

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*“How long, O simple ones,  
will you love being simple?”*

**- Proverbs 1:22a**

**September 15, 2024**

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

# **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

*National Hispanic Heritage Month*

## **GATHERING**

**Gathering Song:** "The Way Is Simple" (*Hanna Leigh*)

### **Welcome & Announcements**

- **Community Rummage Sale postponed**
  - future date TBD
  - contact Shakirah to be part of the planning team:  
[office@allmeansall.org](mailto:office@allmeansall.org)
- **Fall Book Study:** The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy (*Jim Wallis*)
  - Mondays, Sep 23 – Oct 28, 8-9 pm (*timing negotiable*)
  - [allmeansall.org/book-studies](http://allmeansall.org/book-studies)
- **Fall/Winter Bible Study:** Gospels of Matthew & Luke
  - Mondays, Nov 18 – Dec 16, 8-9 pm (*timing negotiable*)
  - [allmeansall.org/bible-studies](http://allmeansall.org/bible-studies)
- **Previous sermons:** [allmeansall.org/sermons](http://allmeansall.org/sermons)
- **Previous bulletins:** [allmeansall.org/bulletins](http://allmeansall.org/bulletins)

### Calendar

#### **Today, Sep 15**

- **12:30-1:30 pm:** Congregational Meeting (*hybrid*)

#### **Tuesday, Sep 17**

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
  - [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)
- **6-8:30 pm:** Philly Pathway to Power Debrief and Training (*POWER*)
  - Spirit & Truth Fellowship / 4455 N. 6th St
- **7 pm:** Finance Committee

**Sunday, Sep 22, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship

**Saturday, Oct 19, 10 am-5 pm:** Calvary Fall Retreat

- [allmeansall.org/fall-retreat](http://allmeansall.org/fall-retreat)
- registration deadline: Oct 1

## **Sunday, Nov 3, 5-8 pm:** Calvary Center Gala

- honoring Rich Kirk

### 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.

## **CENTERING & CONNECTING**

### **Breathing Our Way In**

**Singing Our Way In:** "Seek Ye First" (*UMH #405, Karen Lafferty – adapted*)

Seek ye first the (kindom) of God  
and (God's) righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!  
Allelu, alleluia!

**Call to Worship** (*Steve Garnaas-Holmes, based on Psalm 19*)

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**ALL: Day to day pours forth truth; night to night reveals wisdom.**

One: There is no speech, nor are there words; no voice is heard.

**ALL: Yet their truth goes out through all the earth, and their message to the end of the world.**

One: In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**ALL: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.**

One: We join all creation in praising God!

**ALL: We join in harmony to worship our God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song:** "Sing for God's Glory" (*tune: UMH #139, anonymous – harm. by William Sterndale Bennett / lyrics: Kathy Galloway*)

Sing for God's glory that colors the dawn of creation,  
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;  
sun of delight succeeds the velvet of night,  
warming the earth's exultation.

Sing for God's power that shatters  
the chains that would bind us,  
searing the darkness of  
fear and despair that could blind us,  
touching our shame with love that will not lay blame,  
reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,  
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;  
lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight,  
offering freedom's transfusion.

Sing for God's saints who have traveled  
faith's journey before us,  
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;  
in them we see the new creation to be,  
spirit of love made flesh for us.

**Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## GROUNDING

### **Community Prayer** *(Ted Loder – adapted)*

O God, we want so to belong; teach us to accept. We want to be close; teach us to reach out. We want a place where we are welcome; teach us to open our arms. We want mercy; teach us to forgive. We want beauty; teach us honesty. We want peace; show us the eye of the storm. We want truth; show us the way to question our unquestionable convictions. We want joy; show us the way of deeper commitment. We want life; show us how to die. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Special Music**

### **Scripture Lesson:** Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. **21** At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: **22** "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? **23** Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. **24** Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, **25** and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, **26** I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, **27** when panic strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. **28** Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. **29** Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the HOLY ONE, **30** would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, **31** therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own

devices. **32** For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; **33** but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease without dread of disaster."

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

**Scripture Lesson:** Mark 8:27-37 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

Jesus went with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" **28** And they answered, saying, "John the Baptizer and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." **29** He asked them, "But who do you all say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." **30** And he warned them so they would tell no one about him.

**31** Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Woman must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scholars, and be killed, and after three days rise again. **32** And he boldly said this thing. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. **33** But turning and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and he said, "Get behind me, Satan!—because the mind is not on that which is God's, rather on that which is mortal." **34** And Jesus called the crowd along with his disciples, and said to (them), "If any want to follow after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **35** For the one who wants to save their life will lose it, and the one who loses their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. **36** For what will it profit a person to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? **37** What then can a human being give in return for their life?"

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## Choral Alleluia

**Sermon:** "Not So Simple"

**Song:** "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom" (*tune: UMH #626, French carol / lyrics: Ruth Duck – adapted*)

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,  
she who danced, when earth was new.  
Follow closely what she teaches,  
for her words are (light and truth).  
Wisdom clears the path to justice,  
showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,  
crying in the market-place.  
Hear the Word made flesh among us,  
full of glory, (life) and grace.  
When the word takes root and ripens,  
(peace) and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;  
nurture all who seek rebirth.  
Spirit-guide and close companion,  
bring to light our sacred worth.  
Free us to become your people,  
holy friends of God and earth.

## **SHARING**

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

**Sung Response** (*tune: UMH #145 / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

Hear us, Creator. Hear us, O Lover.  
Hear us, O Spirit moving within.  
Hear all our longing; hear all our sorrow.  
Hear every joy and praise that we bring.

## **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:** "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 (*repeat*)

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