

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



“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?”

- Luke 15:8

September 14, 2025

14th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Community Sunday

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "If I Needed You" (Townes Van Zandt /
perf. by Emmylou Harris and Don Williams)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Congregational giving** (rounded)
 - Sep 1-7: \$844 / weekly budget: \$1,827
- **Bible Study – Revelation:** allmeansall.org/bible-studies
 - beginning week of Sep 29 – exact timing TBD by participants
 - contact Pastor Tim to sign up
- **Story Circles:** allmeansall.org/story-circles
 - contact Amy to sign up, or with any questions:
aemmettrardin@gmail.com
- **Fall Retreat:** Saturday, Sep 27, 10 am-6:30 pm
 - Innabah Camp & Retreat Center
 - allmeansall.org/fall-retreat (deadline: Sep 21)
- **“All Means All” Anniversary Benefit Concert – Songs of Justice & Inclusion:** Saturday, Oct 4, 1 pm
 - 10 am: Community choir rehearsal (contact Pastor Tim to sign up)
 - allmeansall.org/concert
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Sep 14

- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck (monthly)
- **8 pm:** Nominations & Leadership Development Committee

Monday, Sep 15, 6:30-7:30 pm: Yoga (weekly)

- Calvary Parsonage – 815 S. 48th St
- allmeansall.org/yoga

Tuesday, Sep 16

- **3 pm:** Finance Committee (*bimonthly – 3rd Tuesdays*)
- **3 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
 - 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2nd & 4th: 6 pm

Wednesday, Sep 17, 10-11 am: Yoga (*weekly*)

- Calvary (Chapel) – 48th St entrance
- allmeansall.org/yoga

Friday, Sep 19, 7 pm: Calvary Young-ish Adults (*monthly – 3rd Fridays / PLEASE NOTE shift in timing*)

- allmeansall.org/young-ish-adults
- contact Bethany for details and to RSVP, or to be added to the email list: bethanycw@gmail.com

Saturday, Sep 20

- **9:45 am-12:30 pm:** Special Adjourned Session of the 2025 Eastern PA Annual Conference
- **1 pm:** Meditation (*weekly*)
 - Calvary (Board Room) – 48th St entrance
 - witnessandintegrate@gmail.com

Sunday, Sep 21

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
 - guest preacher: Cara Blouin
- **4-6:30 pm:** POWER Interfaith Citywide Strategy Meeting
 - St. Vincent DePaul Parish / 109 E Price St
 - contact Mimi to join others from Calvary, or to get involved in Calvary's POWER Interfaith Team: rmijima@gmail.com

Visiting With 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.

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

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

Open my eyes, (God), help me to see your face.

Open my eyes, (God), help me to see.

Open my ears, (God), help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, (God), help me to hear.

Open my heart, (God), help me to love like you.

Open my heart, (God), help me to love.

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

I live within you, rest now in me.

Call to Worship (*Craig Mitchell – adapted*)

One: We gather, friends,

ALL: hoping for a glimpse of the holy:

One: the One who brooded over Creation, who engulfed a bush in flame, who made a path through the waters, who rolled away the tombstone.

ALL: We gather, hoping for a whisper of the truth:

One: the Word who first spoke in the silence, the voice who raged with prophet's zeal, the host who sang of peace on earth, the teacher who blessed humble and poor.

ALL: We gather, hoping for a touch of compassion:

One: the tenderness that shaped the human body, the caress that opened eyes of the blind, the soothing hand that brought healing calm, the warmth that embraced lonely and lost.

ALL: We gather, in the presence of Mystery:

One: of One who is revealed and hidden, known and unknown, mother of Creation, human God-with-us, living Word, eternal Spirit.

ALL: God of Mystery, breathe into us compassion, truth, holiness.

One: Breathe into us faith, hope, love.

ALL: Breathe into us reconciliation, justice, peace.

One: Breathe newness of life into all of us as we gather to worship in community, as community.

ALL: With joy we sing together: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Gather Us In" (TFWS #2236, Marty Haugen – adapted)

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the (kindom), now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Offering Our Gifts

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*"Each of you must give as
you have made up your mind,
not regretfully or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver."*

– 2 Corinthians 9:7



GROUNDING

Community Prayer (*John van de Laar – adapted*)

The image you have shaped within us, O God—
mysteriously, incredibly, a reflection of your own being—
is best seen in the multiple refractions of our varied
humanity, in the prismatic kaleidoscopes of our shared
life; our interconnectedness, our being with each other.

When we have lost our way, God, you call us home to
love. You seek us out in love. And when we seek you, you
are as close as our breath. Help us to remember that you
are most fully found when we seek you together, in
beloved community—where all are welcomed home.
Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 14

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are
corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is no one who
does good. **2** The HOLY ONE looks down from heaven on
humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who
seek after God. **3** They have all gone astray; they are all
alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not

one. **4** Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the HOLY ONE? **5** There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. **6** You would confound the plans of the poor, but the HOLY ONE is their refuge. **7** O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the HOLY ONE restores the fortunes of God's people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, 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** And 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 lost sheep.' **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** And 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

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia. *(repeat)*

Sermon: "No One is Illegal"

Song: "Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God" *(Colin Gibson
– adapted)*

Nothing is lost on the breath of God,
nothing is lost forever;
God's breath is love,
and that love will remain,
holding the world forever.
No feather too light,
no hair too fine,
no flower too brief in its glory;
no drop in the ocean,
no dust in the air,
but is counted and told in God's story.

Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,
nothing is lost forever;
God sees with love,
and that love will remain,
holding the world forever.
No journey too far,
no distance too great,
no valley of darkness too blinding;
no creature too humble,
no child too small
for God to be seeking and finding.

Nothing is lost to the heart of God,
nothing is lost forever;
God's heart is love,
and that love will remain,

holding the world forever.
No impulse of love,
no office of care,
no moment of life in its fullness;
no beginning too late,
no ending too soon,
but is gathered and known in its goodness.

No one is lost in the reign of God,
no one is lost forever;
God's reign is love,
and that love will remain,
holding the world forever ...

SHARING

Prayers of the People

Sung Response (*tune: UMH #175, John B. Dykes / 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.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (*TFWS #2153, African American spiritual – adapted*)

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere ... anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me,
anywhere ... anytime!
I'm gonna work so ...
I'm gonna pray so ...

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Pool of Love" (Alexa Sunshine Rose,
Murray Kyle)

May the pool of love we have gathered here
Spread its wings and fly far and near
From the depths of our hearts to the farthest star
May our love bless everyone

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