

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“Then your light shall
break forth like the dawn ...”*

- Isaiah 58:8a

February 8, 2026

5th Sunday after Epiphany

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Black History Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "This Little Light of Mine" (*African American spiritual / perf. by Aretha Franklin*)

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*)

- Jan 26 – Feb 1: \$1,922 / weekly budget: \$1,635

• **Congregational feedback survey**

- tinyurl.com/calvary-feedback

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

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

Calendar

Sunday, Feb 8, 3 pm: New Sanctuary Movement Accompaniment Meeting

- contact Pastor Tim for details, or to get involved in Calvary's NSM Team

Monday, Feb 9, 6:15-7:15 pm: Yoga (*weekly*)

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

Tuesday, Feb 10

- **12-1 pm:** Book Study – Jesus and the Disinherited (*weekly, through Feb 17*)
 - allmeansall.org/book-studies
- **6 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
 - 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2nd & 4th: 6 pm

Wednesday, Feb 11

- **10-11 am:** Yoga (*weekly*)
 - see Feb 2 for details
- **12 pm:** Interfaith Prayer Vigils 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

Thursday, Feb 12, 7:30-8:30 pm: Book Study – Jesus and the Disinherited

- allmeansall.org/book-studies

Saturday, Feb 14, 1 pm: Meditation (*weekly*)

- Board Room (upstairs) – 48th St entrance
- westphillyinsight.org

Sunday, Feb 15

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*Transfiguration Sunday / Last Sunday before Lent*)
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck (*monthly – rescheduled*)
 - Fellowship Hall (downstairs) – 48th St entrance
 - allmeansall.org/2nd-sunday-potluck

Tuesday, Feb 17, 7 pm: Church Council (*bimonthly – 3rd Tuesdays*)

Wednesday, Feb 18, 7 pm: Service of Ashes (*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 – future timing TBD*)
 - allmeansall.org/grief

Sunday, Feb 22

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

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

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

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: “Let Your Light Shine” (*unknown – adapted*)

Let your light shine before others so they may know
our God of love’s in the land.

Let your light shine before others so they may know,
the (kindom) of God is at hand.

Let your light shine
so they see (love).
Let your light shine;
the (kindom) of God is at hand.

Call to Worship (*Catherine Rolling – adapted*)

One: We may be thirsty and parched like an unwatered
garden, so we come into God’s presence:

ALL: The Divine One showers us with life-giving water!

One: We may be weary from worry and work, so we
come into God’s presence:

ALL: The Holy One invites us to Sabbath rest!

One: We may be lost or confused, so we come into
God’s presence:

ALL: The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!

One: We may be bent over with struggle or pain, so we
come into God’s presence:

ALL: The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!

One: We may be fearful and anxious, so we come into God's presence:

ALL: The Loving One embraces us, and calls us to sing a new song! 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 (*Church of Scotland – adapted*)

In the promise which is everywhere awaiting, O God, hold us. In the beauty which is woven into Creation, inspire us. In the wake of harm done to others, forgive us. In the silence of memories that haunt, comfort us. In the search for healing in a broken world, find us. In the longing for a new world and abundant life, cradle us. In the hunger for justice that aches, feed us. In the speaking of truth to power, embolden us. In the call for peace in a violent world, amplify us. In the sharing of authentic community, companion us. And in the commitment, O God, to faith over doubt, hope over despair, love over fear, bind us. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. **2** Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. **3** "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. **4** You fast only to

quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. **5** Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the HOLY ONE? **6** Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? **7** Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the HOLY ONE shall be your rear guard. **9** Then you shall call, and the HOLY ONE will answer; you shall cry for help, and God will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, **10** if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. **11** The HOLY ONE will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. **12** Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste,

how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. **15** People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Creator in heaven.

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. **19** Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the realm of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the realm of heaven. **20** For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the realm of heaven."

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: "Be the Light"

Song: "Bring Forth the Kingdom" (TFWS #2190, Marty Haugen – adapted)

You are salt for the earth, O people:

Salt for the (Kindom) of God!

Share the flavor of life, O people:

Life in the (Kindom) of God!

*Bring forth the (kindom) of mercy,
bring forth the (kindom) of peace;
bring forth the (kindom) of justice,
bring forth the City of God!*

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the (Kindom) of God! *(Refrain)*

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the (Kindom) of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the (Kindom) of God! *(Refrain)*

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the (Kindom) of God!

Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the (Kindom) of God! *(Refrain)*

SHARING

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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: "This Little Light of Mine" (AAHH #549, African American spiritual – adapted)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, no! ...

Everywhere I go ...

All through the night ...

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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