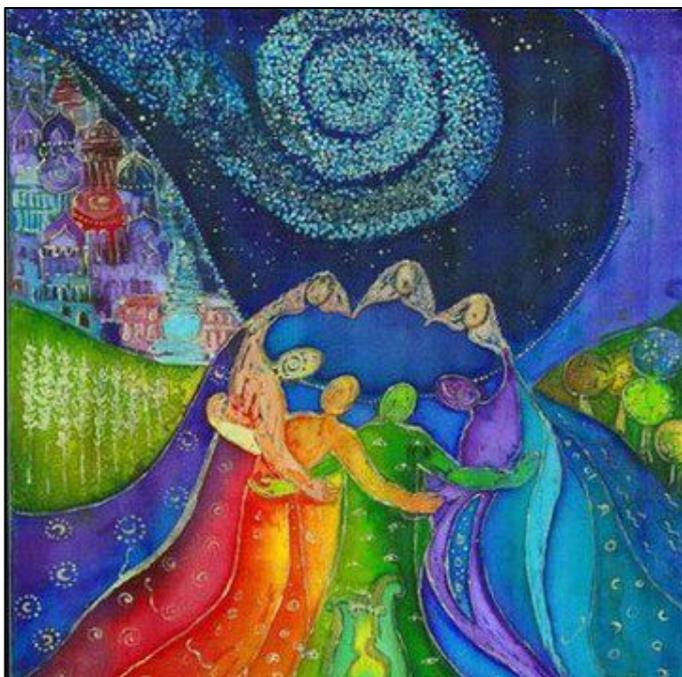


Calvary

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



"In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God."

- Ephesians 2:21-22

August 8, 2021
11th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "We Rise" (*Batya Levine*)

Welcome and Announcements

Announcements

- welcome back to Pastor John as our guest preacher!
- tentative return to in-person worship: Sunday, Aug 29 at Clark Park, then Sunday, Sep 12 at Calvary
- donate to building campaign: tinyurl.com/CCCCPhilly

Calendar

Tuesday, Aug 10

- **12-12:30 pm:** Midweek Prayer
 - info at allmeansall.org/virtual
- **12-1 pm:** Virtual Lunches for Driver's Licenses for All (*also Fridays, semi-weekly*)
 - info at tinyurl.com/licensesforallvirtuallunch
- **6:30 pm:** Trustees

Sunday, Aug 15: 12:30 pm: Church Council

Tuesday, Aug 17, 6 pm: Finance Committee

Saturday, Sep 18, 7-8:30 pm: Singing a New Song

- info at allmeansall.org/new-song

Saturday, Oct 23, 4 pm: Charge Conference

Friday, Nov 12 – Saturday, Nov 13/Sunday, Nov 14: Calvary Fall Retreat (*adults only*)

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).

Want to Help with Worship?

If you would like to participate in worship by leading the *Call to Worship*, reading scripture, preaching or otherwise, please contact Pastor Tim.

Singing Our Way In: "Open My Eyes" (Jesse Manibusan)

Open my eyes, Lord*. Help me to see your face.

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like You.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live within You, deep in your heart, O Love.

I live within You, rest now in me.

** you may prefer to substitute "God" or "Love" for "Lord"*

Invitation to Holy Presence / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship (John Pritchard)

One: Gathered as sacred community, welcome.

ALL: Holy Love embraces us all.

One: We gather, friends, woven together by the thread of God's presence.

ALL: Alleluia to the Spirit flowing between us!

One: We join to hold and be held, if only virtually, because we belong to each other.

ALL: Alleluia to the Spirit flowing between us!

One: We join to be strength for each other in the wounds and aches of our living.

ALL: Alleluia to the Spirit flowing between us!

One: We join to dance with each other in the great joy of living.

ALL: Alleluia to the Spirit flowing between us!

One: We join to renew each other in the walk of faith, in the vision of justice and peace.

ALL: Alleluia to the Spirit flowing between us!

One: We join to blend our hearts into one, to sing and pray and hope in the Spirit of God weaving us, weaving all life, together.

ALL: Alleluia to the Spirit flowing between us, the Spirit rising within us, the Spirit flowing out as praise: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: "God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

(tune: UMH #100, lyrics: TFWS #2060)

God the sculptor of the mountains,
God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens,
God the potter of the land;
You are womb of all creation,
we are formless; shape us now.

God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,
God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar in the darkness,
God the beacon of the free:
You are fount of all deliv'rance,
we are sightless; lead us now.

God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
You are host at every table,
we are hungry; feed us now.

God the unexpected infant,
God the calm, determined youth,
God the table-turning prophet,
God the resurrected truth:
You are present every moment,
we are searching; meet us now.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer *(John Pritchard)*

In a world of such deep divisions, O God, between haves and have-nots, between vaccine supporters and anti-vaxxers, between nations and within nations, between races and sexes and people of different faiths; in a world of such deep divisions, O God, you gather us.

In a world that can knock the stuffing out of us and leave us reeling, overwhelmed, isolated, you gather us. In a world that can still delight and thrill us and leave us breathless with wonder, you gather us because we are woven together in your grace, in your great web of life.

Grant us to sense anew that truth. Grant us to taste anew its strength and hope and healing power. Grant us life restored in your Spirit. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "New Start" (*Calvary Choir*)

Scripture Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, **2** the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." **3** Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

4 But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: **5** Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? **6** I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. **7** Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

8 Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; **9** and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. **10** And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as

formerly, **11** from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. **12** When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. **13** He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **14** I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 2:14-22

For (Christ) is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. **15** He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, **16** and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. **17** So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; **18** for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to (God). **19** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, **20** built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. **21** In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; **22** in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "A Dwelling Place for God"

Hymn of Response: "God Builds a House"

(tune: UMH #318 / lyrics: Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia, adapted)

God builds a house with living stone,
with mortar made of sweat and prayer.
It's (frame is set in Spirit's power
and sealed by Love that will not wear).

Come bless the building of your house
around Your hearth of living bread;
through sacred meal and Word proclaimed
so hearts and souls and minds are fed.

Come gift the building of your house
with healing ways for life and land;
through water bath and oil outpoured
for prayer and laying on of hands.

Come free the building of your house
from all that binds Your holy work.
Lay waste our walls that now divide
so all may live their sacred worth.

All praise the Master Carpenter.
Creation's God now glorify,
who makes a house from old, dry bones;
from us once dead, but now alive!

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns

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

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

O Loving Heart, O Blessed Arms,
hold all we bring to you—
our hopes, our fears, our joy and tears,
our pledge your will to do.

Closing Hymn: "Guide My Feet" *(TFWS #2208, with added refrain)*

Guide my feet while I run this race. *(repeat)*
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand . . .
Stand by me . . .
I'm your child . . .
Search my heart . . .
Guide our feet, while we run this race . . .

ENGAGING

Benediction

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

Let the church say, "Amen" (*repeat*)

God has spoken, let the church say, "Amen"

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