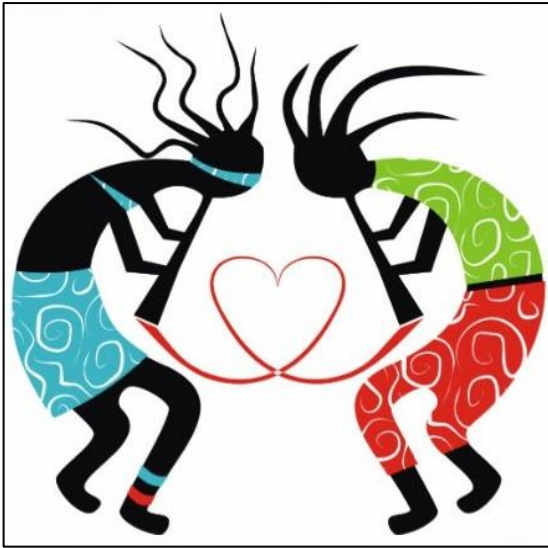


Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“We played the flute for you,
and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”
- **Matthew 11:17***

July 9, 2023

6th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Disability Pride Month

GATHERING

Prelude: "Weary Traveler" (*Jordan St. Cyr*)

*You're invited to be in silence during the Prelude,
as we transition together into this sacred time and space.*

Welcome & Announcements

(full Announcements available at allmeansall.org/announcements)

- **Pastor Tim on vacation, Jul 12-18**
 - in case of a pastoral emergency, contact Jennine: 215.990.5668
- **Meal support for Sharon:** mealtrain.com/trains/z38lvo
- **Meal support for Ted & Dennis:**
 - mealtrain.com/trains/v5yggq6
- **New Sanctuary Movement wish list for newly arriving immigrants:** tinyurl.com/nsm-wish
- **Worship volunteers:** sign up at tinyurl.com/worship-help

Calendar

Today, 4-7 pm: Eastern Service Workers Association 47th Anniversary Dinner

- St. Paul's Community Center / 1018 Wallace St
- RSVP: phillyeswa1976@gmail.com

Tuesday, Jul 11

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- **7 pm:** Trustees

Sunday, Jul 16: Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Cord Whitaker

Tuesday, Jul 25, 7 pm: Finance Committee

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 / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "Come to Me" (Christopher Grundy)

All who are weary,
all who are burdened down,
come to me, come to me,
come to me and I will give you rest.

My yoke is easy,
my burden feels so light.
Come to me, come to me
come to me and I will give you rest.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 145:8-14, A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

One: Full of grace and a mother's love is the MOTHER OF ALL, slow to anger and abounding in faithful love.

ALL: Blessed be the LIVING GOD and blessed be her name forever.

One: The WOMB OF LIFE is good to all and her mother-love is upon all she has made.

ALL: Blessed be the LIVING GOD and blessed be her name forever.

One: They shall praise you, WELLSPRING OF LIFE, all your works, and all your faithful shall bless you.

ALL: Blessed be the LIVING GOD and blessed be her name forever.

One: Of the glory of your majestic rule shall they speak, and your might shall they declare, to make known to the woman-born her mighty works, and the glorious splendor of her majestic rule.

ALL: Blessed be the LIVING GOD and blessed be her name forever.

One: Your majesty is an everlasting majesty, and your sovereignty endures throughout all generations.

ALL: Blessed be the LIVING GOD and blessed be her name forever.

One: Faithful is the EVER-LIVING GOD in all her words, and gracious in all her deeds.

ALL: Blessed be the LIVING GOD and blessed be her name forever.

One: The MERCIFUL ONE upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bent over.

ALL: Blessed be the LIVING GOD and blessed be her name forever. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "O God, I Seek Your Grace" (*tune: UMH #557, Johann G. Nägeli / lyrics: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*)

O God, I seek your grace;
my soul is thirsting still
as in a dry and weary place
without a stream or well.

I come in praise and prayer,
beholding all your ways;
your steadfast love, beyond compare
is reason for my praise.

In you I will abide;
I lift my hands above!
My soul is richly satisfied
when feasting on your love.

With thanks my spirit sings
as I lie down and rest;
and in the shadow of your wings
I know that I am blessed.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(United Church of Christ, Worship Ways)*

Come to us, Holy One, and immerse us in the beauty of life with you! Come to us, Holy One, and enliven our community with the intensity of your love. Come to us, Holy One, and embolden our community with the urgency of your justice. In the name of the One who calls us to play and to work together in community, Jesus, our beloved. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Song of Songs 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. **9** My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. **10** My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; **11** for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. **12** The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. **13** The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 11:16-19, 28-30

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, **17** 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' **18** For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; **19** the Son of Woman came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet Wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

28 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Dancing and Mourning"

Song: "Let It Be a Dance" (*Rick Marsden*)

Let it be a dance we do.

May I have this dance with you?

**Through the good times and the bad times, too,
let it be a dance.**

Let a dancing song be heard.

Play the music, say the words,
and fill the sky with sailing birds.

Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.

Learn to follow, learn to lead,
feel the rhythm, fill the need
to reap the harvest, plant the seed.

Let it be a dance. (*chorus*)

Everybody turn and spin,
let your body learn to bend,
and, like a willow with the wind,
let it be a dance. Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.
A child is born, the old must die;
a time for joy, a time to cry.
Take it as it passes by.
Let it be a dance. (*chorus*)

Morning star comes out at night,
without the dark there is no light.
If nothing's wrong, then nothing's right.
Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.
Let the sun shine, let it rain;
share the laughter, bare the pain,
and round and round we go again.
Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

"Thanks be to God" or "God, hear our prayer"

Sung Response (*tune: UMH #175 / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

O living God, we wait for you,
each wound, each rift to heal,
each empty heart and life to fill,
each day with joy to seal.

ENGAGING

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

***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: "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!" (*African American spiritual*)

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since I laid my burdens down.
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since I laid my burdens down.

I feel better, so much better
Since I laid my burdens down.
I feel better, so much better,
Since I laid my burdens down!

Feel like shoutin' hallelujah!
since I laid my burdens down!
Feel like shoutin' hallelujah!
since I laid my burdens down!

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