

CALVARY



"feed my sheep"

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Our Neighbors in West Philly:

Our Physically Hungry Neighbors

August 23, 2020

12th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Singing Our Way In: Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

3 Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

4 Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy if you please. (if you please)

Invitation to Holy Presence:

Today, you are invited to draw on a piece of paper, to write on a paper or in the chat, or compose a psalm or poem as God invites us to this holy encounter. Consider our physically hungry neighbors and those starving in far and near places. We will take two minutes for this. You are

welcome to post in the chat what you are feeling following this experience with the Divine.

Call to Worship (From Psalm 138: 1-2a, 2b-3, 4-6a, 7-8) [ALL:]

One: Our Psalm response is: Your Love endures forever.

All: Your Love endures forever.

One: I give You thanks, O Blessed One, with all my heart.
With cosmic witness, and a multitude of angels,
I will sing songs to You.
I was humbled when I realized that You dwell in me,
In the Sacred Chapel of all souls.

All: Your Love endures forever.

One: My gratitude knows no bounds!
You are the Holy One, Life of our life.
On the day that I called, You answered.
With You, my breath is strong, my spirit soars.

All: Your Love endures forever.

One: All the leaders of the earth will one day praise You
When Your spirit awakens their hearts.
They will sing of You ways,
"Great is Love's glory."
For even as You are the Most High,
You are Friend to the humble.

All: Your Love endures forever.

Opening Hymn: Hymn of Praise- O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines UMH 729 [Solo: Grace Johnson]

1 O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Passing the Peace

ONE: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer by: Rev. Calvin Collins

All: Loving and Personal Presence, prepare us to be a beacon of light and hope through assisting with the needs of our neighbors that are physically hungry. Help us to evolve as a community of faith in seeking justice for all, including all, and being a source of wisdom and hope in this community. Be with those who are hurting in this community from so much racism, so much hate, so much

neglect, and so much hurt in many ways. Bring your light to all of Your people. Bring your hope to all of Your people. Bring Your peace to all of your people. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music "House called Home" (Greg Scott) ["Greg: "I wrote it for Calvary ... as we worried before about our building. I just feel like I want to do it as we look at that again."]

Scripture Lesson:

New Testament Romans 11:33- 12:2

One: O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are God's judgments! How unfathomable God's ways!

"For what human being has ever known the mind of God? What human being has ever been God's advisor? Who has ever given a gift to God, expecting the same in return?"

Everything that is comes from God and, to God, are all things. To God be glory forever.

Therefore, beloved, instead of giving God things, present your very selves to God as a living sacrifice. You, your life, is holy and pleasing to God. Living for God is your spiritual worship. So, do not model yourselves after a pattern of this age. Rather be transformed by the renewal of your hearts and minds, so that you may discern the desire of God's heart, what is good and pleasing and true.

The Word of the Apostle Paul.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Choral Alleluia

Gospel:

One: A Reading from The Gospel attributed to John 21: 15-19

All: Glory to you, O God.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

One: The Gospel of God.

All: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: Our Neighbors in West Philly: Our Physically Hungry Neighbors

Hymn of Response: Give God ALL The Praise! By: Mark Miller verses 2-6 by Pastor Calvin

Give God all the praise! X3 right now
Treat everybody right! X3 right now
Pray for those who mourn! X3 right now
Tend all of my lambs! X3 right now
Feed all of my sheep! X3 right now
Be the joy and hope! X3 right now
Give God all the praise! X3 right now

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns

“Thanks be to God” or “God, hear our prayer”

Prayer Response: All Things Come of Thee X3 UMH 588

All things come of thee, O God,
And of thine own have we given thee.
(At end) Amen

Prayer of Confession/Pardon (Rev. Calvin Collins) [ALL:]

ONE: The wind of the spirit that breathes life into us has also called us to confess our wrongdoings to others to plead for forgiveness and to learn from our mistakes. Let us now forgive one another that we have not forgiven that we have withheld love from and that we have disregarded.

Take these next few moments in silence to be contemplative of this call from the spirit. (*Silent prayer*)

...Let us pray:

ALL: Holy Spirit whose water flows in us, whose Spirit dwells from corner to corner, from east to west, as far and close as possible. May your omnipresence through virtual means comfort us be with us in those times where we feel others have disregarded ourselves as well. Merciful Spirit, compassionate love, stir up our hearts to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you as we go into the world to serve our siblings in creation. This we pray together. Amen.

One: God whose Spirit that is present in this water and spirit that is present in our souls have mercy on you forgive you all your wrongdoings through Jesus the liberator and our sibling bring you assurance of forgiveness of your wrongdoings and liberation from your mistreatments this day and always. Amen

ENGAGING

Closing hymn: How Great Thou Art UMH 77

1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the *worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

3 And when I think that God, her Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

* Author's original words are "works" and "mighty"

Benediction and Blessing

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

Let the church say, "Amen" (*repeat*)
God has spoken, let the church say, "Amen"

Go in Peace ... Live in Peace

*The service has ended. Our service to the community of West
Philadelphia and the world continues!*

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CALENDAR

TBD: Church Council Meeting

Thurs. Aug. 27, 8pm: SPRC meeting

Sun. Sept. 6: Worship with Communion

VISITING WITH US?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason(s) you chose to join us this morning! Since we aren't able to greet you in person during this coronavirus pandemic, please contact Pastor Calvin (Pastorcalvin@allmeansall.org) if you have any questions or prayer concerns.

INVITATIONS / OPPORTUNITIES

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, contact the church office (office@allmeansall.org).

Other Email Lists?

You may like to receive email updates from other groups with which Calvary is involved. If so, here's more info:

- POWER: powerinterfaith.org
- New Sanctuary Movement: sanctuaryphiladelphia.org
- PA Interfaith Power & Light: info@paipl.org
- Reconciling United Methodists of Eastern PA:
pastor@historicstgeorges.org
- Methodist Federation for Social Action – Eastern PA:
milesj526@verizon.net

- Eastern PA Conference (UMC): epaumc.org

Want to Help with Worship?

For the time being, as long as we're gathering virtually for worship, if you would like to participate by leading the Call to Worship or reading scripture, please contact Pastor Calvin (pastorcalvin@allmeansall.org).

Volunteer with Nursery and Calvary Kids

We're always looking for more volunteers to work with our children during worship (and beyond)! All volunteers must be involved in the congregation for at least six months, and complete background clearances in compliance with all state laws. If you're interested, please contact Tim Emmett-Rardin (timstuer@gmail.com).

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CALVARY PRAYER LIST

NOTE: *If you would like to send a card or email/call and need contact information, check the Calvary Directory or contact the church office. **To add, remove or update a prayer request, please contact Pastor Calvin** (Pastorcalvin@allmeansall.org).*