

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*“Can anything good come out of  
Nazareth? ... Come and see.”*

**- John 1:46**

**January 14, 2024**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany*

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (*Thomas A. Dorsey / perf. by Mahalia Jackson*)

## **Welcome & Announcements**

(also available at [allmeansall.org/announcements](http://allmeansall.org/announcements))

- **Welcome to our guest preacher, Rev. David Brown**
- **Bible Study:** taking book/theme suggestions!
  - Spring 2024 – timing TBD by participants
  - [allmeansall.org/bible-study](http://allmeansall.org/bible-study)
- **Previous sermons:** [allmeansall.org/sermons](http://allmeansall.org/sermons)
- **Previous bulletins:** [allmeansall.org/bulletins](http://allmeansall.org/bulletins)

## Calendar

**Today, 1-2 ish pm:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck

**Monday, Jan 15:** Martin Luther King Day Jr. Day

- **10 am-12 pm:** MLK Day Clean-up at Malcolm X Park (*Friends of Malcolm X Park*)
  - 51<sup>st</sup> & Pine
- **12 pm:** Rally and March for Ceasefire in Gaza (*kid-friendly – Philly Palestine Coalition / Philly Families for Ceasefire*)
  - Malcolm X Park to Calvary (workshops at Calvary)
- volunteer opportunities: [mlkdayofservice.org](http://mlkdayofservice.org)

**Tuesday, Jan 16**

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer
  - [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)
- **12 pm:** CCCC Transition Team

**Sunday, Jan 21**

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group (*weekly, through Feb 11*)
  - [allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group](http://allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group)

**Sunday, Jan 22, 8-9 pm:** Book Study – Poverty, by America (*weekly, through Feb 19*)

- [allmeansall.org/book-studies](http://allmeansall.org/book-studies)

**Saturday, Jan 27, 2-5 pm:** Calvary Clean-out Work Day

- sign up at [office@allmeansall.org](mailto:office@allmeansall.org)

**Saturday, Feb 17, 3 pm:** Homegoing Service for Duke Campbell

**Monday, Feb 19, 11:30 am-4 pm:** Roadmap to Justice – POWER Interfaith Convention (*statewide*)

- East Norriton (buses provided)
- contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary; register at [bit.ly/roadmapforjustice](http://bit.ly/roadmapforjustice)

### 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.

### 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 or sign up online. Our **Calvary Connections e-newsletter** goes out every Thursday night.

## **CENTERING & CONNECTING**

### **Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer**

**Singing Our Way In:** "Breathing In, Breathing Out" (*tune: Betsy Rose / lyrics: Thich Nhat Hanh*)

Breathing in, breathing out (2x)

I am blooming as a flower, I am fresh as the dew

I am solid as a mountain, I am firm as the earth

I am free

Breathing in, breathing out (2x)

I am water, reflecting what is real, what is true

And I feel there is space, deep inside of me

I am free (3x)

**Call to Worship** *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted)*

One: God, you created the world whole.

**ALL: But we have broken it: fractures and divisions abound.**

One: Still, your grace remains. Your love persists. Your justice calls.

**ALL: Even now you are healing what is wounded.**

One: We come to give you thanks and praise.

**ALL: We come to give you our hearts and our hands, that we may join you in the mending of the world.**

One: We gather in faith, in hope, in love.

**ALL: We worship in gratitude, in confidence, in joy!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song: “Doxology”** *(tune: UMH #95, Louis Bourgeois / lyrics: verse 1, Ruth Duck; verse 2, Nancy S. Taylor – adapted; remaining verses, Mary Luti)*

Praise God, the Source of life and birth;  
praise God, the Word, who came to earth;  
praise God, the Spirit, holy flame;  
all glory, honor to God's name!

Praise God whose many names abound:  
our Life, our Rock, our Holy Ground,  
our Home, our All, Earth's Majesty,  
Love, Spirit, Light and Mystery.

Praise God, the source of breath and birth,  
who formed us from the dust of earth,  
and made us kin in unity  
to love and set each other free.

Praise God whose love will never cease,  
whose justice raises up the least  
and sits all creatures at the feast—  
God's mercy is our hope and peace!

Praise God, whose image we all bear;  
praise Christ, whose mercy we all share;

praise Spirit, making justice grow—  
one God from whom all blessings flow! Amen.

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

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## **GROUNDING**

### **Community Prayer** *(Nikole Lim – adapted)*

May our liberation, O God, come as we seek to bring liberation to others, acknowledging that our freedoms are bound together in our common humanity. May our pain expand our capacity for joy, our brokenness lead to realizations of beauty within and around us, our despair challenge us to cling to hope, and our suffering invite us to love more fully. May we find your presence in each other, learning to love ourselves as we love those who live under the weight of oppression. May we find your presence in the hard work of justice-seeking and peace-making. May we strive toward a shared experience of liberation. And may your divine dream of a kingdom of love come closer to reality in and through us. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Special Music**

### **Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O HOLY ONE, 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 HOLY ONE, 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. ... **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. **16** Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. **17** How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! **18** I try to count them – they are more than the sand; I come to the end – I am still with you.

## Choral Alleluia

### Scripture Lesson: John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." **44** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. **45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." **46** Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." **47** When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" **48** Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." **49** Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the God-born! You are the Sovereign of Israel!" **50** Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." **51** And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Child of Humanity."

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## Choral Alleluia

**Sermon:** "The Hard Work of Making the Dream Work"

**Song:** "The Summons" (TFWS #2130, tune: trad. Scottish / lyrics: John Bell – adapted)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you,  
and you in me?

(God), your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.



## **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.

## **ENGAGING**

**Closing Song:** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name (Enviado Soy de Dios)" (*TFWS #2184, tune: trad. Cuban / lyrics: anonymous – adapted*)

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now  
to make the earth the place  
in which the (kindom) comes.  
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.  
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.  
O help us to obey and carry out your will.

## **Benediction**

**Singing Our Way Out:** "Let the Church Say Amen" (*Andraé Crouch*)

Let the church say, "Amen" (*repeat*)  
God has spoken, let the church say, "Amen"

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