

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“Steadfast love and faithfulness
will meet; righteousness and peace
will kiss each other.”*

- Psalm 85:10

August 20, 2023

12th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Black August

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Woke Up This Morning (With My Mind Stayed on Freedom)" (*tune & original lyrics: African American spiritual / adapted lyrics: Robert Wesby / arr. & perf. by Resistance Revival Chorus*)

***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, Aug 16-22**
 - in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Kristine: 267.624.5530
- **Eastern Service Workers Association Back-to-School Campaign**
 - Calvary is collecting new and like-new clothing, shoes, school supplies and backpacks through August on behalf of the ESWA campaign
- **Meal support for Sharon:** mealtrain.com/trains/z38lvo
- **Worship volunteers:** sign up at tinyurl.com/worship-help
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Tuesday, Aug 15, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer

Sunday, Aug 20, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Kristine Morrow

Tuesday, Aug 22, 7 pm: Church Council

Thursday, Aug 24, 7 pm: Film Screening of "Revolutionary Hearts" (*West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship*)

- Calvary – please use Baltimore Ave entrance
- film trailer: vimeo.com/772215531

Sunday, Aug 27, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Hybrid Worship

Sunday, Sep 10, 1-4ish pm (following worship): 2nd Sunday
Potluck & Retirement Celebration for Greg Scott

Sunday, Sep 17, 1-4 pm: March to End Fossil Fuels in NYC

- endfossilfuels.us

- contact Pastor Tim to join with others from Calvary

Saturday, Sep 30, 2-6 pm: Calvary Clean-Out

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: "Return to Me" (*Rickie Byars*)

Return to me

Return to me

With every breath

Return

End and begin with me

With every breath

Return

Return to love ...

Return to peace ...

Call to Worship (*Beth Merrill Neel – adapted*)

One: We gather to worship the One who created us;

ALL: the One who calls us by name;

One: the One who equips us;

ALL: the One who calms our fears;

One: the One who offers us peace;

ALL: the One who loves us without end;

One: the One who welcomes us into life made new.

ALL: With joyful hearts, let us worship God. Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (UMH #89,
tune: Ludwig van Beethoven / lyrics: Henry Van Dyke – adapted)

Joyful, joyful, we adore (you),
God of glory, (source) of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before (you),
opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All (your) works with joy surround (you),
earth and heaven reflect (your) rays,
stars and angels sing around (you),
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
(teach us what our praise should be).

(You) are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
(God Creator, Christ our brother,
all who love belong to you);
teach us how to love each other,
(by that love our joy renew).

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Ruth C. Duck – adapted)*

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, growth out of difficulty, faith out of doubt, hope out of despair, love out of fear. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy and abundance you give your people. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 85:8-13

Let me hear what God the Holy One will speak, for God will speak peace to God's people, to God's faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts. **9** Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear God, that God's glory may dwell in our land. **10** Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. **11** Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. **12** The Holy

One will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. **13** Righteousness will go before God, and will make a path for God's steps.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately (Jesus) made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. **23** And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, **24** but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. **25** And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." **28** Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." **29** He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. **30** But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" **31** Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" **32** When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. **33** And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Kissing Cousins"

Song: "Breath of God, Breath of Peace" (*tune: Sally Ann Morris / lyrics: Adam M.L. Tice*)

Breath of God, Breath of peace,
Breath of love, Breath of life,
Breath of justice, Breath of passion,
Breath creating, Breath of healing,
Breath of singing, Breath of praying,
Come upon us, come restore us,
come inspire us, Breath of God.

Word of God, Word of peace,
Word of love, Word of life,
Word of justice, Word of passion,
Word creating, Word of healing,
Word of singing, Word of praying,
Come upon us, come restore us,
come inspire us, Word of God.

Voice of God, Voice of peace,
Voice of love, Voice of life,
Voice of justice, Voice of passion,
Voice creating, Voice of healing,
Voice of singing, Voice of praying,
Come upon us, come restore us,
come inspire us, Voice of God.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

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

Sung Response (*tune: UMH #408, trad. English / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

O Open Arms, now hold our cares,
the aches we've named, the joys we've shared.
And hold us, too; into us breathe –
your grace, your life, let us receive.

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: "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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