

# Calvary United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*"(God's) unfailing love  
continues forever, and  
(God's) faithfulness continues  
to each generation."  
- Psalm 100:5*

**July 5, 2020**  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## **GATHERING**

**Prelude** (Greg Scott)

**Welcome** (Pastor Calvin Collins)

**Announcements** (Lesley Curtis)

Noteworthy:

*Today: Holy Communion, and Pastor Calvin leads worship for the first time as Calvary's new pastor. Welcome, Pastor Calvin! You can reach Pastor Calvin at [pastor@allmeansall.org](mailto:pastor@allmeansall.org).*

*Black Lives Matter Car & Bicycle Caravan in West Philly*

Where: Starts from 48th & Baltimore

When: Sat. July 11, 4.00pm

NB: Please observe mask and social distancing protocols

*Congratulations to Emily Kirchner!*

*Graduated from Lancaster's family medicine residency and will join the faculty there this fall.*

Any others?

And please watch your in-box for *Calvary Connections!*

## **Singing Our Way In**

"A New Start" (Lorelle Becton)

With the soft earth below

And the strong, gentle spirit hovering above

Let's undermine hostility

In the strong pursuit of love.

## **Invitation to Holy Presence / Opening Breath Prayer**

*Breath Word: Light.*

*Focus on Our Creator using writing, silent meditation, staring into a candle flame, or other methods that you use to create a*

*sacred space within your home for the next two minutes. Focus on the Breath of God and on this word: "Light."*

**Call to Worship** ("ALL" led by Lorelle Becton)

[From Sirach (Ecclesiastes) 24:3-7; 18-21 19-22; 51:23-27]

**ALL: We draw near to Wisdom Who gives us peace.**

ONE: Wisdom opens Her mouth and speaks:

"I came forth from the mouth of One Who is greater than the mountains, and I covered the earth like a mist. The heavens were My tent. I took My repose sitting upon a pillar of clouds. Alone, I have made the circuit of the skies and traversed the depths of the abyss. Over the waves of the sea, over the whole earth, over every people and nation, I have held sway. Among all these, I searched for a resting place. I looked to see with whom I might pitch My tent."

**ALL: We draw near to Wisdom Who gives us peace.**

ONE: "Come to Me, all who desire Me, and be filled with My fruits. Memories of Me are sweeter than honey. Being nourished by Me is sweeter than honeycomb. They who eat Me will thirst for more. They who drink Me will thirst for more. Whoever hears Me will not be put to shame, and those who serve Me will never go astray."

**ALL: We draw near to the Wisdom Who gives us peace.**

ONE: "Come close to Me, you who have yet to learn, and lodge in My house of instruction. Why do you still lack these things, when you are parched and thirsting for them? I have opened My mouth, I have said: 'Buy without money. Put your necks under Her yoke. Let your souls receive instruction. She is near - within your reach.' See for yourselves that I have labored little, but have found much peace."

**ALL: We draw near to Wisdom Who gives us peace.**

**Opening Hymn:** "There is a Time for Silence" (Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; Music: Phil Hart)

There is a time for silence, a time to listen well,  
a time to hear the painful stories others have to tell.

O God, may we who love to talk now hear the rage and fear,  
and may we learn from neighbors who have long been silenced here.

There is a time for asking, a time to pause and pray,  
there is a time to hear the prophets speak of God's new day,  
to hear the words of Jesus who taught welcome, truth and love,  
to hear the Spirit speaking through the ones who shout,  
"Enough!"

There's time for humble study — for reading and for thought.  
God, may we learn from others of the justice they have sought,  
And may we learn from those who bravely stand against the hate,  
So when we're called to justice, we, your church, won't hesitate.

There's time for good reflection, to ponder who we've been,  
to think how our own attitudes have paved the way for sin,  
to listen to the ones we fear — to folks we may resent —  
to hear of Jesus' call to love — and humbly to repent.

And there's a time to work now — to boldly say their names,  
to protest and to organize, to advocate for change,  
to use our voices and to stand with those who are oppressed.  
As we seek justice, hand in hand, Lord, may your world be blessed.

### **Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### **CENTERING**

**Community Prayer** (Led by Pastor Calvin)

## Silent Prayer

**Special Music:** "We are Marching (in the Light of God)"  
(TFWS 2235b) (Calvary choir)

*In case you wish to sing along:* 1. Marching, 2. Living, 3. Dancing, 4. Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos' (x4), Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba, / Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'. (x2). 5. Praying. 6. Marching.

## Scripture Lesson

New Testament: (Carl Ballinger)

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans Chapter 8:  
14-17

All those who are led by the Spirit are children of God. You did not receive a spirit of Slavery to fall back into fear! You received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father! Ima, Mother".

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God; and if we are God's children, then we are heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with the Christ. We must only suffer with the Christ so that we may be glorified with the Christ.

ONE: The Word of the Apostle Paul.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

## Choral Alleluia

Gospel: (Pastor Calvin)

ONE: A Reading from the Gospel attributed to Matthew  
Chapter 11, verses 25-30.

**ALL: Glory to you, O God.**

Jesus prayed: "I thank you, Loving God of all Creation. Although You have hidden things from the learned and the wise, You have revealed them to those who are child-like. This has been the desire of Your heart for the world. Like a father or mother, You have handed all things over to me.

No one knows a child the way a parent does; and no one knows a parent like their child and those with whom the child shares their family.”

ONE: The Gospel of God.

**ALL: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.**

**Choral Alleluia**

**Sermon** “New Dimensions: A Divine Mystery”

**Hymn of Response:** “In the Midst of New Dimensions”  
(TFWS 2238) (Pastor Calvin leading)

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways. Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

[Refrain:] God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair, Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? [Refrain]

As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes, Grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams. [Refrain]

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young, Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. [Refrain]

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain, May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again. [Refrain]

**SHARING**

**Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns** (Lesley Curtis)

“Thanks be to God” or “God, hear our prayer”

### **Prayer Response** *“Spirit of the Living God”* (UMH 393)

Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me. (x2)  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.

### **Holy Communion**

Prayer of Confession/Pardon (Rev. Calvin Collins) (“ALL” led by Lorelle Becton)

ONE: The wind of the spirit that breathes life into us has also called us to confess our wrongdoings to others to plead for forgiveness and to learn from our mistakes. Let us now forgive one another that we have not forgiven that we have withheld love from and that we have disregarded. Take these next few moments in silence to be contemplative of this call from the spirit.

**ALL: Holy Spirit whose water flows in us, whose Spirit dwells from corner to corner, from east to west, as far and close as possible. May your omnipresence through virtual means comfort us be with us in those times where we feel others have disregarded ourselves as well. Merciful spirit, compassionate love, stir up our hearts to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you as we go into the world to serve our siblings in creation. This we pray together. Amen.**

ONE: God whose Spirit that is present in this water and spirit that is present in our souls have mercy on you forgive you all your wrongdoings through Jesus the liberator and our sibling bring you assurance of forgiveness of your wrongdoings and liberation from your mistreatments this day and always. Amen

**“At God’s Table”** (Calvary choir; Pastor Calvin)

Verse 1 (Soloist)

In Ancient days, each Christian fold  
Would hear the Shepard's, words of Love  
While gathered here, here at God's ta-ble  
To share the feast of life, here at God's ta-ble  
To hear God's word of love.

Verse 2 (Soloist)

When Christians gather, when they are one  
To worship God, and serve the world  
We gather here, **(Choir/ALL) here at God's ta-ble**  
**Together hand in hand, here at God's ta-ble**  
**To taste God's word of love.**

Verse 3 (Soloist)

When you have trials, when shadows fall  
When you need the Power, of one and all  
**(Choir/ALL) Bring them here, here to God's ta-ble**  
**Lay your burden here, here at God's ta-ble**  
(Soloist) To feel God's word of love.  
**(Choir/ALL) Bring them here, here to God's ta-ble**  
**Lay your burden here, here at God's ta-ble**  
(Soloist) To feel God's word of love....  
.... To feel God's word of love.

ONE:...right now.

(Words: Traditional African Folk Song, Tune: Mighty God Irr.)

**All: We have open hearts right now.**

**We have open hearts right now.**

**We give God the glory.**

**Give God all our worries.**

**We have open hearts right now.**

...as we sing:

**(Tune: Mighty God Irr.)**

**All: What a mighty God we serve.**

**What a mighty God we serve.**

**Angels bow before you.**

**Heaven and earth adore you.**

**What a mighty God we serve.**

...songs to You.

**(Tune: Mighty God Irr.)**

**All: Jesus bowed his head and died.**

**Christ arose into the sky.**

**Christ is soon returning.**

**Skyward we are turning.**

**We will dwell with Christ on high.**

...perfect harmony.

**(Tune: Mighty God Irr.)**

**All: We have prayed in Jesus name.**

**We have prayed in Jesus name.**

**Filled with God's own Spirit.**

**God's love we inherit.**

**We have prayed in Jesus name.**

Now let us say together in a prayerful way the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, from *Good as New: A Radical Retelling of the Scriptures* by: Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury

***'Loving God,***

***help us proclaim your values***

***and bring in your New World.***

***Supply us our day-to-day needs.***

***Forgive us for wounding you,***

***while we forgive those who wound us.***

***Give us courage to meet life's trials.'***

*All are welcome at this table to which Christ has invited us.*

*No matter whether you are Queer, Straight, Gay, are*

*Cisgender, Trans, or an Ally, are Questioning, are Christian,*

*are Seeking, are a Parent, a Child, or an Outcast, **All Are***

***Welcome. At Calvary and At This Table, All Means All.***

*Come at this time virtually to the table of God's*

*Transformative Grace. Please remember to dispose of the*

*elements following this Holy Meal that are left over in a*

*reverent way by either consumption or placing them*

*outside for creatures great and small to consume.*

## Consuming Holy Communion:

*ONE: Here at Calvary, anyone and everyone is welcome at God's Table. In this time of Pandemic and great uncertainty in life, we yearn for a constant. That constant to many is faith. That constant is the grace we receive in this Holy Meal. That constant is the call on our lives following this meal to take into the community and the whole world the gifts received in this meal. It is so important to not just take this as a snack, but to realize the importance of this Sacrament. Come now to this table of God's transformative and amazing grace. Jesus turned tables, shed tears, laughed, felt pain, and so many more emotions. The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Take In Remembrance that Christ Gave his Life for You, Was Neighborly to So Many, and Be Thankful.*

Prayer after communion:

**ALL: We have shared in such a holy mystery and have been filled with transformative grace that has overwhelmed our hearts and we feel clothed in love. Creator, we cannot and will never let it all end here. Use us we pray to share this same love with others, that they too may join with us around your throne to sing your praises now and forever. Amen**

Rev. Calvin Collins

## **ENGAGING**

### **Benediction and Blessing**

**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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# **Calvary United Methodist Church**

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*at the corner of spirituality & justice*

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# July 5, 2020 – Announcements

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## CALENDAR

Today:

**Sunday, Jul 5:** Holy Communion. Pastor Calvin leads worship for the first time as Calvary's new pastor. You can reach him at [pastor@allmeansall.org](mailto:pastor@allmeansall.org).

Upcoming

**Tuesday, July 7, 12 pm:** Midweek Prayer

- info at [allmeansall.org/connecting-virtually](http://allmeansall.org/connecting-virtually)

**Saturday, Jul 11, 4.00pm:** Black Lives Matter Car & Bicycle Caravan in West Philly

- starts from 48th & Baltimore. NB: Please observe mask and social distancing protocols

**Saturdays, Jul 11 - Aug 1, 9-11 am:** The End of White Christianity

- sponsored by The Alternative Seminary; contact Will O'Brien ([willobrien59@gmail.com](mailto:willobrien59@gmail.com) / 215.842.1790) to register or for more info (deadline is Jun 30)

## VISITING WITH US?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason(s) you chose to join us this morning! Since we aren't able to greet you in person during this coronavirus pandemic, please contact Pastor Calvin if you have any questions or prayer concerns.

## INVITATIONS / OPPORTUNITIES

### 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, contact the church

office ([office@allmeansall.org](mailto:office@allmeansall.org)).

### Other Email Lists?

You may like to receive email updates from other groups with which Calvary is involved. If so, here's more info:

- POWER: [powerinterfaith.org](http://powerinterfaith.org)
- New Sanctuary Movement: [sanctuaryphiladelphia.org](http://sanctuaryphiladelphia.org)
- PA Interfaith Power & Light: [info@paipl.org](mailto:info@paipl.org)
- Reconciling United Methodists of Eastern PA:  
[pastor@historicstgeorges.org](mailto:pastor@historicstgeorges.org)
- Methodist Federation for Social Action – Eastern PA:  
[milesj526@verizon.net](mailto:milesj526@verizon.net)
- Eastern PA Conference (UMC): [epaumc.org](http://epaumc.org)

### **Want to Help with Worship?**

For the time being, as long as we're gathering virtually for worship, if you would like to participate by leading the Call to Worship or reading scripture, please contact Pastor Calvin.

### **Volunteer with Nursery and Calvary Kids**

We're always looking for more volunteers to work with our children during worship (and beyond)! All volunteers must be involved in the congregation for at least six months, and complete background clearances in compliance with all state laws. If you're interested, please contact Tim Emmett-Rardin ([timstuer@gmail.com](mailto:timstuer@gmail.com)).

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