

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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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 or service leader; they'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 | *November 8th*

Choir Practice | *Wednesdays at 7 PM*

Fellowship Hour | *Beginning Oct. 25th*

Midweek Bible Study | *Thursdays at 10 AM*

Moravian Women | *November 4 at 1pm (in person) & 2nd at 7pm (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!

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One: O God, who called all life into being,

All: The earth, sea and sky are yours.

Your presence is all around us;

Every atom is full of your energy.

Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth.

With you we yearn for justice to be done,

for creation to be free from threat,

for the hungry to be fed,

for captives to be released,

for your kingdom of peace to come on earth.

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.

Liturgy | Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples

Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord
To help to set the captives free,
Make plowshares out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
Make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease
and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth
Ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth,
Responding to God’s grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
We sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud

That threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down
As in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town
To cleanse us and redeem.
For God is loving to restore
An earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created
For a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God
Act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod
Till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
Give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be
Disciples of the Lord.

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Liturgy | Peace & Justice

*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!

(Standing)

How should we come before the Holy One and bow before God on high?

God has shown what is good and what is required: to do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.

BEACH SPRING

*Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good;

For your steadfast love endures forever!

Who can utter your mighty works, or show forth all your praise?

Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Is not this the kind of worship that pleases me, says our God: to undo the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke, to share bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor, to clothe the naked and not turn from your own people? I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick or in prison and you visited me.

When did we see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, naked and clothe you, sick or in prison and visit you?

Truly, I say to you, when you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.

(Sitting)

BAHNSON

*“Come now, you blessed; eat at my table,”
Christ Jesus said to the righteous above.
“When I was hungry, thirsty, and homeless,
sick and in prison you showed me your love.”*

*Christ, when we see you out on life’s highways,
looking to us in the faces of need,
then may we know you, welcome and show you
love that is faithful in word and in deed.*

*If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist,
the wicked word; if you give your bread to the
hungry and relief to the oppressed, then your
light will rise like the dawn; your goodness will go
before you and the glory of God behind you.*

***God has shown us what is good and what is
required: to do justice, to show constant love,
and to walk humbly with our God.***

*As we consider these things, let us confess our
sins in silence.*

SILENT CONFESSION

*The peace of Christ be with you;
And also with you.*

*Give me your courage, Lord, to speak
whenever strong oppress the weak.
Should I myself as victim live,
remembering you, may I forgive.*

*Blessed are the poor in Spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn,
For they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek,
For they will inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
For they will be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful,
For they will receive mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they will be called children of God.*

*Jesus said: You have heard it said, “You shall not
murder”; and “whoever murders shall be liable to*

judgement.” But I say to you that if you are angry with your neighbor, you will be liable to judgement.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

You have heard it said, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” But I say to you: Do not resist an evil doer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

You have heard it said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

PERFECT LOVE

Follow with rev’rent steps the great example of him whose holy work was doing good; so shall the wide earth seem our Father’s temple, each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

Praise God, all you nations,

Praise God, all you people!

Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help. There will be one who will rule with integrity and govern with justice: One who will be like a shelter from the wind and a place to hide from the storm; One who will be like streams flowing in a desert, like the shadow of a giant rock in a barren land; One whose eyes and ears will be open to the needs of the people.

Our God says:

Here is my servant, whom I strengthen, the one I have chosen, with whom I am pleased.

I have filled him with my Spirit, and he will bring justice to every nation.

He will not lose hope or courage; he will establish justice on the earth.

He will teach us what he wants us to do;

We will walk in the paths he has chosen.

He will settle disputes among the nations; he will arbitrate for many peoples.

We will beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not lift up sword against nation; neither will they learn war anymore;

We will live in peace, and no one will make us afraid.

Justice will roll down like waters,

And righteousness like an everflowing stream.

And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness will be quietness and trust forever. And we will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

We will live in peace, and no one will make us afraid.

(Standing)

God has shown us what is good and what is required:

To do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.

SARUM (58 E)

Peacemakers! Blessed by Christ's inviting word, children of God, let everywhere be heard the sounds of peace and justice not deferred. Alleluia, alleluia.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
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 gifts 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 | Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 &
Matthew 22:34-46

*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!*

The First Reading

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

² “Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵ “You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor.

¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ “You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

The Gospel Reading

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with

all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ ‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?

⁴⁵ “If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Sermon | Rev. Mikayla Sauerbrey
Prayer

Sending Hymn | God, Teach Us Peacemaking

*God, teach us peacemaking, justice and love.
Blessed by Christ’s teaching, we’re lifted above*

*All thought of vengeance or envy or hate.
Help us, your children, shalom to create.*

*God, teach us peacemaking in church and home
In school and hall beneath Capitol dome,
In shop and industry, city and farm–
Show us the pathways that cause no one harm.*

*God, teach us peacemaking in ev'ry role.
In each relationship make peace our goal.
Yet, give us insight that keeps us aware
Justice and mercy in balance to share.*

*God teach us peacemaking unto the end–
Parent or child, or as stranger or friend–
Fill all our hearts with the pow'r of shalom,
Living together, the whole world our home.*

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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.

