

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"The woman said to him,
'Sir, you have no bucket, and
the well is deep. From where
do you get that living water?'"*

- John 4:11

March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday in Lent

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Women's History Month

GATHERING

Prelude: "Living Water" (*Travis Greene*)

*You're invited to be in silence during the Prelude,
as we transition together into this sacred time and space.*

Greeting / Welcome

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "God Is Good, All the Time" (*Dean McIntyre*)

God is good, God is good all the time.

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In our doubts, hopes and fears, joys and tears,

God is good, God is good all the time.

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As our thanks and our praise now we raise,

God is good, God is good all the time.

Call to Worship (*John Pritchard – adapted*)

One: In the goodness and love that calls us and gathers us, welcome.

ALL: As people learning to love, peace be with you.

One: We continue on the journey to Jerusalem,

ALL: a journey on which we learn to die, and then to live.

One: Today we bring our thirst,

ALL: not just for water, but less tangible drink, the deep currents that make life good,

One: love that crosses boundaries and embraces all.

ALL: This we yearn to know, to share.

One: Love that invites honesty, sees clearly and accepts without judgment.

ALL: This we yearn to know, to share.

One: Love that is holy presence, unleashed from narrow ways.

ALL: This we yearn to know, to share.

One: For this we thirst, the living water of God's Spirit.

ALL: For this we pray.

One: So may we continue to journey with Jesus the road that leads to resurrection.

ALL: May the Spirit transform us on the way. This is our prayer.

Opening Song: "How Wondrous Is Our Mother God" (*tune: TFWs #2212, Robert Lowry / lyrics: Stephen M. Fearing*)

All praise is due to you, O God;
all flesh before you kneeling.
You answer prayer in countless ways;
our source of every healing.

How wondrous is our Mother God!

Her love an endless river.

***She is our hope from age to age;
eternal gracious giver.***

The goodness of your house, O God,
will satisfy forever.

With joy you bring us near to you;
no fear nor fault can sever. (*refrain*)

You still the roaring of the seas;
the waves stand calm before you.
From mountains' height and oceans' depth,
creation's songs adore you. (*refrain*)

Abundant springs with blessing pour
your mercy overflowing.

The measure of your steadfast love
surpasses all our knowing. (*refrain*)

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Rev. Karla, RevGaBlogPals – adapted)*

Holy Watering One, Fount of Every Blessing, we come to you this morning, opening our parched places to receive the springs of living water you offer to us. Most of the time, most of us don't even know we are thirsty. We don't know the deep dehydration that scours our bones and parches our hearts. Sometimes, when our thirst pangs emerge, we draw from the enticing wells of the world's offerings, which leave us even more empty.

Still us, God, so we might listen to you speaking to us, knowing us, seeing us, loving us. Take us deeper. Fill us with your living water that will transform our spirits and souls into springs that burst forth with life and love for your people, for ourselves, and for our world. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the (Holy One) commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. **2** The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the (Holy One)?" **3** But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" **4** So Moses cried out to the (Holy One), "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." **5** The (Holy One) said to

Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. **6** I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the (Holy One), saying, "Is the (Holy One) among us or not?"

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

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

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

Scripture Lesson: John 4:7-15 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." **8** Now his disciples had gone to the city to buy food. **9** The Samaritan woman said to him, "How are you, a Judean, asking a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Judeans do not share things in common with Samaritans.) **10** Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who is the one telling to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." **11** The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. From where do you get that living water?" **12** Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, the one who gave us the well, and with his daughters and sons and his flocks drank from it?"

13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again. **14** But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never thirst. The water that I will give will become in them a fount of water springing up into eternal life." **15** The woman said to him, "Sir, give

me this water, that I may never thirst or keep coming here to draw water."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

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

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

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

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

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

Sermon: "Digging Deep and Stretching Wide – Reprised"

Song: "Eat This Bread and Never Hunger" (*tune: UMH #723, Robert Lowry / lyrics: Daniel Charles Damon*)

Asking for a cup of water,
Jesus touched forbidden ground;
and the woman, with a question,
told the world what she had found.

***Eat this bread and never hunger,
drink this cup and never thirst;
Christ invites us to the table
where the last become the first.***

Walking down a desert highway,
Jesus healed a man born blind;
soon the man became a witness
to the truth we seek and find. (*refrain*)

Weeping for his friend at graveside,
Jesus felt the pain of death;
yet he knew God's power to waken:
living water, living breath. (*refrain*)

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

“Thanks be to God” or “God, hear our prayer”

Sung Response (*tune: UMH #294, Hugh Wilson / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

O Wind and Fire, O Rock and Vine,
O Voice so still and small,
we bring our lives, our hopes and fears
to you who embraces all.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: “Siyahamba / We Are Marching” (*TFWS #2235-b, trad. South African – adapted*)

Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos',
si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos. (*repeat*)
Si – ya – hamba, hamba, si – ya – hamba, hamba,
si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos. (*repeat*)

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God. (*repeat*)
We are marching, marching, we are marching,
marching, we are marching in the light of God. (*repeat*)

We are dancing in the light of God ...
We are praying in the light of God ...
We are living in the love of God ...

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”

Announcements (allmeansall.org/announcements)

- **Winter clothing drive for newly arriving immigrants:**
 - allmeansall.org/clothing

- **Bible Study: Lectio(nary) Divina**

- timing TBD / allmeansall.org/bible-study
- contact Pastor Tim to sign up or with questions

- **Adult Ed Book Study: *Original Blessing***

- timing TBD / allmeansall.org/adult-ed
- contact Pastor Tim to sign up or with questions

- **Worship volunteers:** tinyurl.com/worship-help

Calendar

Today

- **1-2ish pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck – Soup & Sandwiches
- **7:30-8:30 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group
 - weekly through Lent (Apr 2)
 - allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Tuesday, Mar 14

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- **7 pm:** Trustees
- **7:30 pm:** Lenten Bible Detox (*The Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice*)
 - weekly through Apr 4
 - info at clbsj.org/events/lenten-detox

Saturday, Mar 18, 10 am: Mission Link

- mtg. with fellow West/SW United Methodist churches

Sunday, Mar 19, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Hybrid Worship (4th Sunday in Lent)

Saturday, Apr 29, 2-5 pm: 10th Annual Sojourner Truth Walk

- details at wizathon.com/sojourner-truth-walk

Friday, Jun 2 – Saturday, Jun 3 (or Jun 4): Spring Retreat

- Cranaleith Spiritual Center (NE Philly)
- info at allmeansall.org/retreats

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: pastortim@allmeansall.org / 215.724.1702.

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: office@allmeansall.org. Our **weekly Calvary Connections e-newsletter** goes out every Thursday evening.

Membership

Interested in joining our congregation? Contact Pastor Tim to learn more: pastortim@allmeansall.org / 215.724.1702.

Space Rental

If you or your group are looking to rent space at Calvary, please contact Meg Trelease and the **Calvary Center for Culture and Community**: office@calvary-center.org / 215.452.9666.

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