

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“So, then, whenever
we have an opportunity,
let us work for the good of all ...”*
- Galatians 6:10a

July 6, 2025

4th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Disability Pride Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Lift Me Up" (*Lachi*, feat. James Ian and Gaelynn Lea)

Lachi, who is blind, is an award-winning recording artist and activist, and founder of RAMPD (Recording Artists and Music Professionals with Disabilities). This song is a tribute to the late disability rights activist, Judy Heumann—widely regarded as the mother of the Disability Rights Movement.

Welcome & Announcements

- **Congregational giving** (*rounded*)
 - Jun 23-29: \$546 / weekly budget: \$1,827
- **June special offering:** Reconciling Ministries Network / Reconciling United Methodists of Eastern PA (RUM-EPA)
 - total: \$86.95 (goal: \$500)
 - to contribute online: allmeansall.org/donate (memo/note: Reconciling)
- **Yoga classes will not be offered through Jul 9** (*resuming Monday, Jul 14*)
 - allmeansall.org/yoga
- **Fall Retreat:** Saturday, September 27
 - Innabah Camp & Retreat Center
 - allmeansall.org/retreats
- **Calvary accessibility audit**
 - contact Pastor Tim if you're interested in helping
- **Resistance for such a time as this**
 - allmeansall.org/resistance
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Monday, Jul 7, 7 pm: Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Tuesday, Jul 8

- **3:30 pm:** Trustees
- **6 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
 - 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2nd & 4th: 6 pm

Thursday, Jul 10 - Sunday, Jul 13: Faith-Based Reparative Justice – A Tool for Racial Healing

- Pendle Hill

Saturday, Jul 12, 1 pm: Meditation (*weekly*)

- Calvary (Board Room) – 48th St entrance
- witnessandintegrate@gmail.com

Sunday, Jul 13, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

- guest accompanist: Gerald Becton

Sunday, Jul 20, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Lesley Curtis

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: "I Am a Child of God" (*Cheryl & Bruce Harding*)

I am a child of God,
I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God,
I am a child of God.

I am an endless prayer,
I am a yearning for contemplation,
I am an endless prayer,
I am an endless prayer.

I am a cry for peace,
I am commitment and dedication,
I am a cry for peace,
I am a cry for peace.

I am a song of joy,
I am the moment of jubilation.
I am a song of joy,
I am a song of joy.

Call to Worship *(Susan A. Blain, based on Psalm 30 – adapted)*

One: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones.

ALL: **God hears us in our fear and our sorrow.**

One: Where there was no way,

ALL: **God leads us in a new way.**

One: Where there was no mercy,

ALL: **God surprises us with new mercy.**

One: Where there was weeping in the night,

ALL: **God offers joy with the new day!**

One: Where there was only mourning,

ALL: **God invites us to join in a new song and a new dance.**

One: May our souls praise God and not be silent.

ALL: **May we give thanks to God forever. Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

Opening Song: “Alleluia! Hear God’s Story” *(tune: UMH #150,
William Moore / lyrics: Mary Anne Parrott)*

Alleluia! Hear God’s story,
still unfolding with each dawn.

Taste the wine and body broken:

God’s creative love lives on.

Who the neighbor? Who the hungry?

Who is thirsty for shalom?

God of journey, in your story;

lead us, with the neighbor, home.

Alleluia! Sing the story;
God's great faithfulness proclaim.
Tell of prophets and apostles;
sing the power of Jesus' name.
Who the neighbor? Who the listener?
Who has ears to hear our song?
God of history, tune our voices,
make our hopeful witness strong.

Alleluia! Dance the story;
every sinew now engage.
Tethered close in truthful worship,
boldly face the coming age.
Who the neighbor? Who the watchful?
Who will welcome life's embrace?
God of gospel, tell the story
through our dancing of your grace.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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

GROUNDING

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

God of healing and wholeness, we are broken people in a broken world. Give us the spirit of your healing, 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 this world to share your love. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

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 HOLY ONE had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. **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 skin disease." **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 skin disease." **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 skin disease? 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 HOLY ONE his God and

would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! **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.

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Galatians 6:7-15

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. **8** If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. **9** So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. **10** So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. **11** See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! **12** It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. **13** Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. **14** May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. **15** For

neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything!

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: "Each Other's Keepers"

Song: "The Servant Song" *(TFWS #2222, Richard Gillard – adapted lyrics)*

(Won't you let me be your servant),
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on this road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

(Won't you let me be your servant);
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

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.

Communion / The Great Thanksgiving (Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted)

One: God is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts.

ALL: We open them to God and to each other.

One: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

ALL: It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

One: Infinite Love, we thank you. You create us; you claim us; you accompany us. Though we are broken you heal us. When we betray your love you forgive us; when we are lost you lead us. You judge the forces of evil and injustice, and set us free from oppression. You give us Jesus, and call us to join him in the work of the healing of the world. You invite us to his table, and so we come, singing your praise with all Creation.

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-b, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal - adapted):

Holy, holy, holy (One); 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 (our God).

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

One: Blessed are all who come in your name, and blessed is Jesus, your Christ. He healed the sick and cast out demons. He enacted the reign of your grace. He drew us into a community of humility and compassion, in which we feed one another, forgive each other, and bear one another's burdens. He was crucified by the

power of domination, but you raised him with the power of liberation, faithful to your covenant to be with us always in love.

At the final Passover meal he shared with his disciples ... And so we remember. As often as we break the bread and share the cup, we remember. We taste the same Spirit, we feast on the same promise, and renew our commitment to follow the same path, proclaiming the mystery at the heart of our faith:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-c, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

One: Pour out your Spirit on each of us gathered here and virtually, on these gifts of bread and cup, and on all those elements we use to join in this feast of love—that we may be for the world your body, your hands, your feet, your love enfleshed. As those healed by that same love, may we be reconciled with you and with each other. May we go out to bless, to cast out the powers of evil and injustice, and to enact your kingdom of love. For the healing of the world.

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-d, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):
Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Sung Response: “Eat This Bread” (UMH #628, tune: Robert Batastini & Community / lyrics: Jacques Berthier)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

ENGAGING
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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