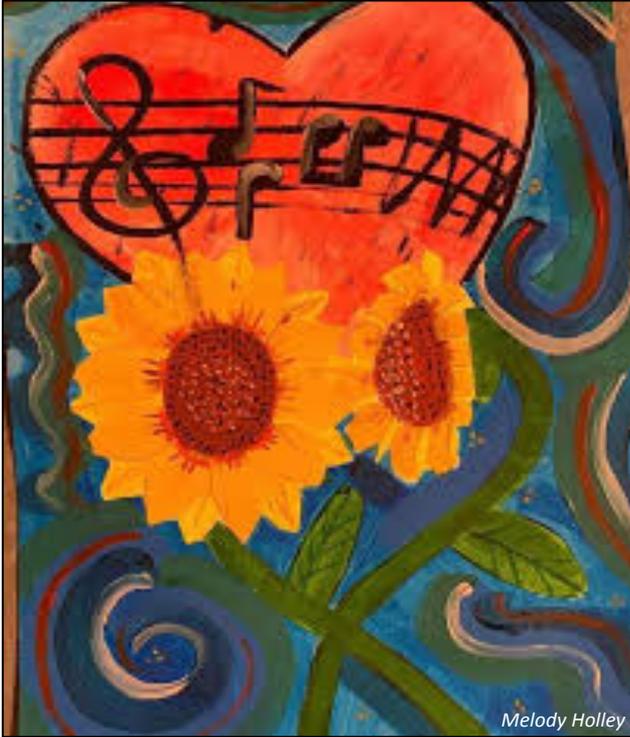


Calvary United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“ . . . but be filled with the Spirit, . . .
singing and making melody to
the Lord in your hearts . . . ”*

- Ephesians 5:18-19

August 15, 2021
12th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "A Better Place" (*Playing for Change, featuring Glen David Andrews and the PFC Band*)

Welcome and Announcements

Announcements

- **tentative return to in-person worship:** Sunday, Aug 29 at Clark Park, then Sunday, Sep 12 at Calvary
- **Stephen Ministry training (one-to-one congregational care):**
 - contact Pastor Tim if interested
- **donate to building campaign:** tinyurl.com/CCCCPhilly

Calendar

Today, 12:30 pm (following worship): Church Council

Tuesday, Aug 17

- **12-12:30 pm:** Midweek Prayer
 - info at allmeansall.org/virtual
- **6 pm:** Finance Committee

Thursday, Aug 26, 9 am-4 pm: Restorative Cities Initiative Training

- 260 S. 51st Street
- contact Pastor Tim if interested

Sunday, Aug 29, 8-9 pm: Spiritual Reflection Group

- info at allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Saturday, Sep 18, 7-8:30 pm: Singing a New Song

- info at allmeansall.org/new-song

Saturday, Oct 23, 4 pm: Charge Conference

Friday, Nov 12 – Saturday, Nov 13/Sunday, Nov 14: Calvary Fall Retreat (*adults only*)

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 (office@allmeansall.org).

Want to Help with Worship?

If you would like to participate in worship by leading the Call

to Worship, reading scripture, preaching or otherwise, please contact Pastor Tim.

Singing Our Way In: "Live in Charity / Ubi Caritas" (TFWS #2179)

Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity, God will dwell with you.

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Invitation to Holy Presence / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship (*Iona Abbey Worship Book, adapted*)

One: O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding, which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes to the wonder and beauty of creation,

ALL: we give you thanks.

One: For your love for us, wild and freeing, which has awakened us to the energy of creation: to the sap that flows, the blood that pulses, the heart that sings,

ALL: we give you thanks.

One: For your love for us, compassionate and patient, which has carried us through our pain, wept beside us in our sin, and waited with us in our confusion,

ALL: we give you thanks.

One: For your love for us, strong and challenging, which has called us to risk for you, asked for the best in us, and shown us how to serve, to seek justice and make peace,

ALL: we give you thanks.

One: O God, we come to celebrate that your loving Spirit is present deep within each of us, and at the heart of all life.

ALL: We give you thanks and praise. May we sing of your love for all, making melody in our hearts and with our lives.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

(UMH #89, with alternate lyrics)

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.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer *(John Pritchard, adapted)*

You who makes music with beating raindrops, swaying
branches, rustling grass. You who sings in chattering squirrels,
barking dogs, cawing crows. You who is the life in all life, the

rhythmic heartbeat of all creation, we join to give you thanks, for the life we share with you and each other, for the life you stir in each of us.

We give thanks for every sound of music that moves our souls, for every touch of love that fills our hearts and makes them sing, for every taste of goodness that nourishes our spirits. As we join our hearts together, hear the aches they carry, the joys they celebrate, the hunger and thirst that fills them.

Hear us, meet us, renew us, we pray. Keep us in tune with the melody of your love, in time with its rhythm, that the music of life might rise up in our hearts. We ask in the power of your Spirit, and in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "Lead Me, Guide Me" (*Calvary Choir*)

Scripture Lesson: 1 Kings 3:3-14

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. **4** The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. **5** At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." **6** And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. **7** And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. **8** And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. **9** Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. **11** God

said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, **12** I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. **14** If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, **16** making the most of the time, because the days are evil. **17** So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. **18** Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, **19** as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, **20** giving thanks to God . . . at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Heart Songs"

Hymn of Response: "My Life Flows On / How Can I Keep from Singing" (TFWS #2212, with alternate lyrics)

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm

while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *(Refrain)*

What though my joys and comforts die?
I know (God's Spirit) liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night (God) giveth. *(Refrain)*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am (God's)!
How can I keep from singing? *(Refrain)*

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns

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

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

O Loving Heart, O Blessed Arms,
hold all we bring to you—
our hopes, our fears, our joy and tears,
our pledge your will to do.

Closing Hymn: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

(TFWS #2153)

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me . . .
I'm gonna pray so God can use me . . .
I'm gonna sing so God can use me . . .
I'm gonna live so God can use me . . .

ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Let the Church Say Amen"

Let the church say, "Amen" (*repeat*)

God has spoken, let the church say, "Amen"

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