

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“The old world is dying, and
the new world struggles to be born:
now is the time of monsters.”*

- Antonio Gramsci

January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "All You Fascists Bound to Lose" (Woody Guthrie / perf. by Resistance Revival Chorus, with Rhiannon Giddens)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Welcome back to our guest preacher,** Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart
- **Pastor Tim will be away, Jan 23-29**
 - in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Marcine: 484.574.0270
- **Upcoming Book Studies:** allmeansall.org/book-studies
 - exact timing TBD; contact Pastor Tim if you're interested in any or all, or with any questions
- **Looking to get (more) involved at Calvary this year?**
 - allmeansall.org/get-involved
- **Spring Retreat:** May 16-17, 2025 (location TBD)
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Jan 19: Human Relations Day (UMC)

- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group (weekly, through Jan 26)
 - allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Monday, Jan 20, 6:30-7:30 pm: Yoga (weekly)

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

Wednesday, Jan 22, 10-11 am: Yoga (weekly)

- see Jan 20 for details

Thursday, Jan 23, 3 pm: Finance Committee (bimonthly)

Friday, Jan 24, 6 pm: Young Adults Potluck Dinner & Game Night

- contact Bethany to RSVP and for location details, or to be added to the email list: bethanycw@gmail.com

Saturday, Jan 25

- **1 pm:** Meditation (*weekly*)
 - Calvary (Board Room, upstairs on Baltimore Ave side) – please use 48th St entrance
 - witnessandintegrate@gmail.com
- **2 pm:** Choose Love – A Call for Philly to Defend Sanctuary City Policies (*New Sanctuary Movement*)
 - Arch Street UMC / 55 N. Broad St

Sunday, Jan 26

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
 - guest preacher: Cord Whitaker
- **3-6 pm:** POWER Interfaith Housing Justice Assembly
 - Spirit and Truth Fellowship Church / 4400 N 6th St
 - contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary, or to get involved with Calvary's POWER Team

Sunday, Feb 2

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*Communion*)
- **12:30-1:30 pm:** Congregational Meeting (*hybrid*)
 - to connect virtually: allmeansall.org/virtual
 - also Sunday, Feb 16, following worship

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.

Donations

Donations are always welcome to help support Calvary and its ministries: allmeansall.org/donate.

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: "Eyes on the Prize" (*African American spiritual / vs. 4: Sara Groves*)

I got my hand on the gospel plow
Won't take nothing for my journey now
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on

Hold on, hold on

Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on

The only thing we did was right
Was the day we started to fight
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on (*refrain*)

Freedom's name is mighty sweet
And one day soon we are gonna meet
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on (*refrain*)

The wait is slow, and we've so far to go (*5x*)
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on

Call to Worship (*Sharon R. Fennema – adapted*)

One: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

ALL: With the rolling waters of mighty streams, we gather to join the movement of God's justice.

One: "Every step towards the goal of justice requires ... struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action."

ALL: With the future dreams of a mustard seed, we come together to join the movement of Jesus' liberation.

One: "But the end is reconciliation; the end is redemption; the end is the creation of the beloved

community. ... It is this type of understanding goodwill that will transform the deep gloom of the old age into the exuberant gladness of the new age."

ALL: With the shining light of a tender flame, we bring our hearts, to join the movement of the Spirit's love.

One: Ringing with prayer and praise, bringing our gifts and passions, we become God's voice and hands and feet in the world, moving with faith and love in action toward a world made new.

ALL: Joining this great movement of hope, let us worship God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here" (*tune: UMH #579, Henry Carey / lyrics: Brian Wren*)

Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed;
we come, with all our heart and mind,
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name,
and then receive us as your own;
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone;
we strain to glimpse your mercy seat,
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends;
suffer and serve till all are fed,

and show how grandly love intends,
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share;
give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do,
while love is making all things new.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

*"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

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (*Simone Cambell – adapted*)

Divine Spirit, you breathed over waters of chaos and brought forth a new creation. In this time of national and global chaos, we need you desperately to breathe over us and bring forth something new.

Oh Spirit! Come! Breathe over these waters of chaos! Break open our hearts to the suffering around us. Open our eyes that we might see with your vision. Birth in us a new creation of love and compassion so that, grounded in community, we might be the seeds of your promise and healing and justice. In these challenging times, we beg of you, renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 36:5-10 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

HOLY ONE, throughout the very heavens is your faithful love, your faithfulness beyond the clouds. **6** Your righteousness is like the eternal mountains; your judgments are like the mighty deep; you save humankind and animalkind alike, FAITHFUL ONE. **7** How precious is your faithful love, O God! All the woman-born take shelter in the shadow of your wings. **8** They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. **9** For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. **10** Extend your faithful love to those who know you, and your justice to the upright of heart!

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Mark 5:21-42 (*The Voice*)

After Jesus returned across the sea, a large crowd quickly found him, so he stayed by the sea. **22** One of the leaders of the synagogue—a man named Jairus—came and fell at Jesus' feet, **23** begging him to heal his daughter.

Jairus: My daughter is dying, and she's only 12 years old. Please come to my house. Just place your hands on her. I know that if you do, she will live.

24 Jesus began traveling with Jairus toward his home. In the crowd pressing around Jesus, **25** there was a woman who had suffered continuous bleeding for 12 years, *bleeding that made her ritually unclean and an outcast according to the purity laws*. **26** She had suffered greatly; and although she spent all her money on her medical care, she had only gotten worse. **27** She had heard of this *Miracle-Man*, Jesus, so she snuck up behind

him in the crowd and reached out her hand to touch his cloak.

Woman (to herself): **28** Even if all I touch are his clothes, I know I will be healed.

29 As soon as her fingers brushed his cloak, the bleeding stopped. She could feel that she was whole again.

30 Lots of people were pressed against Jesus at that moment, but he immediately felt her touch; he felt healing power flow out of him. *He stopped. Everyone stopped.* He looked around.

Jesus: Who just touched my robe?

31 His disciples broke the uneasy silence.

Disciples: Jesus, the crowd is so thick that everyone is touching you. Why do you ask, "Who touched me?"

32 *But Jesus waited.* His gaze swept across the crowd to see who had done it. **33** At last, the woman—knowing he was talking about her—pushed forward and dropped to her knees. She was shaking with fear *and amazement.*

Woman: *I touched you.*

Then she told him the reason why. **34** *Jesus listened to her story.*

Jesus: Daughter, you are well because you *dared to believe.* Go in peace, and stay well.

35 While he was speaking, some members of Jairus's household pushed through the crowd.

Jairus's Servants (to Jairus): Your daughter is dead. There's no need to drag the teacher any farther. **36** Jesus overheard their words. Then he turned to look at Jairus.

Jesus: *It's all right.* Don't be afraid; just believe.

37 Jesus asked everyone but Peter, James, and John (James's brother) to remain outside when they reached

Jairus's home. **38** Inside the synagogue leader's house, the mourning had already begun; the weeping and wailing carried out into the street. **39** *Jesus and his three disciples* went inside.

Jesus: Why are you making all this sorrowful noise? The child isn't dead. She's just sleeping.

40 The mourners laughed a *horrible, bitter laugh* and went back to their wailing. Jesus cleared the house so that only his three disciples, Jairus, and Jairus's wife were left inside with him. They all went to where the child lay.

41 Then he took the child's hand.

Jesus: Little girl, it's time to wake up.

42 Immediately the 12-year-old girl opened her eyes, arose, and began to walk. Her parents could not believe their eyes.

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: "When Jesus Runs Late"

Song: "Wounded World that Cries for Healing" (TFWS #2177 / alternate tune: UMH #400, public domain / lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray)

Wounded world that cries for healing –
here we hold each other's pain,
wounded systems, bruised and bleeding
bear the load, the scars of strain;
dollars ration out compassion,
hard decisions rule the day,
Jesus of the healing Spirit,
free us to another way!

Through our nation's spent frustration,
through the corridors of stress
may there move a kindlier wisdom
all may feel, and all may bless;
tax and tithe are for a purpose
shared to shield the poor and weak;
past the symptoms of our sickness
let the voice of justice speak.

Honor those whose loving spirit
nurses hope, restores and heals,
towel and basin used in service
like the Christ who comes and kneels;
in the tending, in the mending
may we see the right and fair,
in our common quest for wholeness
heal each other by our care.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

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: "May You Run and Not Be Weary" *(tune & refrain: UMH #525, Charles Albert Tindley / lyrics: TFWS #2281, Paul Murakami & Handt Hanson)*

May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.

And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

*By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.*

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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