

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



Johannes Plenio

*“To honor our grief, to grant it space  
and time in our frantic world, is to  
fulfill a covenant with the soul – to  
welcome all that is, thereby granting  
room for our most authentic life.”*

**- Francis Weller**

**August 18, 2024**

*13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Black August

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song:** "In Wisdom's Lovely, Pleasant Ways"  
(trad. Shaker song, perf. by Enfield Shaker Singers)

## **Welcome & Announcements**

- **Thanks to Lesley Curtis**, our guest preacher again this morning!
- **Pastor Tim away/on vacation until tomorrow**
  - 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](http://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](mailto:office@allmeansall.org)
- **Calvary Fall Retreat (for all ages):** Saturday, Oct 19
  - [allmeansall.org/retreats](http://allmeansall.org/retreats)
- **Previous sermons:** [allmeansall.org/sermons](http://allmeansall.org/sermons)
- **Previous bulletins:** [allmeansall.org/bulletins](http://allmeansall.org/bulletins)

## Calendar

**Tuesday, Aug 20, 12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (weekly)

- [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)

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

**Sunday, Sep 1, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship  
(Communion)

## 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](mailto:office@allmeansall.org)
- **8-9ish pm:** Spirituality on Tap (*monthly – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays*)
  - Carbon Copy / 50<sup>th</sup> & Baltimore
  - [allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap](http://allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap)

## Sunday, Sep 8

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*Community Sunday*)
  - invite friends, family, co-workers, neighbors to join us for worship and potluck lunch!
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck (*monthly*)

## 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:** "On Eagle's Wings" (*UMH #143, Michael Joncas*)

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

And God will raise us up on eagle's wings  
bear us on the breath of dawn,  
make us to shine like the sun,  
and hold us in the palm of God's hand.

**Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 11)*

One: Come, and praise God! In the company of God's people, let us give thanks to the HOLY ONE our God.

**ALL: Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.**

One: Our God is gracious and compassionate;

**ALL: our God is merciful and forgiving;**

One: our God is faithful and trustworthy,

**ALL: our God is wise and just.**

One: So come, let's worship our God together.

**ALL: God's praise endures forever! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song:** "My Gratitude Now Accept, O God  
(Gracias, Señor)" *(TFWS #2044, Rafael Montalvo)*

My gratitude now accept, O God,  
for tender care that you provide;  
for your abundant faithfulness.  
Endless is your supply.

From all your bounty I give to you;  
for all the blessings you impart.  
Receive this offering I bring.  
Receive my joyful heart.

I bring to you all my love and praise.  
I glorify and bless your name.  
Let me adore you, Holy One,  
with every breath I take.

All that is living belongs to you;  
all that I am in your hands kept.  
From the abundance of your hand,  
gifts from the heart accept.

## Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### GROUNDING

**Community Prayer** *(from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers)*

Holy Wisdom, you granted Solomon's request for an understanding mind and the knowledge to discern good from evil. Fill us with such understanding and knowledge, that we may act as instruments of your loving desire for Creation – working with you to transform our conceit into concern for others, our fear into love, our violence into peace, and our brokenness into wholeness. Amen.

### Silent Prayer

### Special Music

**Scripture Lesson:** 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Then David slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of David. **11** The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. **12** So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his kingdom was firmly established. ...

**3:3** Solomon loved the HOLY ONE, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that 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 HOLY ONE 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 HOLY ONE 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 great people of yours?"

**10** It pleased God 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** (*UMH #186, Jerry Sinclair*)

**Scripture Lesson:** Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. **2** She has slaughtered her animals; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. **3** She has sent out her female servants; she calls from the highest places in the town, **4** "You who are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, **5** "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. **6** Lay aside immaturity and live, and walk in the way of insight."

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## Choral Alleluia

**Sermon:** "Loving the Material"

**Song:** "Come and Find the Quiet Center" (TFWS #2128, tune: B.F. White / lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray)

Come and find the quiet center  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
There's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare.

## **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:** "Siyahamba / We Are Marching" (TFWS #2235-b, trad. South African – adapted)

Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos',  
si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos. (repeat)  
Si – ya – hamba, hamba, si – ya – hamba, hamba,  
si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos. (repeat)

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God. (repeat)  
We are marching, marching, we are marching,  
marching, we are marching in the light of God. (repeat)

We are praying in the light of God ...

We are living in the light of God ...

## **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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