: may we align ourselves with your love, O God.**

One: In our citizenship and country, in our national discourse and social participation,

**ALL: may we align ourselves with your love, O God.**

One: In our world and on the earth, in our care for the planet, and our sharing of its resources,

**ALL: may we align ourselves with your love, O God.**

One: And may your love fill the globe, so that all may live aligned with and blessed by your love.

**ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song:** "God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"  
(*UMH #122, tune: Carl F. Schalk / lyrics: Jaroslav J. Vajda*)

God of the sparrow

God of the whale

God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake  
God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

### **Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## **GROUNDING**

### **Community Prayer**

In our need and hunger, O God, you feed us abundantly. In our fears and struggles, you bear us through the storms. It is your radical, unending love that feeds and bears us, that nurtures and sustains us, that strengthens and empowers us, that calls and sends us into the world. May our hearts, our minds, our bodies, our lives be open, always, to the leading of your love. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Special Music**

#### **Scripture Lesson:** Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason I bow my knees before God, **15** from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. **16** I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through God's Spirit **17** and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. **18** I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth **19** and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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

#### **Scripture Lesson:** Mark 6:35-52

When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." **37** But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it

to them to eat?" **38** And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." **39** Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. **40** So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. **41** Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all.

**42** And all ate and were filled; **43** and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.

**44** Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

**45** Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. **46** After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray. **47** When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. **48** When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. **49** But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; **50** for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." **51** Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, **52** for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**Choral Alleluia**

**Sermon: "Rooted and Grounded in Love"**

**Song:** "God's Love Embraces All" (tune: Margaret Gunn / lyrics: Helen Wiltshire)

The image shows a musical score for the song "God's Love Embraces All". It consists of three staves of music in a 4/4 time signature, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a bar line and a fermata over the first note. The lyrics are: "We know God's love, en-com-pas-sing the height, the breadth, the depths of life; our praise and thanks we— glad - ly bring as— hearts in won - der sing: God's love em - bra - ces all!"

Love climbs the heights of joy and grace  
and gifts us with each sunlit day;  
the beauty of each sacred space  
brings blessings we may trace:  
God's love embraces all!

Love sounds the depths of grief and pain  
and gathers all who weep and mourn;  
this loving presence will remain  
and life anew sustain:  
God's love embraces all!

Love spans the breadth of faith and fear  
where questions dance with mystery,  
as wisdom holds us ever near  
and sings in accents clear:  
God's love embraces all!

Love permeates this holy ground  
and lights a fire of awe within;  
love speaks in stillness and in sound  
and shares this truth profound:  
God's love embraces all!

## **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:** “The Trees of the Field” (TFWS #2279, tune: Stuart Dauermann / lyrics: Steffi Geiser Ruben)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field,  
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap 2x*)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap 2x*)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap 2x*)  
while you go out with joy.

## **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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