

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



“David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the HOLY ONE.’”

- 2 Samuel 12:13a

August 4, 2024

11th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Black August

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Give Thanks" (*India Arie*)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Pastor Tim away/on vacation:** Aug 8-18
 - in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Jennine Miller (Staff-Parish Relations Committee chair): 215.990.5668
- **Nursery care during worship:** volunteers needed starting this fall (background clearances required)
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up
- **Community Engagement Projects:** volunteers needed starting this fall at Avery D. Harrington Elementary School, Sankofa Community Farm and Grace Café
 - allmeansall.org/community-projects
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up
- **Fall Community Rummage Sale:** Sep 28, 10 am-3 pm
 - volunteers needed to help coordinate – please contact the church office to sign up:
office@allmeansall.org
- **Calvary Retreats:**
 - **Fall (for all ages):** Oct 19, 10:30 am-5 pm
 - **Spring (for adults):** May 16-17, 2025
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Tuesday, Aug 6, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)

- allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer

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

- guest preacher: Rev. David Tatgenhorst

Sunday, Aug 18, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Lesley Curtis

Thursday, Sep 5

- **5-8 pm:** Baltimore Avenue Dollar Stroll
 - volunteers needed to help staff our table – sign up at office@allmeansall.org
- **8-9ish pm:** Spirituality on Tap (*monthly – 1st Thursdays*)
 - Carbon Copy / 50th & Baltimore
 - allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

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: "Breathing In, Breathing Out" (*tune: Betsy Rose / lyrics: Thich Nhat Hanh*)

Breathing in, breathing out (2x)

I am blooming as a flower, I am fresh as the dew
I am solid as a mountain, I am firm as the earth
I am free

Breathing in, breathing out (2x)

I am water, reflecting what is real, what is true
And I feel there is space, deep inside of me
I am free (3x)

Call to Worship *(Tim Graves – adapted)*

One: Out of a world of cut-throat competition, of winners and losers, and so many left behind, we come together longing for another way.

ALL: The world's ways are not God's ways.

One: Out of a world of hatred, violence, individualism, and life-taking power, we gather as God's people.

ALL: God's ways are inclusive, expansive, and life-giving for all.

One: Come all you who hunger, and be fed. Come worship the One whose grace and love know no limits. Swim and splash in the cleansing waters of Divine care and community. Rest and resurrect your spirits in the eternal goodness and peace of God.

ALL: Praise be to the Everlasting God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "All Who Hunger" *(TFWS #2126, tune: William Moore / lyrics: Sylvia G. Dunston)*

All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering.

Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming.

Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered,
in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together;

Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Pamela C. Hawkins – adapted)*

O God, who makes all things new, new stars, new dust, new life; take our hearts, every hardened edge and measured beat, and create something new in us. We need your newness, God, the rough parts of us made smooth; the stagnant, stirred; the stuck, freed; the unkind, forgiven. And then, by the power of your Spirit, turn us toward Love again. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. **3** The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the HOLY ONE in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." **4** Then the HOLY ONE said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ...

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the HOLY ONE, for God has heard your complaining.'" **10** And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites: they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the HOLY ONE appeared in the cloud. **11** The HOLY ONE spoke to Moses, **12** "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the HOLY ONE your God.'" **13** In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. **14** When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. **15** When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the HOLY ONE has given you to eat."

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

Scripture Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. **27** When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the HOLY ONE, **12:1** and the HOLY ONE sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. **2** The rich man had very many flocks and herds, **3** but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. **4** Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to

prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him."

5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the HOLY ONE lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; **6** he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity." **7** Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the HOLY ONE, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; **8** I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. **9** Why have you despised the word of the HOLY ONE, to do what is evil in God's sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. **10** Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. **11** Thus says the HOLY ONE: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in broad daylight. **12** For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and in broad daylight."

13a David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the HOLY ONE."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Complaints and Confessions"

Song: "Forgive, Forgive Us, Holy God" (tune: UMH #682 / lyrics: Shirely Erena Murray – adapted)

Forgive, forgive us, holy God!
Your children call on you to hear!
Our blood is on each other's hands,
we die from hunger, lies and fear.

Forgive us that our souls are numb
to scenes of terror, screams of pain;
that while we pray 'Your (kindom) come'
our world is still a battle plain.

Forgive the minds no longer shocked
by homeless poor, by lives abused,
forgive us that the earth is stacked
with weapons waiting to be used.

Forgive us that our household gods
are self and safety, private need,
forgive us all our fitful prayers,
the token gift, the token deed.

Give us this day the bread of peace,
the hands to share a common good,
the hearts to ache for justice's sake,
the will to stand where Jesus stood.

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.

Communion / The Great Thanksgiving *(John Pritchard – adapted)*

One: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts.

ALL: We open them to God and to each other.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: We give thanks, O God, for your creative work, your Spirit hovering in the beginning; your voice calling into being the web of Creation and with it life, all life, and eventually our lives; your passion freeing a people from enslavement, providing manna in the wilderness, covenanting for a community of justice; your heartache filling prophets when that covenant was broken and speaking rage and hope for your vision fulfilled, your earth renewed, your abundance shared. And so, with those prophets, with all your people, with the vast company of Creation itself, we praise you and we join their unending hymn:

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: We give you thanks for your rage and hope, your grace and love, embodied in Jesus, your Christ, confronting those who enriched themselves through brutality and injustice, affirming a commitment to just sharing and the dignity of those who had been trampled. He shared food with those hungry for bread and more, he shared wholeness with those sick in body or spirit, and he shared community with those long

denied it. He was executed by those who wanted no change, but you breathed life again into him and into those who followed him.

During the final Passover 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, as we proclaim 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 on 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. As we enjoy this simplest of meals, stir up your Spirit within us as refreshed passion, as righteous rage, as revived hope, as renewed resolve. Live and breathe and move in us as grace and love, that we may embody and extend your grace and love to all the world.

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 & Taizé 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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