

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“But Jesus came and
touched them, saying,
‘Get up and do not be afraid.’”*

- Matthew 17:7

February 15, 2026

*Last Sunday after Epiphany
Transfiguration Sunday*

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Black History Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Up to the Mountain (MLK Song)" (*Patty Griffin / perf. by Solomon Burke, with Patty Griffin*)

Welcome & Announcements

• **Visiting with us?**

- We're glad you're here! We strive to make our worship space—in-person and virtual—as welcoming and accommodating of different needs as possible. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact Pastor Tim.

• **Congregational giving** (*rounded*)

- Feb 2-8: \$1,932 / weekly budget: \$1,635

• **Red Basket offering through Mar 8:** POWER Interfaith

- allmeansall.org/racial-economic-justice
- allmeansall.org/donate

• **Lent @ Calvary:** allmeansall.org/lent

- Lenten Landscapes: From Death Valleys to Green Pastures

• **Congregational feedback survey**

- tinyurl.com/calvary-feedback

• **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons

• **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Feb 15, 12:45-2 pm: 2nd Sunday Potluck (*monthly*)

Monday, Feb 16

- **11 am:** President's Day ICE OUT Vigil & March (*Interfaith Clergy Coalition, Sen. Art Haywood, et al*)
 - Philadelphia ICE Office / 114 N 8th St
 - tinyurl.com/ice-out-philly
- **6:15-7:15 pm:** Yoga (*weekly*)
 - Chapel – 48th St entrance
 - allmeansall.org/yoga

Tuesday, Feb 17

- **12-1 pm:** Book Study – Jesus and the Disinherited
- **3 pm:** Midweek Prayer (weekly)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
 - 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2nd & 4th: 6 pm
- **7 pm:** Church Council (bimonthly / 3rd Tuesdays)

Wednesday, Feb 18

- **10-11 am:** Yoga (weekly)
 - see Feb 2 for details
- **12 pm:** Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Immigrant Justice (weekly / New Sanctuary Movement)
 - Philadelphia ICE Office / 114 N 8th St
 - contact Pastor Tim to get involved with Calvary's NSM Team
- **7 pm:** Service of Ashes & Stardust (hybrid)
 - Chapel – 48th St entrance
 - allmeansall.org/lent

Thursday, Feb 19

- **7 pm:** POWER Interfaith West/Southwest Cluster (monthly - 3rd Thursdays)
 - contact Mimi for details, or to get involved with Calvary's POWER Team: rmijima@gmail.com
- **7-8:30 pm:** Grief Support Group (monthly)
 - allmeansall.org/grief

Sunday, Feb 22

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (1st Sunday in Lent)
 - Norris' last Sunday
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group (weekly, through Mar 29)
 - allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Monday, Feb 23, 7-9 pm: Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Saturday, Feb 28, 5-8 pm: Calvary Karaoke

- Fellowship Hall (downstairs) – 48th St entrance
- allmeansall.org/karaoke

Sunday, Mar 1, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship
(Communion / 2nd Sunday in Lent)

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

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 (Richard Bott – adapted)

One: God touches the world,

ALL: and the world changes.

One: God touches us,

ALL: and we are transformed.

One: In the brightest of day,

ALL: in the deepest of night,

One: on the mountain,

ALL: in the valley,

One: every time, everywhere.

**ALL: In this time and in this place, together, we ask God
to open our eyes and our hearts to the transformation of
our lives, and the transformation of the world.**

One: And through the change—

ALL: we lift our voices and worship God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: “Lift Every Voice and Sing” (UMH #519 /
tune: J. Rosamond Johnson / lyrics: James Weldon Johnson)

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;

let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way
that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path
through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine
of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Meredith Holladay – adapted)*

God of our mountaintops, give us gravity. God of our

valleys, give us perspective. God of our peaks, give us stillness. God of our depths, give us a rope. God of all Creation, give us community. God of our inmost, quiet souls, give us your voice. God of our sometimes weary bodies, give us your Spirit.

God in our restlessness and wakefulness, give us your rest. God in our calm and sleep, give us your dreams. God in our living and in our dying, in our laughter and in our weeping, in our fear and in our joy, in our doubt and in our praise, may we—your beloved—know and trust that you walk this road with us. Always. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (*African American spiritual*)

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

The HOLY ONE said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." **13** So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. **14** To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." **15** Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. **16** The glory of the HOLY ONE settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day God called to Moses out of the cloud.

17 Now the appearance of the glory of the HOLY ONE was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. **18** Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Choral Alleluia (UMH #186, Jerry Sinclair)

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

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. **2** And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. **3** Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. **4** Then Peter said to Jesus, "Teacher, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." **5** While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" **6** When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. **7** But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." **8** And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Child of Humanity has been raised from the dead."

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: "Up and at 'em"

Song: "Transform Us" *(tune: UMH #626, French carol melody / lyrics: Syliva G. Dunston – adapted)*

Transform us as you, transfigured,
stood apart on Tabor's height.

Lead us up our sacred mountains,
search us with revealing light.
Lift us from where we have fallen,
full of questions, filled with fright.

Transform us as you, transfigured,
once spoke with those holy ones.
We, surrounded by the witness
of those saints whose work is done,
live in this world as your Body;
chosen (children, daughters,) sons.

Transform us as you, transfigured,
would not stay with in a shrine.
Keep us from our great temptation—
time and truth we quickly bind.
Lead us down those daily pathways
where our love is not confined.

SHARING

Offering Our Gifts

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*"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



Prayers of the People

"Thanks be to God" / "God hears our prayer"

Sung Response (tune: UMH #473, Samuel Sebastian Wesley /
lyrics: John Pritchard)

Hear, O God. Hear the prayers we bring to you.
Come, and renew all of our days.
Hold every longing; hold every sorrow;
hold every joy and praise that we bring.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (TFWS #2153, African American spiritual – adapted)

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere ... anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me,
anywhere ... anytime!

I'm gonna work so ...

I'm gonna pray so ...

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Pool of Love" (Alexa Sunshine Rose, Murray Kyle)

May the pool of love we have gathered here
Spread its wings and fly far and near
From the depths of our hearts to the farthest star
May our love bless everyone

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