

Calvary United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"How often have I desired to
gather your children together
as a hen gathers her brood
under her wings . . ."*

- Luke 13:34

March 13, 2022
2nd Sunday in Lent

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Women's History Month

GATHERING

Prelude: "Breathe Again" (*Joy Oladokun*)

Welcome / Announcements

Announcements

- **Worship Volunteers**

- we especially need help with in-person audio-visual and online Zoom support
- sign up at tinyurl.com/worship-help

- **Office Volunteers**

- to help sort old files and organize supply closet
- contact Pastor Tim to help

- **Online Discussion Forums** (*ongoing*)

- Lectionary (*weekly scripture readings*)
- *On Being with Krista Tippett* (*weekly episodes*)
- contact Pastor Tim to sign up, or with any questions

Calendar

Today, 8-9 pm: Spiritual Reflection Group (*weekly during Lent, through Apr 10*)

- info at allmeansall.org/srg

Monday, Mar 14, 7:30-8:30 pm: Book Study – See No Stranger (*weekly through Apr 4*)

Tuesday, Mar 15

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
 - info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality
- **6 pm:** Finance Committee

Saturday, Mar 19, 10:30 am-12:30 pm: The Cross of Christ – A Justification for Redemptive Violence or a Call to Gospel Nonviolence? (*The Alternative Seminary*)

- info at bit.ly/CrossofChrist2022

Sunday, Mar 27

- **1-3 pm (following worship):** Calvary Kids Gathering
- **3 pm:** Resilience & Healing – A Celebration of Women in Song (*Wharton-Wesley UMC / Opera Philadelphia*)
 - free concert at Wharton-Wesley (54th & Catharine)
 - info at operaphila.org/whats-on/events

Friday, Jun 10 – Saturday, Jun 11: Calvary Spring Retreat

- Mariawald Renewal Center (*Reading*); option to stay through Jun 12 on your own – full details coming soon!

Visiting With Us?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason you chose to join us! We invite you to fill out a Visitor Form at allmeansall.org/visitors; for those worshipping in person, someone will share a form with you during the service. We strive to make our worship space (in person and virtual) as welcoming and accommodating of different needs as possible. If you have any concerns or questions regarding accessibility, 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 (office@allmeansall.org).

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "Open Unto Me" (*tune: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan / lyrics: Anne Thurman, based on Howard Thurman prayer*)

Open unto me light for my darkness
Light for my darkness, open unto me
Open unto me light for my darkness
Open unto me, O God

Open unto me strength for my weakness
Strength for my weakness, open unto me
Open unto me strength for my weakness
Open unto me, O God

Open unto me peace for my turmoil
Peace for my turmoil, open unto me
Open unto me peace for my turmoil
Open unto me, O God

Open unto me joy for my sorrow
Joy for my sorrow, open unto me
Open unto me joy for my sorrow
Open unto me, O God

Call to Worship *(Psalm 27, adapted from The Iona Community)*

One: God, you are my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? You are the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

ALL: When evildoers assail me, uttering slanders against me, my adversaries and foes, they shall stumble and fall.

One: Though a host encamp me, my heart will not fear; though war rise against me, yet I will be confident.

ALL: One thing have I asked of you, Yahweh, this I seek: to dwell in your house all the days of my life, to behold your beauty and to contemplate your Temple.

One: For you will hide me in your shelter in the days of trouble, you will conceal me under the cover of your tent and will set me upon a rock.

ALL: Though some may forsake me, you will not.

One: Teach me your way, O God, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

ALL: Give me not up to the will of my foes, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

One: I believe that I shall see the goodness of Yahweh in the land of the living!

ALL: Wait for Yahweh; be strong, and let your heart take courage. Yes, wait for God!

Opening Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory" (UMH #577, tune: John Hughes / lyrics: Harry Emerson Fosdick, adapted)

God of grace and God of glory,
on (your) people pour (your) power;
crown (your) ancient church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn (your) Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure (your) children's warring madness,
bend our pride to (your) control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss (your kindom)'s goal,
lest we miss (your kindom's) goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for (your) salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving (you) whom we adore,
serving (you) whom we adore.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer *(Sarah Agnew, adapted)*

In all the places folk are assailed by evildoers, feel devoured by adversaries and foes; in all the places folk are found in war zones, battlefields, overcome by the violence of the world. May your song, O God, comfort and encourage.

In all the places folk are fearful, despairing, lonely, searching for belonging; in all the places folk yearn for refuge, release, shelter, peace. May your song, O God, comfort and encourage.

In all the places folk long to sing, to shout for joy, but find their voices stifled, their song muted; in all the places folk lift their voices for help, for dignity, for respect, for justice, for their humanity. May your song, O God, comfort and encourage.

In our own lives and in all the world, may the song of God breathe new life, renewing, restoring, life. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." **2** But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" **3** And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." **4** But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."

5 (God) brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then (God) said to him, "So shall your descendants

be." **6** And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

7 Then (God) said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." **8** But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" **9** (God) said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

10 He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. **11** And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. **12** As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. **18** On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates. . . ."

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

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." **32** He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. **33** Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' **34** Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a

hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

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

Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you.

Open my heart, Lord, help me to love.

Guided Meditation: "The Fox and the Hen"

Hymn of Response: "Open Unto Me" (*tune: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan / lyrics: Anne Thurman, based on Howard Thurman prayer*)

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Open unto me light for my darkness

Open unto me, O God

Open unto me strength for my weakness

Strength for my weakness, open unto me

Open unto me strength for my weakness

Open unto me, O God

Open unto me peace for my turmoil

Peace for my turmoil, open unto me

Open unto me peace for my turmoil

Open unto me, O God

Open unto me joy for my sorrow

Joy for my sorrow, open unto me

Open unto me joy for my sorrow

Open unto me, O God

SHARING

Offering our Tithes and Gifts / Offertory

Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns

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

Prayer 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 Hymn: “Siyahamba / We Are Marching”
(TFWS #2235-b, traditional South African)

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)*

Caminando en la luz de Dios,
caminando en la luz de Dios. *(repeat)*
Caminando vamos, caminando
vamos, caminando en la luz de Dios. *(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 singing . . .

We are walking . . .

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are marching . . .

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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