

# CALVARY



## **United Methodist Church**

*A Reconciling Congregation*

**August 30, 2020**

**Celebrating Ruth Meachem's Legacy of  
Faith at Calvary United Methodist Church**

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

- **Today:** Celebrating Ruth Meachem's Legacy of Faith at Calvary United Methodist Church.
- **Wed, Sept 2, 5.00–7.00pm** POWER Healing Session, "Finding Grounding from the Inside Out: Boldly Sharing our Imagination" [see Calvary Connections for details]
- An update from Church Council (Lauren Ballester)

**Singing Our Way In:** A Hymn for Self Acceptance by:  
Wesley King

When you feel change might be hopeless, when you've given up on God, when you feel you're not worth saving, that your being-ness is flawed. When your prayers still seem unanswered, not a sound from the Divine, maybe you have been mistaken. God is sending you a sign.

Years and years, begging for turning into something that you're not. The wrong prayer you have been praying. You are not God's afterthought. You are made as God intended. You are perfect flawless too! May each one of you remember, nothing severs God from you.

You are worth more than you realize. You are wonderfully made in the image of our Mother, Father, Parent, all the same. Don't let doctrines of our churches use the Word to

misconstrue, for it's written in the scriptures, surely God delights in you!

### **Invitation to Holy Presence:**

One: Sing together with us "It Is Well, With My Soul" as the Holy Spirit invites us to be present with us.

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
(Refrain)

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
(Refrain)

4. And, God, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trumpet shall sound, and our God shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul.  
(Refrain)

**Call to Worship** By: Rev. John Pritchard ["Many" led by Grace Johnson]

One: In the love that makes and holds all things, welcome.

**Many: God's peace be yours.**

One: Friends, now praise the God of new life.

**Many: We bring our lives to be transformed.**

One: The script says, "Demand your rights," but God says,  
"Love your neighbor as yourself."

**Many: Renew our minds, O God, that we might be transformed.**

One: The script says, "Fulfill yourself," but God says,  
"Take up your cross and follow me."

**Many: Renew our minds, O God, that we might be transformed.**

One: The script says, "Control our borders," but God says,  
"Extend hospitality to strangers."

**Many: Renew our minds, O God, that we might be transformed.**

One: The script says, "Make friends in high places," but God says,

"Associate with the lowly."

**Many: Renew our minds, O God, that we might be transformed.**

One: The script says, "Don't get mad, get even," but God says,  
"Overcome evil with good."

**Many: Renew our minds, O God, that we might be transformed.**

One: The script says, "Me and mine," but God says,  
"Us—rejoicing together, weeping together, living in harmony."

This is the way of God.

**Many: This is the life we yearn for, the newness we seek.  
May God mold us in its ways. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Hymn: He Touched Me**

[Verse 1]

Shackled by a heavy burden  
'Neath a load of guilt and shame  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me  
And now I am no longer the same

[Chorus]

He touched me, oh He touched me  
And oh the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened and now I know  
He touched me and made me whole

[Verse 2]

Since I met this blessed Savior  
Since He's cleansed and made me whole  
Oh I will never cease to praise Him (to praise)  
I'll shout it while eternity rolls

[Chorus]

He touched me, oh He touched me  
And oh the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened and now I know  
He touched me and made me whole

## **Passing the Peace**

ONE: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## **CENTERING**

**Special Musical Offering:** Lead Me, Guide Me by: Calvary  
Choir

**Community Prayer** by: Rev. Calvin Collins [“ALL” led by Dan  
Nuzzo]

**All: Loving and Personal Presence, today we come to this place tired. We are worn and are torn in so many different directions. Help us to renew our spirit through your presence in this virtual space. May this day especially be a moment that we reflect on Calvary's past and look**

towards the future. We are so grateful for the legacy of one of Calvary's saints and the mother of this church, Ruth Meachem. You have sent her to this place to enact change in every way from a place that was predominantly Caucasian to now a rainbow of diversity and ethnicities. We are grateful for Ruth. We are grateful for the life that she has lived. We give thanks for each person here today that might not be here if Ruth had not come to Calvary when she saw those very welcoming words on the sign in front of Calvary. Be with us spirit of grace. Bless this time and this moment of celebration. Glory and Praise! Alleluia, Amen.

## Silent Prayer

**Special Music** Golden Chariot...featuring Ruth Naomi Floyd

Gospel:

One: A Reading from The Gospel attributed to Luke 10: 38-42

**All: Glory to you, O God.**

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup> there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

One: The Gospel of God.

**All: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.**

## **Choral Alleluia**

**Sermon:** Living Like Ruth

**Hymn of Response:** Because He Lives

God sent Her son, they called Him Jesus  
He came to love, heal, and forgive.  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.  
Because He lives, All fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives.  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.  
Because He lives, All fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.  
Because He lives, All fear is gone!  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living just because He lives!

## **SHARING**

### **Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns**

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

### **Prayer Response: All Things Come of Thee**

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

## **ENGAGING**

### **Closing hymn: Abide with Me**

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O God, abide with me.

## **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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## **Calvary United Methodist Church**

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*at the corner of spirituality & justice*

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# August 30, 2020 – Announcements

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We believe we can build communities beyond white supremacy, racist policing, prisons and all systems of domination. To get there, we need to imagine that world--and we need to share that vision with courage!

Join our monthly collective healing space to practice boldly sharing your vision for the world you long for! We will use meditation, movement, deep listening, and storytelling. Led by Rev. Yvette Davis, .O, and Lena Glickman. All are welcome!

Via Zoom (you must register to receive the login)

[Register here!](#)

**Sun, Sept 6, 11am** virtual worship: 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](mailto: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](http://powerinterfaith.org)
- New Sanctuary Movement: [sanctuaryphiladelphia.org](http://sanctuaryphiladelphia.org)
- PA Interfaith Power & Light: [info@paipl.org](mailto:info@paipl.org)
- Reconciling United Methodists of Eastern PA:  
[pastor@historicstgeorges.org](mailto:pastor@historicstgeorges.org)
- Methodist Federation for Social Action – Eastern PA:  
[milesj526@verizon.net](mailto:milesj526@verizon.net)
- Eastern PA Conference (UMC): [epaumc.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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).***