

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



“The problem is that the parts of themselves that our boys have been banished from are not feminine traits; they are human traits.”

- Glennon Doyle

August 20, 2023

12th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Black August

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "We Are" (*Sweet Honey in the Rock*)

*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)

- **Thanks to our guest preacher, Kristine Morrow!**
- **Pastor Tim on vacation through Aug 22**
 - in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Kristine: 267.624.5530
- **Eastern Service Workers Association Back-to-School Campaign**
 - donate new or like-new clothing, shoes, school supplies and backpacks through August on behalf of the ESWA campaign (*bring donations to Calvary*)
- **Fall program & ministry offerings:** allmeansall.org/fall
- **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 22

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer
- **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: "On Eagle's Wings" (UMH #143, Michael Joncas – adapted)

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 ...

Call to Worship (John Pritchard, Kristine Morrow)

One: Welcome.

ALL: Peace to you; peace to all.

One: We celebrate the God of perfect creation, the God of infinite, exquisite diversity, of many faces, of many hues, of many genders and of many names: Father, Mother, Christ, Wisdom, Holiness, life's one breath.

ALL: We praise the heart of all creation, the love that weaves all life together and holds each life sacred.

One: We celebrate the God of justice, of exodus and prophets, of Sophia and wisdom, the God who hears unheard voices and tears, the God who calls for a full humanity for all.

ALL: We praise the womb that endlessly rebirths, the weaving God, who ever fashions and re-fashions the vast, living web of creation.

One: We celebrate sacred community, a living body, woven and renewed by the ever present, every-creating tireless Spirit, the God whose eyes are on us, on the sparrow and on each strand in the vast tapestry of life.

ALL: We praise the source of holy unrest, the passion for a kin-dom where all are at home.

One: We celebrate the breadth of faith and vision, which is the desire to heal a world riven by injustice and violence, a world menaced by wolfish grabbing at power and by domination.

ALL: We honor the God of change, of grace, of light in the bleakness of our seeing, of a passion for justice. We honor the God of perfect creation who weaves unseen gifts all around us. With our every breath and heartbeat, we say to her: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "God of Many Names" (UMH #105, tune: William P. Rowan / lyrics: Brian Wren)

God of many names, gathered into One,
in your glory come and meet us,
moving, endlessly becoming;
God of hovering wings, womb and birth of time,
joyfully we sing your praises,
breath of life in every people,

Hush, hush, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Shout, shout, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Sing, sing, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Sing God is love, God is love!

God of Jewish faith, exodus and law,
in your glory come and meet us,
joy of Miriam and Moses;
God of Jesus Christ, rabbi of the poor,
joyfully we sing your praises,
crucified, alive forever, *(refrain)*

God of wounded hands, web and loom of love,
in your glory come and meet us,
carpenter of new creation;
God of many names, gathering into One,
joyfully we sing your praises,
moving, endlessly becoming, *(refrain)*

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Ted Loder – adapted)*

O Ingenious God, we rejoice in your creation, and pray that your Spirit touch us so deeply that we will find a sense of self which makes us glad to be who we are, and yet restless at being anything less than we can become.

Make us simple enough not to be confused by disappointments, clear enough not to mistake busyness for freedom, honest enough not to expect truth to be painless, brave enough not to sing all our songs in private, compassionate enough to get in trouble, humble enough to admit trouble and seek help, joyful enough to celebrate all of it, ourselves and others and you. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's face to shine upon us, **2** that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. **3** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. **4** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. **5** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. **6** The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. **7** May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere God.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Proverbs 8:1-4, 10-17 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

Does not Wisdom call, and Understanding put forth her voice? **2** On the highest heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand. **3** Beside the gates at the entry of the town, at the opening of the entryway she sings out: **4** "To you, the woman-born, I call, and my cry is to all earth's children. ...

10 "Take my instruction and not silver, and knowledge but not choice gold. **11** For better is Wisdom than jewels, and not even every delight can compare with her. **12** I, Wisdom, dwell with prudence, and knowledge and discretion I find. **13** The fear of the Fount of Wisdom is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverse speech I hate. **14** Wise counsel and sound wisdom are mine; I am (she who is) Understanding, might is mine. **15** By me royals reign, and rulers decree what is just. **16** By me governors govern, and nobles, all who

judge rightly. **17** I love those who love me, and those who see me diligently shall find me.”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: “Gender Matters”

Song: “Help Us Accept Each Other” (UMH #560, tune: John Ness Beck / lyrics: Fred Kaan)

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, (God), among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O (God), your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter’s healing art.

(God), for today’s encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit, (God), free us, make us one!

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

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 singing in the light of God ...

We are dancing in the light of God ...

We are praying in the light of God ...

We are living in the love of God ...

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Go Now in Peace" (UMH #665, Natalie Sleeth)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

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