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Welcome!

Welcome to Calvary! We are so glad you are here.

If you've never been to a Moravian worship service before, it is likely some of the parts of this service will be rather new to you! We promise in time you'll learn the ropes. As we go throughout the service, feel free to simply follow our Pastor; she'll cue you in on if we are being invited to stand, sit, or greet one another.

This service is being livestreamed to YouTube.

Upcoming events and gatherings:

Conversation (After) Church | *Beginning in Sept!*

Choir Practice | *Beginning September 2nd*

Family Sunday School | *Returning Sept 6th!*

Midweek Bible Study | *Returning Sept 3rd*

Moravian Women | *Returning Sept 2 (in person) & 14th (online)*

New here? Please scan this QR code to let us learn about you and follow up after today!



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As we gather...

...we wanted to make sure to let you know something really important! **ALL** are welcome here at **Calvary**. As a church that is a part of the Moravian Church Northern Province we believe and affirm that *“no matter who you are or how you identify you are embraced and affirmed by God’s expansive love.”* Additionally, we welcome all who might have questions, all those who might have some doubts, and of course all who remain tenaciously faithful. At Calvary, there is room for you here, and we are so glad you’ve decided to join us today.

If you are worshipping with us in our sanctuary...

...you may have a few questions about our church space and where to find things! Just out the doors to the right of the sanctuary you can find a single stall, gender neutral bathroom. A few steps beyond that is our church nursery that has a live audio feed of our service. If you or someone who came with you today needs to step out of the sanctuary you are welcome to use this space! It is not staffed, so we just ask if you are bringing children into the space you remain with them until you are ready to rejoin us in the sanctuary. At the end of the service Pastor Mikayla will process to the back of the sanctuary and she would love to greet you so please stop by and say hello!

If you are worshipping with us online...

...know that you can connect with us and others worshipping online via our live chat! Please feel free to say hi and tell us where you are worshipping from. We are still working on making our streaming the most hospitable and welcoming that it can be, so please bear with us! If you have a prayer request you would like lifted up during our Prayers of the People time, please email our church office at

churchcalvarymoravian@gmail.com no later than
the Saturday before our Sunday worship and
Pastor Mikayla will do her best to include your
request.

The Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship

The call to worship is a brief opening to a worship service, usually derived from scripture, and invites all to focus their hearts and minds on God as we begin our service. It can be spoken or sung, look to the worship leader today to see how we will proceed!

In worship, we hear God's story and we ask,

"What did God do long ago?"

In worship, we hear God's story and ask,

"What is God doing, here and now?"

In worship, we hear God's story, then we ask,

"What can I do to respond to it all?"

Let us worship our moving, inspiring, with-us God.

Amen.

Liturgy by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Singing and Praying Together

“Worship” is often the word we use for the many collective practices that we engage in on a Sunday morning. Sometimes we think of worship only as singing, but there is much more under this umbrella term! These headers of the different sections of our service are here to help guide out as we move through different worship practices this morning.

Opening Hymn | I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

*I the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin,
My hand will save.
I will make the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

Chorus: *Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.*

*I have wept for love of love,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **Chorus***

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom Shall I send? **Chorus***

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Opening Hymn | Spirit of God, Unleashed On Earth

*Spirit of God, unleashed on earth
With rush of wind and roar of flame;
With tongues of fire they spread good news;
Earth kindling, blazed its loud acclaim.*

*You came in power, your church was born,
O Holy Spirit come again!*

*Raise up new saints from waters deep;
Let new tongues hail the risen Lord.*

*Let new lips, tasting victory won,
Inspire our hearts crown cold with fear;
Revive in us baptismal grace,
And fan our smoldering lives to flame.*

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Prayers of the People

The prayers of the people are a time in our service where we get to share the joys and concerns in our hearts. If you have something you would like prayer for, please feel free to raise your hand and share it at this time.

A General Prayer Of Intercession

*The **liturgy** in the Moravian tradition is a communal act of prayer, often with a specific theme or focus, where we go back and forth between speaking and singing. At times we will be invited to stand, and at others we will remain seated. You are invited to join in whatever posture suits you! Additionally, any parts written in bold are for the congregation to say together, so please, join in!*

God's amazing grace is offered to us today,
tomorrow, and forever. Thanks be to God!

**God's grace renews our lives like a flowing
stream. Thanks be to God for the wellspring of
the joy of living.**

In the assurance of God's unconditional love
poured out for us in Jesus Christ, we pray first for
ourselves and for our needs:

For forgiveness for wrongs we have done and
good deeds we have not done,
For courage to change what needs changing
within our lives,
For wisdom to seek God's guidance,
For healing of our body, mind, spirit, and
relationships,
For a thankful awareness of all the blessings of
our lives,

*(The liturgist may add additional petitions for the
worshippers' needs.)*

SILENT PRAYER

Hear our prayers, God of grace.

Meet us in our need and in our honesty.

In the abundance of your mercy, we pray for others:

For members of our families,
For our friends and neighbors,
For those with whom we work, and learn,
and play,
For the sick, the frightened, the lonely,
For those who grieve,
For those who are desperate and angry,
For those in prison,
For the hungry, the homeless, the poor,
For those we perceive as our enemies,

(The liturgist may add additional petitions for the needs of others.)

SILENT PRAYER

Hear our prayers, God of compassion.

Send your Spirit upon all for whom we pray.

In the awareness that we are one with all your human creation, we pray about the issues that confront us all:

For our planet and the environment in which we live,

For the end of war, ethnic conflict, and all violence,
For liberation from racism, bigotry, and injustice,
For freedom from addictions of all kinds,
For the end of abuse of children, women, and men,
For each member of the human family, that all may know the dignity and worth of being a child of God,
For solutions to our common human dilemmas, and for our dedication to be part of those solutions,

(The liturgist may add additional petitions for current issues.)

SILENT PRAYER

Hear our prayers, God of justice, God of love.

May your love and justice be manifest in our lives.

We pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven."

In this act of worship, we come in faith -- faith that our problems will not defeat us, faith that

our hearts and spirits can be renewed, faith that we are not alone; for you are with us.

Thanks be to you, God our Savior, for meeting us here in this time and place. Thanks be to you for forgiving us, for freeing us, and for strengthening us to be your disciples in this life.

We are filled with the grace, mercy, and peace of God.

We are filled with the love of Jesus Christ. We give thanks that we are blessed, and we commit ourselves to be a blessing to others. Amen.

Giving Back Together

The Offerings

Here at Calvary we collect two offerings each week. The first is a loose change offering we call a “joyful noise.” If you are worshipping with us in the sanctuary you will be invited to place loose change in a bucket for a specific organization (often a local Allentown nonprofit or a Moravian ministry) that we are highlighting this month.

The second is a traditional offering that we collect by passing a plate through the pews, and the financial gifts

given at this time go to help cover our operating costs so we can continue to live out the mission and ministry God has for us here in Allentown's West End and beyond. While it is not a requirement to give to either offering, we thank you so much for any support you do feel led to give!

Offertory

For those who may wish to give electronically via our giving portal, you are invited to scan this QR code. There are no fees applied to your gift!



*At this time all will be invited to rise, in body or spirit, as the offerings are brought forward and we sing what is called the **Doxology**, which is an often-sung short moment of praise to God.*

Doxology | Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise him above the heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication Joyful Noise Response

**All: Accept these gives we bring today
For your will to be employed**

God hear us as we sing and pray
and make a joyful noise! Amen.

Engaging Scripture Together

Scripture Reading | Exodus 3:1-15

*These scripture selections will be read aloud by a lay leader in our congregation. The translation printed below comes from the **New Revised Standard Updated Edition** translation. If you are in our sanctuary and would like to follow along, the pew Bible may read slightly differently as those are the older edition of this translation, known as the New Revised Standard Edition. Every act of translation is always a work of interpretation, so sometimes different words or phrases are used. If you have questions about this, please feel welcome to chat with our pastor after the service!*

3 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. **2** There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. **3** Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." **4** When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called

to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³ But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

Sermon | Rev. Mikayla Sauerbrey

Prayer

Singing Together

Sending Hymn | God Meets Us Where We
Are

*God meets us where we are;
God comes to bring us grace.
God comes to make one family
Of the whole human race.*

God meets us where we are,

*If we but turn God's way
To see ourselves in need of grace,
Just as the world today.*

*God meets us where we are;
Our doubts, regrets, and fear.
God comes to comfort, reassure, and dry our
anguished tears.*

*God meets us where we are;
O may I therefore see
As I embrace God's children's needs,
God has a place for me.*

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Sending Hymn | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be*

Chorus: *Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness*

*Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me*

*Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love* **Chorus**

*Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside* **Chorus**

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Benediction

Postlude

Thank you for joining us in worship today! If you would like to learn more about us and ways to connect and get involved, our midweek newsletter is a great place to start.

You are welcome to scan this code to read our latest newsletters that always include the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday, a calendar and schedule for upcoming events, occasional reflections from our pastor, news from our denomination, and so much more.

