

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*"Just like the clay in the potter's  
hand, so are you in my hand ..."*

**- Jeremiah 18:6b**

**September 4, 2022**

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

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING

**Prelude:** "Search Me, O God" (*tune: Leigh Newton, based on Ludwig van Beethoven's "La Pathetique" / lyrics: Leigh Newton*)

## **Welcome / Announcements**

### • **Story Circles**

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

### • **Lectionary Bible Study** (*virtual / weekly*)

- Wednesdays, 12-1 pm
- info at [allmeansall.org/lectionary-bible-study](http://allmeansall.org/lectionary-bible-study)

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

- Mondays, Oct 3-Nov 21, 7:30-8:30 pm (*no class Oct 31*)
- info at [allmeansall.org/adult-ed](http://allmeansall.org/adult-ed)

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

## Calendar

**Tuesday, Sep 6, 12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer

- info at [allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality](http://allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality)

**Wednesday, Sep 7**

- **12-1 pm:** Lectionary Bible Study
  - contact Pastor Tim to sign up or with any questions
- **6-8 pm:** New Sanctuary Movement General Assembly
  - contact Lauren ([laurenbee93@gmail.com](mailto:laurenbee93@gmail.com)) for details or to get involved with Calvary's NSM Team

**Thursday, Sep 8, 7-8:15 pm:** Community Rhythm Circle

- info at [allmeansall.org/community-rhythm-circle](http://allmeansall.org/community-rhythm-circle)

**Saturday, Sep 10, 10-11:30 am:** Mission Link Trauma Training

- contact Pastor Tim to sign up or with any questions

## **Sunday, Sep 11**

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship – Homecoming Sunday
  - you're encouraged to invite friends and family!
- **1-3ish pm:** Calvary Potluck Picnic (*weather permitting*)
  - outside 48<sup>th</sup> Street entrance
  - BYO lunch if you can (*extra food/drinks provided*)

## **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, following worship (12:30-1:30 pm):**

### Congregational Meeting

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

## **Saturday, Oct 1, 9 am-5 pm:** Fall Retreat at Carson Simpson Farm (*Hatboro*)

- info at [allmeansall.org/fall-retreat](http://allmeansall.org/fall-retreat)
- contact Pastor Tim to sign up or with questions

## 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: "Spirit of the Living God"** (UMH #393,  
*Daniel Iverson – adapted*)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me *(repeat)*

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on (us) . . .

**Call to Worship** (*Deborah Sokolove – adapted*)

One: We come with praise for the wonderful works of  
God.

**ALL: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.**

One: The Holy One knows us and sustains us,

**ALL: even in our moments of confusion and doubt.**

One: Who can count the thoughts of God?

**ALL: They are more than all the sands of the desert.**

One: Like clay in the hand of the potter, we are shaped  
into vessels of divine love.

**ALL: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song: "We Sing to You, O God"** (TFWS #2001, tune:  
*John Darwall / lyrics: Gracia Grindal*)

We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth,  
let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth.

To you, O God, let songs be raised,  
in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.

We wandered far from home out in a desert land,  
you shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band.  
You kept us safe within your arms  
and sheltered us against the storm.

You bear us through the world, an eagle to her young,  
who rises on her wings and bears us toward the sun.  
We ride the vaults of light and air  
and trust in your unfailing care.

O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings,  
the everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.  
Your word is true, your way is just,  
you are the God in whom we trust.

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

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### **GROUNDING**

#### **Community Prayer** *(Michael Leunig – adapted)*

God, help us to grow toward love. Help us to be changed by your love, to change in pursuit of love. To change ourselves and to change our world. To know the need for it. To deal with the pain of it. To feel the joy of it. To appreciate the grace of it. To faithfully undertake the journey without fully understanding the destination.

The art of gentle revolution. Amen.

#### **Silent Prayer**

#### **Special Music**

#### **Scripture Lesson:** Jeremiah 18:1-6

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:

**2** "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." **3** So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. **4** The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. **5** Then the word of the LORD came to me: **6** Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

#### **Choral Alleluia**

## **Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 139:1-15

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. **2** You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. **3** You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. **4** Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. **5** You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. **6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**7** Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? **8** If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. **9** If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, **10** even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. **11** If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," **12** even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

**13** For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. **14** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. **15** My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## **Choral Alleluia**

**Sermon:** "Works of Art, in Progress"

**Song:** "The Lone, Wild Bird" (*tune: UMH #408, trad. English melody / lyrics: TFWS #2052, vs. 1-3: Henry Richard McFayden, vs. 4-5: Marty Haugen*)

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight

is still with you, nor leaves your sight.  
And I am yours! I rest in you,  
Great Spirit, come, rest in me, too.

The ends of earth are in your hand,  
the sea's dark deep and far-off land.  
And I am yours! I rest in you,  
Great Spirit, come, rest in me, too.

Each secret thought is known to you,  
the path I walk my whole life through;  
my days, my deeds, my hopes, my fears,  
my deepest joys, my silent tears.

In secret depths you knit my frame,  
before my birth you spoke my name;  
within my soul, as close as breath,  
so near to me, in life, in death.

O search me, God, my heart reveal,  
renew my life, my spirit heal;  
for I am yours, I rest in you,  
Great Spirit, come, rest in me, too.

## **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.

**Communion / The Great Thanksgiving** *(John Pritchard – adapted)*

One: God is with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: Open your hearts.

**ALL: We open them to God and to each other.**

One: Let us give thanks.

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Blessed are you, O God of the universe, maker of all that is, of swirling galaxies and pulsing stars, of churning seas and windswept fields, of manatee and hummingbird and rhino and sheep, of sun and rain, of grain and grape, of us, human us, fearfully and wonderfully made in your image. Blessed are you, O God of the universe, giver of paths to you, of covenant, of bread and cup, of love and justice and joy shared. We praise your name, with all that lives, sharing their unending hymn:

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-b, tune: Mark Miller)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

**Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

One: Blessed are you, O God of the universe, maker of flesh and blood, Spirit who molds and fills us, shapes us, animates us, stirs us toward life. Blessed are those in whom we see you, like Jesus of Nazareth, who healed the broken, welcomed the excluded, and loved even his enemies. He shared stories around his table and summoned others to share the gifts of love and life.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe, present on Jesus's final night with his friends, when he said goodbye by sharing a meal. Before his arrest ... And so as we prepare again for this sacred meal, we remember. As we share the bread and cup together, we remember the life of Jesus and all that we see of you in that life. And we commit ourselves anew to your ways of compassion and healing, of justice and peace, of care

for all creation, proclaiming the mystery of faith:

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-c, tune: Mark Miller)

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.  
Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

One: Blessed are you, O God of the universe, source of all relationship, thread that weaves all together, Spirit that goes behind and before us, that dances in the between—between yesterday and tomorrow, between here and there, between us all. Blessed are you, O God of the universe, who fills this time when we are together and fills this meal we share, even from a distance. By your presence, bless this sharing that we may each know your presence among us, your life lifting us, your love holding and calling us to joy. Blessed are you, O God of the universe, maker of the grain of the field, the fruit of the vine, the table, the circle, that brings us together and the Spirit we share. By your Spirit, make us one with each other and with all creation, one in hope, one in love, one with you in the work of mending the world, one together in unending praise:

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-d, tune: Mark Miller)

**Amen. Amen. Amen.  
Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

**Sung Response:** “Let Us Break Bread Together” (UMH #618, African American spiritual)

Let us break bread together on our knees. *(repeat)*  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees ...  
Let us praise God together on our knees ...

## **ENGAGING**

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

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (repeat)

I'm gonna work so ...

I'm gonna pray so ...

I'm gonna live so ...

## **Benediction**

**Singing Our Way Out:** "Go Now in Peace" (UMH #665, Natalie Sleeth)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
may the love of God surround you  
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

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