

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"Take care! Be on your guard
against all kinds of greed; for
one's life does not consist in
the abundance of possessions."*

- Luke 12:15

July 31, 2022

8th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "Save Us All" (*Tracy Chapman*)

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, Aug 2, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)

- 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

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship, with Communion
- **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: "Return to Me" (Rickie Byars)

Return to me

Return to me

With every breath

Return

End and begin with me

With every breath

Return

Return to love ...

Return to peace ...

Call to Worship (Thom Shuman – adapted)

One: God of the past who whispered in the prophets' ears; who continues to call us to justice and abundance,

ALL: we are here to thank you.

One: God of the future, who is tearing down the old world, and building your kingdom of love in our midst:

ALL: we are here because we trust you.

One: God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity, creates us to be one people:

ALL: we are here to praise you.

One: God of life that surprises us when we find it within us:

ALL: we celebrate your grace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Bring Many Names" (TFWS #2047, tune: Carlton R. Young / lyrics: Brian Wren)

Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.

Hail and Hosanna! bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving, till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

Old, aching God, grey with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(John van de Laar – adapted)*

It's a simple choice, really, one that should be easy. Do we create need – building our lives around a void that we feed and feed, but is never satisfied; storing more than we will ever use, to silence our fear, while ignoring the cries of those we have left empty?

Or do we create plenty – finding satisfaction in enough, finding joy in what can't be owned and life in what is not for sale; seeking to share life and joy and food and wealth, so that these blessings are multiplied and celebrated.

Teach us, O God, in our homes and families, our communities and neighborhoods, our countries and continents, to make the simple choice, to nurture abundant life wherever and however we may. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Colossians 3:1-3, 8-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, **3** for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

8 But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. **9** Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices **10** and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. **11** In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." **14** But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" **15** And he said to them, "Take care!

Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. **17** And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?'

18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. **19** And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' **20** But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' **21** So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Life Actually"

Song: "Down to Earth" (*tune: UMH #278, public domain / lyrics: Brenton Prigge*)

Teach us to be down to Earth
but not be quagmired here,
possessed by our possessions
and captives to our fear –
fear that we won't have enough
a fear of letting go;
teach us to have open hands
that will not cling or clutch.

We confess the travesty
created by our greed,
the things we own have owned us;
have mercy, set us free!
May we die to fear and greed,

Creator, make us new,
may we learn to give away
and trust you for all needs.

We will take inventory
of all we have received;
all things at our disposal
we freely now can give;
they are not the treasure, no
and yet the giving is:
when we loose our hold on things,
they have no hold on us.

This will be our treasure now:
that we have much to give,
and that when we share freely,
we're truly free to live.
For it is not in hoarding
that we are made secure;
our hope is in God alone,
in God our hope is sure.

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

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! *(repeat)*

I'm gonna work so ...

I'm gonna pray so ...

I'm gonna live so ...

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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