

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“Walking by faith,
tripping constantly ...”*
- as seen on t-shirts

August 10, 2025

9th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Black August

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Strength to Trust" (*Satellite*)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Welcome back to our Preacher-in-Residence:** Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart
- **Pastor Tim on vacation/staycation:** Aug 13-18
 - in case of a pastoral emergency, contact Jennine (Staff-Parish Relations Committee): 215.990.5668
- **Congregational giving** (*rounded*)
 - Jul 28-Aug 3: \$1,674 / weekly budget: \$1,827
- **Fall Retreat:** Saturday, September 27
 - Innabah Camp & Retreat Center
 - allmeansall.org/retreats
- **"All Means All" Anniversary Benefit Concert – Celebrating Justice & Inclusion:** Saturday, October 4
 - stay tuned for details
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Monday, Aug 11

- **5-6:30 pm:** Caregivers Group (*weekly, through Aug 25*)
 - Calvary Parsonage / 815 S. 48th St
 - allmeansall.org/caregivers
- **6:30-7:30 pm:** Yoga (*weekly*)
 - Calvary (Chapel) – 48th St entrance
 - allmeansall.org/yoga

Tuesday, Aug 12

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

Wednesday, Aug 13, 10-11 am: Yoga (weekly)

- see Aug 11 for details

Saturday, Aug 16, 1 pm: Meditation (weekly)

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

Sunday, Aug 17, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Rev. John Pritchard

Friday, Aug 22, 6 pm: Young-ish Adults Gathering
(monthly – last Fridays, but rescheduled a week earlier this month to avoid conflict with Labor Day weekend)

- allmeansall.org/young-ish-adults

Sunday, Aug 24, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

- contemplative service of healing

Sunday, Aug 31, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

Thursday, Sep 4

- **5-8 pm:** Baltimore Avenue Dollar Stroll
- **8-9ish pm:** Spirituality on Tap (monthly – 1st Thursdays)
 - allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

Sunday, Sep 7

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **12:30-1:30 pm:** Congregational Meeting (hybrid)

Sunday, Sep 14

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (Community Sunday)
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck (monthly)

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: “Breathing In, Breathing Out” (tune: Betsy Rose / lyrics: Thich Nhat Hanh)

Breathing in, breathing out (2x)

I am blooming as a flower, I am fresh as the dew

I am solid as a mountain, I am firm as the earth

I am free

Breathing in, breathing out (2x)

I am water, reflecting what is real, what is true

And I feel there is space, deep inside of me

I am free (3x)

Call to Worship (Beth Merrill Neel – adapted)

One: We gather this day, stranger and friend,

ALL: known and unknown,

One: all loved by God.

ALL: We gather to worship,

One: to offer joy and concern,

ALL: to be reminded and renewed to love as we have been loved, as we are loved.

One: So let us worship God, who is Love itself.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: “God of Many Names” (UMH #105, tune: William P. Rowan / lyrics: Brian Wren)

God of many names, gathered into One,

in your glory come and meet us,

moving, endlessly becoming;

God of hovering wings, womb and birth of time,

joyfully we sing your praises,

breath of life in every people,

Hush, hush, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Shout, shout, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Sing, sing, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Sing God is love, God is love!

God of Jewish faith, exodus and law,
in your glory come and meet us,
joy of Miriam and Moses;
God of Jesus Christ, rabbi of the poor,
joyfully we sing your praises,
crucified, alive forever, *(refrain)*

God of wounded hands, web and loom of love,
in your glory come and meet us,
carpenter of new creation;
God of many names, gathering into One,
joyfully we sing your praises,
moving, endlessly becoming, *(refrain)*

Offering Our Gifts

allmeansall.org/time-talent / allmeansall.org/donate

*"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

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Katherine Hawker, inspired by Hebrews 11)*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. We come convinced of many things but trusting very few. Holy God of limitless surprises, meet us here in this place as we touch that which we cannot see, that which we have not dared to hope. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 33:12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the HOLY ONE, the people whom God has chosen as God's heritage. **13** The HOLY ONE looks down from heaven; God sees all humankind. **14** From where God sits enthroned God watches all the inhabitants of the earth—**15** God who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

16 A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. **17** The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

18 Truly the eye of the HOLY ONE is on those who fear God, on those who hope in God's steadfast love, **19** to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine. **20** Our soul waits for the HOLY ONE; God is our help and shield. **21** Our heart is glad in God because we trust in God's holy name. **22** Let your steadfast love, O HOLY ONE, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **2** Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. **3** By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

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: "Breakfalling Faith"

Song: "We've Come This Far by Faith" (AAHH #412, Albert Goodson – adapted)

NOTE: feel free to substitute "our God" for "the Lord" if you're more comfortable with the language

We've come this far by faith,
leaning on the Lord;
trusting in (God)'s holy word,
(God)'s never failed me yet.
Oh, can't turn around,
we've come this far by faith.

SHARING

Prayers of the People

Sung Response (tune: UMH #418, African American spiritual / lyrics: John Pritchard)

Hold us, heal us, living Spirit;
every hurt, each joy—please hear it.
Pour your life and love into us;
make us yours, we pray.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: "The Trees of the Field" (TFWS #2279, tune: Stuart Dauermann / lyrics: Steffi Geiser Ruben)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field,
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap 2x)
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap 2x)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap 2x)
while you go out with joy.

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Pool of Love" (Alexa Sunshine Rose, Murray Kyle)

May the pool of love we have gathered here
Spread its wings and fly far and near
From the depths of our hearts to the farthest star
May our love bless everyone

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