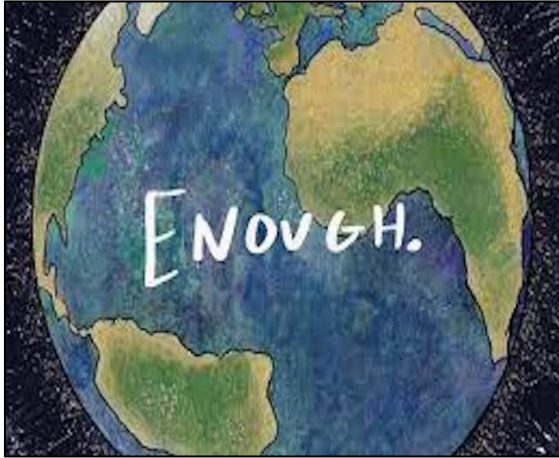


# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*“For God satisfies the thirsty, and  
the hungry God fills with good things.”*

**- Psalm 107:9**

**August 3, 2025**

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

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Black August

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song:** "Table of Plenty" (Dan Schutte / perf. by saanjei)

## **Welcome & Announcements**

- **Congregational giving** (rounded)
  - Jul 21-27: \$1,814 / weekly budget: \$1,827
- **Watershed Circle:** [allmeansall.org/watershed](http://allmeansall.org/watershed)
  - contact Sparrow for more info, or to get involved: [sprwfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:sprwfrancis@gmail.com)
- **Fall Retreat:** Saturday, September 27
  - Innabah Camp & Retreat Center
  - [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

### **Monday, Aug 4**

- **5-6:30 pm:** Caregivers Group (weekly, through Aug 25)
  - Calvary Parsonage / 815 S. 48<sup>th</sup> St
  - [allmeansall.org/caregivers](http://allmeansall.org/caregivers)
- **6:30-7:30 pm:** Yoga (weekly)
  - Calvary (Chapel) – 48<sup>th</sup> St entrance
  - [allmeansall.org/yoga](http://allmeansall.org/yoga)

### **Tuesday, Aug 5, 3 pm:** Midweek Prayer (weekly)

- [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm

### **Wednesday, Aug 6, 10-11 am:** Yoga (weekly)

- see Aug 4 for details

### **Saturday, Aug 9, 1 pm:** Meditation (weekly)

- Calvary (Board Room) – 48<sup>th</sup> St entrance
- [witnessandintegrate@gmail.com](mailto:witnessandintegrate@gmail.com)

**Sunday, Aug 10, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart

**Sunday, Aug 17, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Rev. John Pritchard

### 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:** "Nothing Can Trouble" (TFWS #2054, tune: Jacques Berthier / lyrics: St. Teresa of Avila; Taizé Community)

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
God alone fills us.

Nada te turbe, nada te espante.  
Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.  
Solo Dios basta.

**Call to Worship** (Steve Garnaas-Holmes, based on Hosea 11:1-11 – adapted)

One: Mothering God, you birthed us in love.

**ALL: You called us by name.**

One: You lifted us to your cheek.

**ALL: You bent down to us and fed us.**

One: You taught us to walk.

**ALL: You led us with love.**

One: And yet we run from you.

**ALL: Still, you reach out to us in love.**

One: Your compassion grows warm and tender.

**ALL: By your grace, we turn back to you.**

One: You return us to our home.

**ALL: We worship you in humility and gratitude, held in your loving arms. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song:** "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here" (*tune: UMH #579, Henry Carey / lyrics: Brian Wren*)

Great God, your love has called us here,  
as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed;  
we come, with all our heart and mind,  
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains  
of broken trust and chosen wrong,  
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,  
by social forces swept along,  
by powers and systems close confined,  
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name,  
and then receive us as your own;  
not through some merit, right or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone;  
we strain to glimpse your mercy seat,  
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends;  
suffer and serve till all are fed,  
and show how grandly love intends,  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share;  
give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair,

and offer all that faith can do,  
while love is making all things new.

## **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** (*Jon Humphries – adapted*)

Jesus, the one fully engaged in life, forgive us for our 'whatever' attitude. Forgive our nonchalance in the face of your call. Forgive the indifference we show in regards to the suffering and life needs of others. Forgive our apathy to join wholeheartedly in your work for justice and the common good. Forgive our hesitancy in giving more of ourselves in loving service to people who need it from us. Forgive our fear of really following you which we mask with false confidence in doctrine and surface spirituality. Forgive our attempts to defer guilt from not truly living out your way through Sunday religion and weekly religiosity.

Awaken real faith in us again. Startle us anew with the power of your love. Engage us once again your work of love and grace. Call us back to the transformative power of faithful witness and loving service and life-giving justice, that we might truly know that you are in our lives and the lives of all, working for good no matter what we do or don't. But calling us to do whatever we can to work with you, to do whatever is needed for the good of all. Whatever the cost. Whatever can be, O Jesus, O God, we pray. Amen.

## Silent Prayer

## Special Music

### Scripture Lesson: Psalm 107:1-9

O give thanks to the HOLY ONE, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever. **2** Let the redeemed of the HOLY ONE say so, those God redeemed from trouble **3** and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. **4** Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; **5** hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. **6** Then they cried to the HOLY ONE in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress; **7** God led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. **8** Let them thank the HOLY ONE for God's steadfast love, for God's wonderful works to humankind. **9** For God satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry God fills with good things.

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

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

### Scripture Lesson: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." **14** But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" **15** And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

**16** Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. **17** And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' **18** Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. **19** And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you

have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' **20** But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' **21** So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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:** "Enough"

**Song:** "Table of Plenty" *(Dan Schutte)*

*Come to the feast of heaven and earth!*

*Come to the table of plenty!*

*God will provide for all that we need,  
here at the table of plenty.*

O come and sit at my table  
where saints and sinners are friends.  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely  
to share the cup of my love. *(refrain)*

O come and eat without money;  
come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit  
with faith and fullness of life. *(refrain)*

My bread will ever sustain you  
through days of sorrow and woe.  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness  
to flood the depths of your soul. *(refrain)*

Your fields will flower in fullness;  
your homes will flourish in peace.  
For I, the giver of home and harvest,  
will send my rain on the soil. *(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.

**Communion / The Great Thanksgiving** (*Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted*)

One: God is with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to God and to each other.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

**ALL: It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.**

One: We thank you, God, for you create us in your image. You claim us, and are faithful to us. You are exceedingly generous to us. You raise us up to new life. You walk with us toward a new world of mercy and justice. You set us free from all that oppresses, and call us to end all oppressing. You offer us true abundance of life—not possessions, but love that cannot be taken from us. We thank you, and with all Creation we sing your praise:

**ALL SING** (*TFWS #2257-b, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal - adapted*):

**Holy, holy, holy (One); God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

**Blest is the one who comes in the name of (our God).**

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

One: Blessed are all who come in your name, and blessed is Jesus, your Christ. He taught and healed. He fed the hungry and restored the outcast. He showed us the wonders of your grace so that, forsaking all others, we might give ourselves to you. He gave himself completely, dying for his stand for mercy and justice. But you raised him from the dead, and still he calls us to life.

At the final Passover meal he shared with his disciples ... And so we remember. As often as we break the bread and share the cup, we remember. We taste the same Spirit, we feast on the same promise, and renew our commitment to follow the same path of love, proclaiming the mystery at the heart of our faith:

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-c, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.  
Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

One: Pour out your Spirit, O God, on each of us gathered here and virtually, on these gifts of bread and cup, and on all those elements we use to join in this feast of love—that we may be for the world your body, your hands, your feet. Clothed in new life, may we be vessels of your love. May we be generous with our lives and rich toward you, for the sake of the wholeness of the world—that all would be satisfied. In the name and the Spirit of Christ.

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-d, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):

**Amen. Amen. Amen.  
Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

**Sung Response:** "Eat This Bread" (UMH #628, tune: Robert Batastini & Community / lyrics: Jacques Berthier)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

## **ENGAGING** **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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