

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“Besides all this, between you and us
a great chasm has been fixed ...”*

- Luke 16:28a

September 28, 2025

16th Sunday after Pentecost

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

National Hispanic Heritage Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "What the World Needs Now Is Love"
(tune: Burt Bacharach / lyrics: Hal David / perf. by Andra Day)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Congregational giving** *(rounded)*
 - Sep 15-21: \$1,135 / weekly budget: \$1,827
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Monday, Sep 29, 6:30-7:30 pm: Yoga *(weekly)*

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

Tuesday, Sep 30, 3 pm: Midweek Prayer *(weekly)*

- allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2nd & 4th: 6 pm

Wednesday, Oct 1

- **10-11 am:** Yoga *(weekly)*
 - see Sep 29 for details
- **7-8ish pm:** Spirituality on Tap *(monthly – 1st Wednesdays)*
 - Dahlak / 4708 Baltimore Ave
 - allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

Saturday, Oct 4

- **1 pm:** "All Means All" Anniversary Benefit Concert – Songs of Justice & Inclusion
 - Calvary (Chapel) – 48th St entrance
 - 10 am: Community choir rehearsal (contact Pastor Tim to sign up)
 - allmeansall.org/concert
- **1 pm:** Meditation *(weekly)*
 - Calvary (Board Room) – 48th St entrance
 - witnessandintegrate@gmail.com

Sunday, Oct 5

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*World Communion Sunday*)
- **5 pm:** Calvary Kids & Youth (CKY) Bowling
 - contact Kasper to sign up, or with any questions: kasper.kimura@gmail.com

Thursday, October 9, 7 pm: POWER Interfaith West/ Southwest Cluster (*monthly – 2nd Thursdays*)

- contact Mimi for details, or to get involved in Calvary's POWER Interfaith Team: rmijima@gmail.com

Sunday, Oct 12

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck (*monthly*)
 - allmeansall.org/2nd-sunday-potluck

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: "Holy, Holy, Holy (Santo, Santo, Santo)" (*TFWS #2007, Argentine folk song – adapted*)

Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you:
You are holy, (God)!

Santo, santo, santo,
Mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir:
Santo eres, Dios!

Call to Worship (*Tim Graves, inspired by Psalm 146:5-10 – adapted*)

One: Come, friends, and worship!

ALL: We praise the Holy One between, within, and over.

One: Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

ALL: We trust in the Holy One who creates expansive love, calling us to do the same.

One: Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

ALL: We follow the Holy One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed, feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.

One: Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

ALL: We praise the Holy One, our God, whose Spirit spans the ages. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "God of Grace and God of Glory" (*UMH #577, tune: John Hughes / lyrics: Harry Emerson Fosdick*)

God of grace and God of glory,
on (your) people pour (your) power;
crown (your) ancient church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour (of this hour),
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn (your) Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days (of these days),
for the living of these days.

Cure (your) children's warring madness,
bend our pride to (your) control;

shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss (your kindom's) goal (kindom's goal),
lest we miss (your kindom's) goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for (your) salvation,
be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving (you) whom we adore (we adore),
serving (you) whom we adore.

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 (*Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted*)

Merciful God, you provide for us a place of belonging, a home in the arms of your love. You are our light and our day. Open the windows of our minds, that your dawn may pour in. Open the eyes of our hearts, that we may see, in beauty and in truth.

Generous God, speak to us, transform us, and empower us with your extravagant love for this world. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, **7** for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, **8** but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. **9** But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ...

17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. **18** They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, **19** thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. **20** And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, **21** who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. **22** The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. **24** He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' **25** But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. **26** Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' **27** He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—**28** for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' **29** Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' **30** He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' **31** He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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: "Chasms of Our Own Making"

Song: "We'll Be at Home" *(tune: UMH #453, William P. Doane / lyrics: John Pritchard)*

Come, God, renew the earth; bring us your peace.

Let war be learned no more, all conflicts cease.

Let lambs with wolves lie down,
in safety all be found.

We'll be at home in your shalom.

Come, God, renew our world; all things refresh.
Touch every wound and heal, broken ones bless.
Blind eyes with sight be found,
mute tongues with praise abound.
We'll be at home in your shalom.

Come, God, renew our lives; give us your grace.
Touch every heart until all know your face.
Earth's every good we'll share,
for one another care.
We'll be at home, in your shalom.

Come, God, renew all things; grant a new start.
Unlock the chains we wear; open our hearts.
Grant each a welcome place,
a friend in every face.
We'll be at home in your shalom.

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: "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

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