

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"The time is fulfilled, and the realm of
God has come near; repent, and
believe in the good news."*

- Mark 1:15

January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "One Love" (U2, with Mary J. Blige)

Welcome & Announcements

(also available at allmeansall.org/announcements)

- **Community Projects:** Harrington Elementary School, Grace Cafe, Sankofa Community Farm
 - allmeansall.org/community-projects
- **Bible Study:** taking book/theme suggestions!
 - Spring 2024 – timing TBD by participants
 - allmeansall.org/bible-study
- **Spring Retreat at Pendle Hill:** June 7-8 (9)
 - allmeansall.org/spring-retreat
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, 8-9 pm: Spiritual Reflection Group (weekly, through Mar 24)

- allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

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

Tuesday, Jan 23

- **10:30 am:** CCCC Transition Team
- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- **7 pm:** Finance Committee (rescheduled from Jan 16)

Saturday, Jan 27, 2-5 pm: Calvary Workday

- sign up at office@allmeansall.org

Sunday, Jan 28, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Hybrid Worship

- Service of Release & Healing

Wednesday, Feb 7, 7:30-8:30ish pm: Spirituality on Tap

- Gojjo / 4540 Baltimore Ave
- allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

Wednesday, Feb 14: Ash Wednesday

- **7 pm:** Service of Ashes (*hybrid*)

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

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

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: "Halle, Halle, Halleluja" (*TFWS #2026, trad. Caribbean, with additional lyrics*)

Halle, Halle, Halle – lu – ja! (3x)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

You are the Source of Life, we worship you! (3x)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

You are the Source of Love, we worship you! (3x)

Halleluja! Halleluja!

Call to Worship (adapted from Joanna Harader & The Abingdon
Worship Annual 2012 – based on Jonah 3:1-5, Psalm 62:5-12, Mark
1:14-20)

One: Our souls wait in silence;

ALL: our hope rests in God,

One: our rock,

ALL: our salvation,

One: our refuge.

ALL: We will not be shaken.

One: Praise the God of all Creation.

ALL: Worship the One who calls us –

One: speaking with a different voice,

ALL: offering an unexpected invitation.

One: Celebrate the steadfastness of God's love. Pour out
your hearts. Turn again toward God and each other.

**ALL: Rejoice and follow; the realm of God, the realm of
Love, is near. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Opening Song: "God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"
(UMH #122, tune: Carl F. Schalk / lyrics: Jaroslav J. Vajda)

God of the sparrow

God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake

God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow

God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life
God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace
God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(adapted from John van de Laar & Jack Riemer)*

How much we struggle to turn, O God, to change course; when we're stuck, and when we don't realize we're stuck; when we believe we're right, and when we know we're not; even, sometimes, when we feel the isolation, the anxiety, the pain of the road we're traveling, even when we know we have lost our way.

Turn us – from pride to humility, from indifference to intention, from cynicism to imagination, from callousness to sensitivity, from envy to contentment, from carelessness to discipline, from destruction to creativity, from pettiness to purpose, from doubt to fear, from despair to hope, from fear to love.

Turn us, O God, from our single-minded marching – that we might join anew the divine dance that brings us into loving rhythm with you and with all Creation. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the HOLY ONE came to Jonah a second time, saying, **2** "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." **3** So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the HOLY ONE. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. **4** Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" **5** And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ...

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed God's mind about the calamity that God had said God would bring upon them; and God did not do it.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, **15** and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the realm of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." **16** As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. **17** And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." **18** And immediately they left their nets and followed him. **19** As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother

John, who were in their boat mending the nets.
20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Reimagining Repentance"

Song: "Turning of the World" (*Ruth Pelham*)

Let us sing this song for the turning of the world

That we may turn as one

With every voice, with every song

We will move this world along

And our lives will feel the echo of our turning

With every voice, with every song

We will move this world along

With every voice, with every song

We will move this world along

And our lives will feel the echo of our turning

Let us sing this song for the loving of the world

That we may love as one ...

Let us sing this song for the healing of the world

That we may heal as one ...

Let us sing this song for the dreaming of the world

That we may dream as one

With every voice, with every song

We will move this world along

And our lives will feel the echo of our dreaming

With every voice, with every song

We will move this world along

With every voice, with every song

We will move this world along

And our lives will feel the echo of our dreaming

And our lives will feel the echo of our healing
And our lives will feel the echo of our loving
And our lives will feel the echo of our turning

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: “The Trees of the Field” *(TFWS #2279, tune: Stuart Dauermann / lyrics: Steffi Geiser Ruben)*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field,
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, *(clap 2x)*
the trees of the field will clap their hands, *(clap 2x)*
the trees of the field will clap their hands *(clap 2x)*
while you go out with joy.

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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