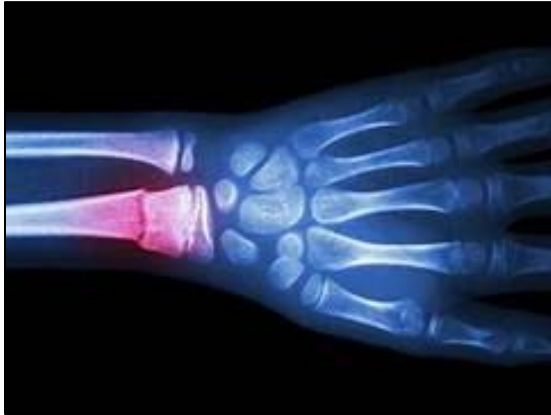


Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“... making every effort to
maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace ...”*

- Ephesians 4:3

August 11, 2024

12th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Black August

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "What a Wonderful World" (*Bob Thiele and George David Weiss, perf. by Louis Armstrong*)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Welcome (back) to Rev. David Tatgenhorst**, our guest preacher this morning! David is a retired United Methodist pastor, and former pastor at Calvary.
- **Pastor Tim away/on vacation through Aug 18**
 - in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Jennine Miller (Staff-Parish Relations Committee chair): 215.990.5668
- **Nursery care during worship**
 - volunteers needed this fall (clearances required); contact Pastor Tim to sign up
- **Community Engagement Projects**
 - allmeansall.org/community-projects
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up
- **Fall Community Rummage Sale:** Saturday, Sep 28, 10 am-3 pm
 - volunteers needed; contact Shakirah to sign up: office@allmeansall.org
- **Calvary Fall Retreat (for all ages):** Saturday, Oct 19
 - allmeansall.org/retreats
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Monday, Aug 12, 6-7:30 pm: Neighborhood Assembly West and Southwest Philly – Gathering Voices, Building POWER (*POWER West/SW Cluster*)

- Mt. Pisgah AME Church / 428 N. 41st St
- RSVP to Rev. Phyllis Harris: 215-901-4269

Tuesday, Aug 13

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- **7:30 pm:** Trustees

Sunday, Aug 18, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Lesley Curtis

Sunday, Aug 25, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

Thursday, Sep 5

- **5-8 pm:** Baltimore Avenue Dollar Stroll
 - volunteers needed to help staff our table; contact Shakirah to sign up: office@allmeansall.org
- **8-9ish pm:** Spirituality on Tap (*monthly – 1st Thursdays*)
 - Carbon Copy / 50th & Baltimore
 - allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

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

Singing Our Way In: "Bind Us Together" (*TFWS #2226, Bob Gillman – adapted*)

Bind us together, (God), bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, (God), bind us together,
bind us together in love.

*There is only one God, (source of life and all things).
There is only one body; that is why we sing.*

Call to Worship *(based on Ephesians 4:4-6)*

One: We have come together as one.

ALL: One people, gathered in the name of the one God.

One: We will worship together as one.

ALL: One community, giving praise and honor to the Holy One.

One: We are being empowered as one by One.

ALL: One body and one Spirit, called to the hope of one calling;

One: one God, one faith, one baptism,

ALL: one God and Creator of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

One: May we live and work together as one body, united in love.

ALL: One people, giving witness to the One who is Love itself. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "We Sing to You, O God" *(TFWS #2001, tune: John Darwall / lyrics: Gracia Grindal)*

We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth,
let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth.

To you, O God, let songs be raised,
in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.

We wandered far from home out in a desert land,
you shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band.
You kept us safe within your arms
and sheltered us against the storm.

You bear us through the world, an eagle to her young,
who rises on her wings and bears us toward the sun.
We ride the vaults of light and air
and trust in your unfailing care.

O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings,
the everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.
Your word is true, your way is just,
you are the God in whom we trust.

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*)

In a cynical and despairing world, O God, give us prophetic voice to proclaim your hope. In a violent and angry world, O God, give us prophetic voice to proclaim your peace. In a dismissive and disinterested world, O God, give us prophetic voice to proclaim your compassion. In a lonely and inhospitable world, O God, give us prophetic voice to proclaim your love. And in a grieving and weeping world, O God, give us prophetic voice to proclaim your joy.

May we be so captivated by your hope, O God, that we cannot help but to proclaim your kingdom come, your kingdom yet coming. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O HOLY ONE. **2** God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! **3** If you, O HOLY ONE, should mark iniquities, God, who could stand? **4** But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. **5** I wait for the HOLY ONE; my soul waits, and in God's word I hope; **6** my soul waits for the HOLY ONE more than those

who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. **7** O Israel, hope in the HOLY ONE! For with the HOLY ONE there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem. **8** It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

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

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16

I, therefore, the prisoner in the HOLY ONE, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, **2** with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, **3** making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: **4** there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, **5** one God, one faith, one baptism, **6** one God and Creator of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. **8** Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." **9** (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? **10** He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) **11** He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers **12** to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, **13** until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. **14** We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; **15** but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, **16** from

whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Prisoners of Hope"

Song: "Many Gifts, One Spirit" (UMH #114, Al Carmines)

God of change and glory, God of time and space,
when we fear the future, give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways
give us still the grace to praise.

*Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise
one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word,
known in many ways, hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!*

God of many colors, God of many signs,
you have made us different, blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear,
let your love cast out our fear. (refrain)

Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,
you are still creating endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part,
many gifts from one great heart. (refrain)

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

Sung Response (tune: UMH #473, Samuel Sebastian Wesley / lyrics:
John Pritchard)

Hear, O God. Hear the prayers we bring to you.
Come, and renew all of our days.

Hold every longing; hold every sorrow;
and lead us into your healing ways.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: "Guide My Feet" (TFWS #2208, African American spiritual)

Guide my feet while I run this race. (2x)
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand ...

Stand by me ...

I'm your child ...

Search my heart ...

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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