

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“God expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness, but heard a cry!”*

- Isaiah 5:7b

August 17, 2025

10th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Black August

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "What Does the Lord Require" (*Jim Strathdee, based on Micah 6:8 / perf. by Knox Choir, Westminster Presbyterian Church*)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Welcome back to our guest preacher and former pastor,** Rev. John Pritchard
- **Pastor Tim on vacation/staycation:** through Aug 18
 - in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Jennine (Staff-Parish Relations Comm): 215.990.5668
- **Congregational giving** (*rounded*)
 - Aug 4-10: \$263 / weekly budget: \$1,827
- **Fall Retreat:** Saturday, September 27
 - allmeansall.org/retreats
- **"All Means All" Anniversary Benefit Concert, with Mark Miller:** Saturday, October 4, 1 pm
 - allmeansall.org/concert
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Monday, Aug 18

- **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 19

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

Wednesday, Aug 20, 10-11 am: Yoga (weekly)

- see Aug 18 for details

Friday, Aug 22, 6 pm: Young-ish Adults Gathering
(monthly – normally last Fridays, but rescheduled this time)

- allmeansall.org/young-ish-adults

Saturday, Aug 23, 1 pm: Meditation (weekly)

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

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

- contemplative service of healing

Saturday, Aug 30, 10 am-12 pm: Calvary Workday

- contact church office to volunteer

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

Wednesday, Sep 3, 7-8ish pm: Spirituality on Tap (monthly
– 1st Wednesdays)

- Dahlak Restaurant / 4708 Baltimore Ave

Thursday, Sep 4, 5-8 pm: Baltimore Avenue Dollar Stroll

Sunday, Sep 7

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

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: “Weave Us Together” (tune: TFWS #2226, Scott Wesley Brown and David Hampton / lyrics: John Pritchard)

Weave us together, God, weave us together
with threads that cannot be broken.

Weave us together, God, weave us together, God,
weave us together in love.

There is only one Source,
fountain of everything,
making us one with all, and
that is why we sing.

Call to Worship (*John Pritchard*)

One: We come, friends, to listen to ancient words.

ALL: We open ourselves to a wisdom not our own.

One: Ancient words teach us to love God with all we are
and to love our neighbor as ourself.

ALL: May we honor God's presence by caring for each other.

One: Ancient words teach us that our sole responsibility is
to bear one another's burdens.

ALL: May we learn to be each other's strength.

One: Ancient words teach us that what matters most is
to do justice, to love kindness, to walk humbly with God.

ALL: May we be a light as the shadows around us deepen.

One: Ancient words teach us not to be overcome by evil
but to overcome evil with good.

ALL: May we remember that goodness is stronger than evil, and be centered in its strength. May love shape our hearts; may justice guide our ways. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Bring Forth the Kingdom" (*TFWS #2190, Marty Haugen – adapted*)

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the (Kindom) of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the (Kindom) of God!

*Bring forth the (Kindom) of mercy,
bring forth the (Kindom) of peace;*

*bring forth the (Kindom) of justice,
bring forth the City of God!*

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the (Kindom) of God! *(refrain)*

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the (Kindom) of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the (Kindom) of God! *(refrain)*

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the (Kindom) of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the (Kindom) of God! *(refrain)*

Offering Our Gifts

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*"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 *(John Pritchard)*

Gather us, Gentle Spirit, and gentle our spirits. Still the fears and angers that unsettle us, and give us rest. Gather us, Loving Spirit, and mold our spirits in your love. Where we dismiss, demean, or demonize anyone, give us grace and open us to the humanity we share. Gather us, Fiery Spirit, and kindle in our spirits your passion for justice, for a

place, a voice, enough, for all. Gather us, Living Spirit, and give us life in you. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 80:8-19

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. **9** You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. **10** The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; **11** it sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River. **12** Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? **13** The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. **14** Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, **15** the stock that your right hand planted. **16** It has been burned with fire; it has been cut down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance. **17** But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. **18** Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. **19** Restore us, O HOLY ONE, God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-10

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. **2** He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield

grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. **3** And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. **4** What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? **5** And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. **6** I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. **7** For the vineyard of the God of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are God's cherished garden; God expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry! **8** Ah, you who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is room for no one but you, and you are left to live alone in the midst of the land! **9** The God of hosts has sworn in my hearing: Surely many houses shall be desolate, large and beautiful houses, without inhabitant. **10** For ten acres of vineyard shall yield but one bath, and a homer of seed shall yield a mere ephah.

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: "Old-Time Religion"

Song: "Ole-Time Religion" (*Songs of Zion #89, African American spiritual – adapted*)

*Give me that old-time religion, (3x)
it's good enough for me.*

*It was good enough for Moses, (3x)
it's good enough for me. (refrain)*

It was good enough for Jesus, (3x)
it's good enough for me. (*refrain*)

Makes you love everybody, (3x)
it's good enough for me. (*refrain*)

Makes you stand up for justice, (3x)
it's good enough for me. (*refrain*)

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: “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 ...

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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Celebrating 40 Years as a Reconciling Congregation

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