

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*"Rejoice with me, for I have  
found my sheep that was lost."*

*- Luke 15:6b*

**September 11, 2022**

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

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## Homecoming Sunday

### GATHERING

**Prelude:** "I Be Your Water" (*Sweet Honey in the Rock*)

### Welcome / Announcements

#### • Story Circles

- contact Amy ([aemmettrardin@gmail.com](mailto:aemmettrardin@gmail.com)) to join the next round of matches!

#### • Fall Retreat at Carson Simpson Farm (*Hatboro*)

- Saturday, Oct 1, 9 am-4 pm
- info and register at [allmeansall.org/fall-retreat](http://allmeansall.org/fall-retreat)

#### • Adult Ed Book Study – Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents (*virtual / weekly*)

- Mondays, Oct 3 - Nov 21, 7:30-8:30 pm (*not Oct 31*)
- info at [allmeansall.org/adult-ed](http://allmeansall.org/adult-ed)

#### • New Sanctuary Movement – White People Practicing Racial Justice

- they're looking for participants from Calvary – contact Pastor Tim for details

#### • Worship volunteers: sign up at [tinyurl.com/worship-help](http://tinyurl.com/worship-help)

### Calendar

**Today, 1-2:30 pm:** Calvary Potluck (*weather permitting*)

### **Tuesday, Sep 13**

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer
  - info at [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)
- **7 pm:** Trustees

**Wednesday, Sep 14, 12-1 pm:** Lectionary Bible Study

- info at [allmeansall.org/lectionary-bible-study](http://allmeansall.org/lectionary-bible-study)
- contact Pastor Tim to sign up or with any questions

**Thursday, Sep 15, 5:30-8:30 pm:** Baltimore Avenue Dollar Stroll

- contact Ursula ([rrujohnson@comcast.net](mailto:rrujohnson@comcast.net)) if you can help staff Calvary's table

## **Sunday, Sep 25, 12:45-1:45 pm (following worship):**

Congregational Meeting

- update/discussion re: UMC disaffiliation process, Calvary building, etc.

### 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](http://allmeansall.org/visitors)**; for those worshipping 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](mailto:office@allmeansall.org)).

## **CENTERING & CONNECTING**

### **Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer**

#### **Singing Our Way In:** "The Breath of God" (*Rickie Byars*)

The breath of God is breathing me,  
and resting in the breath of God,  
I know that all is well.

The grace of God is grace in me.  
and resting in the grace of God,  
I know that all is well.

The peace of God is peace in me ...  
The love of God is love in me ...

#### **Call to Worship** (*Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted*)

One: God of grace, you long for us as your creation.

**ALL: And we long for you as our Creator.**

One: Because you treasure us, you seek us out.

**ALL: Even when we wander, you search us out and long to bring us home.**

One: Spirit of love, help us to reach out for you and for all who are lost.

**ALL: For in your love we discover one another and ourselves; we enter our own lives; we meet you at last.**

One: It is your will to seek and to save and to start anew.

**ALL: So we worship you. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song:** "Great Lover, Calling Us to Share" (tune: UMH #357, William B. Bradbury / lyrics: Brian Wren)

Great Lover, calling us to share  
your joy in all created things,  
from atom-dance to eagles' wings,  
we come and go, to praise and care.

Though sure of resurrection-grace,  
we ache for all earth's troubled lands  
and hold the planet in our hands,  
a fragile, unprotected place.

Your questing Spirit longs to gain  
no simple fishing-ground for souls,  
but as life's story onward rolls,  
a world more joyful and humane.

As midwives who assist at birth,  
we give our uttermost, yet grieve  
lest folly, greed or hate should leave  
a spoiled, aborted, barren earth.

Self-giving Lover, since you dare  
to join us in our history,  
embracing all our destiny,  
we'll come and go with praise and care.

## Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### **GROUNDING**

#### **Community Prayer**

God of home, God who is home, our home, you are the roof over our heads. You are the walls that protect us, the front door that welcomes us, the hot meal that nourishes us, the soft recliner that comforts us, the warm bed that revives us, the loving family that embraces us. You are the home where our hearts are.

When we lose our way, help us not forget where we come from. Remind us to look for the light you leave on for us. As those relentlessly pursued by your grace, humble us to turn around and meet you halfway. Inspire us to seek and to find – and be found by – your love. Inspire us to leave our lights on for each other, to seek and find those who have lost their way.

That we might all find our way home again. Amen.

#### **Silent Prayer**

#### **Special Music**

#### **Scripture Lesson:** Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse – **12** a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

**22** "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." **23** I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. **24** I

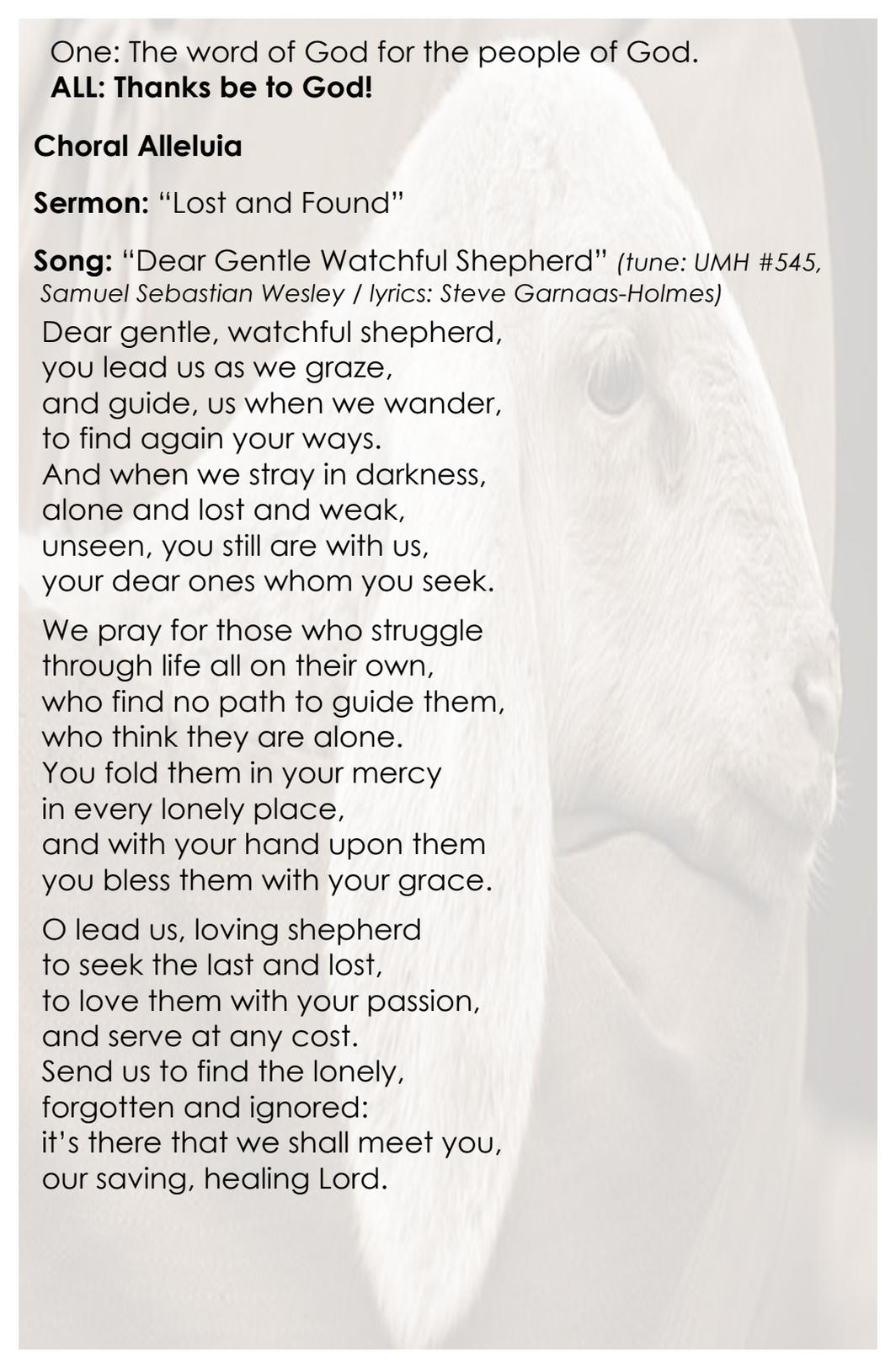
looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. **25** I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. **26** I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before (God's) fierce anger. **27** For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. **28** Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

## Choral Alleluia

### Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. **2** And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." **3** So he told them this parable: **4** "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? **5** When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. **6** And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' **7** Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

**8** "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? **9** When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' **10** Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."



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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## **Choral Alleluia**

**Sermon:** "Lost and Found"

**Song:** "Dear Gentle Watchful Shepherd" (*tune: UMH #545, Samuel Sebastian Wesley / lyrics: Steve Garnaas-Holmes*)

Dear gentle, watchful shepherd,  
you lead us as we graze,  
and guide, us when we wander,  
to find again your ways.  
And when we stray in darkness,  
alone and lost and weak,  
unseen, you still are with us,  
your dear ones whom you seek.

We pray for those who struggle  
through life all on their own,  
who find no path to guide them,  
who think they are alone.  
You fold them in your mercy  
in every lonely place,  
and with your hand upon them  
you bless them with your grace.

O lead us, loving shepherd  
to seek the last and lost,  
to love them with your passion,  
and serve at any cost.  
Send us to find the lonely,  
forgotten and ignored:  
it's there that we shall meet you,  
our saving, healing Lord.

## **SHARING**

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

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

**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.

## **ENGAGING**

**Closing Song:** “Siyahamba / We Are Marching” *(TFWS #2235-b, traditional South African – adapted)*

Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos',  
si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos. *(repeat)*  
Si – ya – hamba, hamba, si – ya – hamba  
hamba, si – ya – hamb'  
e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos *(repeat)*

Caminando en la luz de Dios,  
caminando en la luz de Dios. *(repeat)*  
Caminando vamos, caminando  
vamos, caminando en la luz de Dios. *(repeat)*

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God. *(repeat)*  
We are marching, marching, we are marching,  
marching, we are marching in the light of God. *(repeat)*

We are dancing in the light of God ...  
We are living in the love of God ...

## **Benediction**

**Singing Our Way Out:** “Let the Church Say Amen” *(Andraé Crouch)*

Let the church say, “Amen” *(repeat)*  
God has spoken, let the church say, “Amen”

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