

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“For what will it profit them to gain
the whole world and forfeit their life?”
- Mark 8:36*

February 25, 2024

2nd Sunday in Lent

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Black History Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Follow" (*tune: Richie Havens / lyrics: Jerry Merrick / perf. by Richie Havens*)

Welcome & Announcements

(also available at allmeansall.org/announcements)

- **Lent & Holy Week:** allmeansall.org/lent
- **Lenten Prayer Chain:** allmeansall.org/lent
- **Community Projects:** Harrington Elementary School, Grace Cafe, Sankofa Community Farm
 - allmeansall.org/community-projects
- **Spring Retreat at Pendle Hill:** June 7-8 (9)
 - allmeansall.org/retreats
 - email Pastor Tim if interested
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Feb 25, 8-9 pm: Spiritual Reflection Group (weekly, through Mar 24)

- allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Tuesday, Feb 27

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- **6:30 pm:** Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Saturday, Mar 2, 11:30 am-3 pm: Mass Poor People's Campaign & Low Wage Worker's Statehouse Assemblies
(PA Poor People's Campaign)

- PA State Capitol (Harrisburg)
- poorpeoplescampaign.org
- contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary

Saturdays, Mar 2 & 9, 2-5 pm: Calvary Workdays

- sign up at office@allmeansall.org

Sunday, Mar 3, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Hybrid Worship, with Communion

Saturday, Mar 16, 3 pm: Homegoing Service for Duke Campbell

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

Singing Our Way In: "Over My Head" (TFWS #2148, African American spiritual)

**Over my head, I hear music in the air;
over my head, I hear music in the air;
over my head, I hear music in the air;
there must be a God somewhere.**

Oh, when the world is silent, I hear music in the air; (3x)
there must be a God somewhere. (*refrain*)

And when I'm feeling lonely, I hear music in the air ...
(*refrain*)

Burying Our Alleluias

Call to Worship (*Thom Shuman – adapted*)

One: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

ALL: Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to receive new names.

One: Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

ALL: Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people and places.

One: Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

ALL: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.

One: Lent calls us to journey with God.

ALL: Let us worship God, who walks with us this and every day.

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.

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(A Sanctified Art – adapted)*

Listening God, take what is closed in us and open it. Take what is distracted in us and settle it. Take what is hurting in us and hold it. Take any and all parts of us that create distance from you and your love.

For we are like Peter, O God. We argue what we don't know. We fear what we cannot see. And we almost always speak sooner than we listen. So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us. We long to hear you more clearly. We long to know you and your love more fully. With gratitude we confess, and with hope we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 22:23-31 *(A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney)*

You who revere the FONT OF LIFE, praise her! All the offspring of Leah and Rachel, Bilhah and Zilpah, glorify her Stand in awe of her all you of Rebekah's line. **24** For

she did not despise or abhor the affliction or the afflicted; she did not hide her face from me, and when I cried to her, she heard. **25** On your account is my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who revere her. **26** The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek her shall praise the MOTHER OF ALL. May your hearts live forever! **27** All the end of the earth shall remember and turn to the WELLSPRING OF LIFE; and all the families of the nations shall worship her. **28** For sovereignty belongs to SHE WHO IS HOLY, and she rules over the nations. **29** They consume and they bow down, all the fat ones of the earth before her, they bend their knees, all who go down to the dust, and cannot save their soul. **30** Later descendants will serve her; future generations will be told about our God, **31** they will go and proclaim her deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that she has done it.

Sung Response: "Open My Eyes" (*Jesse Manibusan – adapted*)

Open my ears, (God), help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, (God), help me to hear.

Scripture Lesson: Mark 8:31-37

Then (Jesus) began to teach them that the Son of Humanity must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. **32** He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. **33** But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." **34** He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **35** For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. **36** For what will it profit them to gain

the whole world and forfeit their life? **37** Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sung Response: "Open My Eyes" (*Jesse Manibusan – adapted*)

Open my ears, (God), help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, (God), help me to hear.

Open my heart, (God), help me to love like you.

Open my heart, (God), help me to love.

Sermon: "Taking (Dis)ownership"

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

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you (carry your own cross) 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 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 forego worldly gain,

to share others' joy and pain?)

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 hears our prayer”

Sung Response *(tune: TFWS #2128, B.F. White / lyrics: John Pritchard)*

Source of life and love o'erflowing,
gather all the cares we bring.

Hold our tears and hold our longing
for a world where all can sing.

Stir in us as hope resilient; breathe in us as life renewed.

Bind our hearts in sure rejoicing
in a world we share with you.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: “Guide My Feet” *(TFWS #2208, African American spiritual)*

Guide my feet while I run this race. (2x)

Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand ...

Stand by me ...

I'm your child ...

Search my heart ...

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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