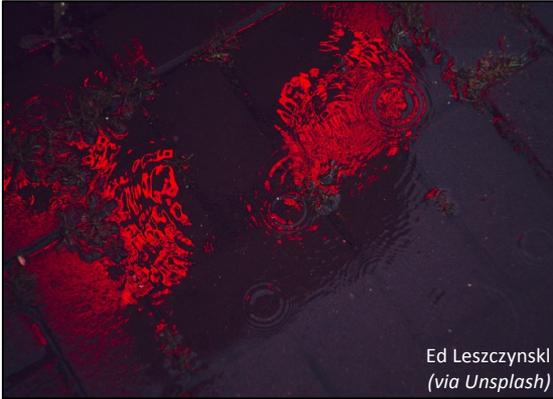


Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



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*"When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many
prayers, I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood."*

- Isaiah 1:15

August 7, 2022

9th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "Something Beautiful" (*Alexi Murdoch*)

Welcome / Announcements

- **Interfaith Awareness Week, Aug 7-13**
 - info at world-interfaith.com
- **Community Rhythm Circle** canceled this month, but will resume **Sep 8, 7-8:15 pm**
 - info at allmeansall.org/crc
- **Pastor Tim will be on vacation** one more time this summer, **Aug 18-24**
 - in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Kristine (Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee): 267.624.5530
- **Worship volunteers:** sign up at tinyurl.com/worship-help

Calendar

Today, 5 pm: Church Council

Tuesday, Aug 9, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)

- info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality

Wednesday, Aug 10, 7 pm: Trustees

Thursday, Aug 11, 7 pm: Calvary Master Plan Presentation

- info at allmeansall.org/calvary-connections

Sunday, Aug 14

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **1:30ish-3:30ish pm:** Calvary Potluck Picnic at Clark Park (*weather permitting*)
 - 43rd & Chester
 - BYO lunch & chairs if you can (*extra food/drinks provided*)

Sunday, Aug 21: No Calvary Worship

- you're encouraged to worship with West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship at 9:30 am (in person or virtually)

– request details at wpmf@wpmf.org), visit another church or observe Sabbath your own way this week

Visiting With Us?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason you chose to join us! We invite you to fill out a Visitor Form at allmeansall.org/visitors; for those worshiping in person, someone will share a form with you during the service. We strive to make our worship space (in person and virtual) as welcoming and accommodating of different needs as possible. If you have any concerns or questions regarding accessibility, 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 (office@allmeansall.org).

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "The Kingdom of God" (*tune: Jacques Berthier / lyrics: Taizé Community – adapted*)

The (kindom) of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Come, God, and open in us
the gates of your (kindom).

Call to Worship (*Beth Merrill Neel – adapted*)

One: Into this world we are born,

ALL: into the beauty and sorrow of everyday life.

One: Into this day we awake,

ALL: into possibility and the unknown.

One: Into this church we are welcomed,

ALL: into God's grace and each other's truth.

One: So let us worship our God this day,

ALL: we who are loved and called to love. Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Let All Things Now Living" (TFWS #2008, tune: trad. Welsh melody / lyrics: Katherine K. Davis)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

The law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (John van de Laar – adapted)

Your love, O God, is an active love: engaged, involved,
immersed. Your love, O God, is seen in deed and not just
in word: in the blessing of children, in meals with outcasts,
in touching of the untouchable, in your presence and
your self-giving, in your opening of the way to life for all
who will come.

And your love, O God, is made known through acts of
love, by people like us: through gifts shared in simplicity
and generosity; through wholeness shared in care and
healing of the sick and broken; through hospitality shared

in presence with the lonely, the imprisoned and the marginalized; through peace shared in kindness toward those who challenge us, confront us and threaten us.

As you have loved us in incarnate action, O God, may we be little incarnations through whom your love is expressed and experienced in action. As compassion. As justice. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

10 Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

11 What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. **12** When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; **13** bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. **14** Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

15 When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. **16** Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, **17** learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. **18** Come now, let us argue

it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. **19** If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; **20** but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **2** Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. **3** By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. **9** By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. **10** For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. **11** By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered (God) faithful who had promised. **12** Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Blood On Our Hands"

Song: "Wounded World that Cries for Healing" (tune: UMH #400, unknown / lyrics: TFWS #2177, Shirley Erena Murray)

Wounded world that cries for healing –
here we hold each other's pain,
wounded systems, bruised and bleeding
bear the load, the scars of strain;
dollars ration out compassion,
hard decisions rule the day,
Jesus of the healing Spirit,
free us to another way!

Through our nation's spent frustration,
through the corridors of stress
may there move a kindlier wisdom
all may feel, and all may bless;
tax and tithe are for a purpose
shared to shield the poor and weak;
past the symptoms of our sickness
let the voice of justice speak.

Honor those whose loving spirit
nurses hope, restores and heals,
towel and basin used in service
like the Christ who comes and kneels;
in the tending, in the mending
may we see the right and fair,
in our common quest for wholeness
heal each other by our care.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

"Thanks be to God" or "God, hear our prayer"

Sung Response (tune: UMH #175 / lyrics: John Pritchard)

O living God, we wait for you,
each wound, each rift to heal,
each empty heart and life to fill,
each day with joy to seal.

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: God, it is your good pleasure to give us the whole world. All of creation you share with us, nourishing our lives and all life. You seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, and care for the widow. You ask us to do the same. You ask us to trust our lives to your care, in faith and in hope, considering the ravens, who neither sow nor reap, and who have neither storehouse nor barn; and yet you feed them. And considering the lilies, how they grow, neither toiling nor spinning; yet, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. You shower us with your grace and nourish us with your love. Therefore, with all your people on earth and indeed, with all creation, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

ALL SING *(TFWS #2257-b, tune: Mark Miller)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord; 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 the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! *(3x)*

One: Blessed are all who come in your name, and blessed is Jesus, your Christ, who gave us your riches and shared with us your abundance. He offered us unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, and included the rejected. He freed us from worry and taught us to trust your grace. He stood against the

powers of Empire, promising instead your Empire of Grace and Love. For his resistance he was crucified, but death was not the final word. It is never the final word.

Before his arrest ... And so as we prepare to share this sacred meal together, we remember. As those strengthened in your Spirit and in the spirit of all the saints who have gone before us, we commit ourselves anew to life made new, to your ways of healing, of justice and peace, of care for all creation, proclaiming the mystery of faith:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-c, tune: Mark Miller)

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

One: Pour out your Spirit on us gathered virtually, on these gifts of bread and cup, and on all those elements we use to join in this holy feast of love. By the strength of these gifts, empower us to be your hands and feet in the world, to do your will, to seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, and care for the widow, for the sake of the healing of the world.

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-d, tune: Mark Miller)

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

Sung Response: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (UMH #618, African American spiritual)

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

Let us drink wine together on our knees ...
Let us praise God together on our knees ...

ENGAGING

Closing Song: "The Trees of the Field" (TFWS #2279, tune: Stuart Dauermann / lyrics: Steffi Geiser Ruben)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field,
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap 2x*)
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap 2x*)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap 2x*)
while you go out with joy.

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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