

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



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you to do something difficult,
would you not have done it?
How much more, when all he said
to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"
- 2 Kings 5:13*

July 3, 2022

4th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "Open Unto Me" (*tune: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan / lyrics: Anne Thurman, based on Howard Thurman prayer*)

Welcome / Announcements

- **Pastor Tim will be on vacation again beginning next week, Jul 8-13;** in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Kristine (Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee): 267.624.5530
- **Worship volunteers:** sign up at tinyurl.com/worship-help

Calendar

Tuesday, Jul 5, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)

- info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality

Sunday, Jul 10

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **1:30ish-3:30ish pm:** Calvary Potluck Picnic at Clark Park
 - 43rd & Chester (*weather permitting*)
 - BYO lunch & chairs if you can (*extra food/drinks provided*)

Thursday, Jul 14, 7-8:15 pm: Community Rhythm Circle

- info at allmeansall.org/crc

Friday, Jul 22, 6-8 pm: Calvary Kids Youth Group

- gathering for ages 11 (rising 6th graders) and up

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 worshipping 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: "Prayer Chant (We Resist)" *(Mark Miller)*

We resist, we refuse, to let hatred in.

We rise up, we won't back down,

We're in this 'til the end. *(repeat)*

Pray for your enemies, welcome the stranger,

Show love to your neighbor, we're in this 'til the end.

Call to Worship *(Ana Gobledeale, based on Psalm 30 – adapted)*

One: Sing praises to the Eternal One.

ALL: Today we praise the sacred with enthusiasm.

One: Rejoice in the morning light.

ALL: We rejoice in the never-ending love of God.

One: Sadness and anger have darkened our paths.

ALL: Yet in the light of hope, with joy, we celebrate a new day. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Joy Comes with the Dawn" *(TFWS #2210, Gordon Light)*

Refrain

*Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.*

Weeping may come; weeping may come in the night,
when dark shadows cloud our sight. *(Refrain)*

Sorrow will turn, sorrow will turn into song,
and God's laughter make us strong. *(Refrain)*

We will rejoice, we will rejoice, and give praise;
to the One who brings us grace. *(Refrain)*

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted)*

Spirit of healing and wholeness, we are broken people in a broken world. Unblock and unlock us, open us to healing and new life, to your ongoing invitation to be whole and to make whole this wounded world. Nourish in us the power to heal, to enact goodness, to do justice and love mercy. Walk with us as we go into the world to be and share your love. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 30

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. **2** O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. **3** O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. **4** Sing praises to the LORD, O you (God's) faithful ones, and give thanks to (God's) holy name. **5** For (God's) anger is but for a moment; (God's) favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

6 As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." **7** By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. **8** To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: **9** "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of

your faithfulness? **10** Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!" **11** You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, **12** so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.

2 Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. **3** She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." **4** So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said.

5 And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. **6** He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." **7** When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." **9** So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted

at the entrance of Elisha's house. **10** Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." **11** But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! **12** Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.

13 But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" **14** So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Getting In Our Own Way"

Song: "Spirit of God" (TFWS #2117, Steve Garnaas-Holmes)
Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,
glow as you always do; create us anew.
Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,
healing upon your wings for all living things.
For when we live your peace, captives will find release,

held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far-off lands
you hold all the human race in one warm embrace.
No matter where we go, you hold us together so,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,
the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.
We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

Spirit of God, in all, we gladly hear your call,
the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.
Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! (2x)

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.

Communion / The Great Thanksgiving *(John Pritchard - adapted)*

One: God is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts.

ALL: We open them to God and to one another.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: We do praise you, creative God, whose Spirit stirred the waters, whose voice spoke life into being. You heard the cries of a people enslaved and opened a way into freedom. You covenanted with them a way of justice, shining a light in deep shadows. When they lost their way and turned from your covenant, again and again you sent prophets to speak them back into life. And so with them, with all your people now on earth, indeed with all of your creation, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-b, tune: Mark Miller)

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

One: We praise you, embodying God, who came among us in Jesus and comes again and again in the arms of those who welcome, in the hands of those who share, in the hearts of those who know compassion, in the voices of those who speak for justice. As the ways of Jesus threatened those wedded to systems of injustice, and they worked to silence him, so too often still those who live ways of love and justice are silenced, marginalized, crushed. Yet, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so you ensure their witness will not be lost, their spirit will not die. As Jesus shared a meal with his disciples to affirm their covenant, so we now share bread and a cup to reaffirm our covenant and to acknowledge your continued presence among us.

Before his arrest ... And so as we prepare to share this sacred meal together, we remember, and we commit ourselves anew to your ways of healing, of justice and peace, of care for all creation, proclaiming the mystery of faith:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-c, tune: Mark Miller)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

One: We praise you, empowering God, as you pour out your Spirit on us gathered here and virtually, on these gifts of bread and cup, and on all those elements we use to join in this holy feast of love. As we do, renew our love for you, for ourselves, for each other. Reopen us all to your healing touch, to life renewed. Reignite our witness for justice and stir up our yearning for your will done on earth. Grant us a taste of your presence as we eat and drink together:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-d, tune: Mark Miller)

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Sung Response: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (UMH #618, African American spiritual)

Let us break bread together on our knees. *(repeat)*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees ...

Let us praise God together on our knees ...

ENGAGING

Closing Song: "May You Run and Not Be Weary" *(alternate tune & refrain: UMH #525, Charles Albert Tindley / lyrics: TFWS #2281, Paul Murakami and Handt Hanson)*

May you run and not be weary.

May your heart be filled with song.

And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.

And may you run and not be weary.

May your life be filled with joy!

And may the road you travel always lead you home.

Refrain

*By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.*

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Go Now in Peace" (UMH #665,
Natalie Sleeth)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

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