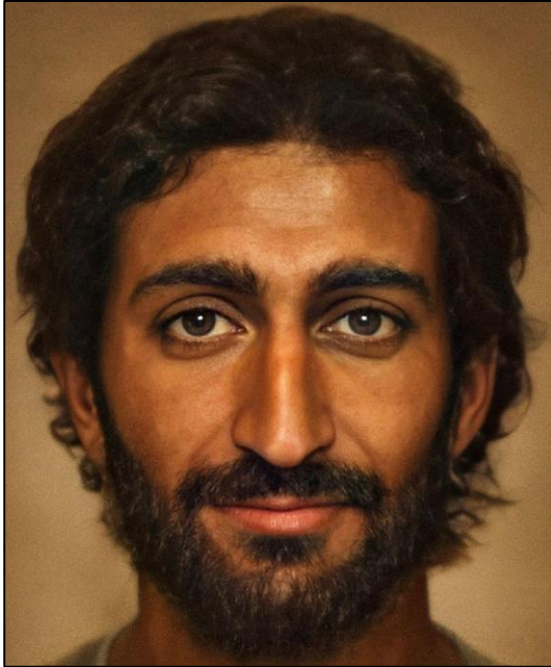


Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“In the world that is to come,
they will not ask me, ‘Why were
you not Moses?’ They will ask,
‘Why where you not Zusya?’”*

- Rabbi Zusya

March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday in Lent

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Women's History Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Be and Be Not Afraid" (*Tracy Chapman*)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Thanks to our guest preacher,** Cara Blouin
- **Lent @ Calvary – Resilience & Resistance**
 - allmeansall.org/lent
- **Resistance for such a time as this**
 - Calvary justice teams (New Sanctuary Movement, POWER Interfaith, PA Interfaith Power & Light, Reconciling Ministries): allmeansall.org/love-justice
 - other opportunities: allmeansall.org/resistance
- **Spring Retreat:** May 16-17/18, 2025 (*location TBD*)
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Mar 16

- **12:30-1:30 pm:** Calvary Resistance Organizing (*hybrid*)
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group (*weekly, through Apr 13*)
 - allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Monday, Mar 17, 6:30-7:30 pm: Yoga (*weekly*)

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

Tuesday, Mar 18

- **3 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
 - 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2nd & 4th: 6 pm
- **6-8 pm:** ICE Watch Training (*New Sanctuary Movement*)
 - WPMF / 123 S. 51st St
 - contact Pastor Tim if you're interested, or to get involved with Calvary's NSM Team

Thursday, Mar 20, 3 pm: Finance Committee (*bimonthly*)

Saturday, Mar 22, 1 pm: Meditation (*weekly*)

- Calvary (Board Room) – 48th St entrance
- witnessandintegrate@gmail.com

Sunday, Mar 23, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship (*3rd Sunday in Lent*)

Friday, Mar 28, 6 pm: Young-ish Adults Gathering (*monthly – last Fridays*)

- allmeansall.org/young-ish-adults

Sunday, Mar 30, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship (*4th Sunday in Lent*)

- guest preacher: Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart

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.

Donations

Donations are always welcome to help support Calvary and our evolving ministries: allmeansall.org/donate.

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: "Open My Eyes" (*Jesse Manibusan – adapted*)

Open my eyes, (God), help me to see your face.

Open my eyes, (God), help me to see.

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.

I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you, rest now in me.

Call to Worship *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted from Psalm 27)*

One: God is my light and my salvation; of whom should I be afraid?

ALL: Though violence rise all around me, I will not be drawn into fear.

One: One thing I asked of God, that will I seek after:

ALL: to live in the presence of God all the days of my life, to behold the grace of God, and to inquire in God's temple.

One: I believe that I shall see the goodness of God in the land of the living.

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

Opening Song: “Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries (Psalm 107)” *(tune: UMH #726 / lyrics: Ruth Duck)*

Give thanks to God who hears our cries
and saves in troubled days
with wondrous works to humankind
that call for highest praise.

Let all who know God's saving love
sing grateful songs always.

If you have ever wandered where
no human help was near,
and in your troubles cried to God,
who rescued you from fear,
then thank the God of steadfast love
who dries your every tear.

If you have ever lived inside
the prison of your gloom
and cried to God, who broke your bonds
and raised you from the tomb,

then praise the One who sets you free,
who makes dry places bloom.

If you drew near the gates of death,
too sick to eat or dress,
and cried to God, who heard your voice
and healed all your distress,
then sing with sounds of holy joy
God's wondrous works profess.

If you have felt your courage fail
before a violent sea
and cried to God, who stilled the storm,
and made the wild wind flee,
then in the congregations praise the One
who heard your plea.

So praise the One whose love is great,
whose kindness is well-known.
Consider well the healing hand
and help you have been shown,
and tell the world what God has done.
Praise God and God alone!

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

*"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

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(John van de Laar – adapted)*

When it comes down to it, God, we are only dust—
temporary, fragile—and we need your breath to bring us
to life. But when we forget the God-imaged spirit that
lives in us and all people, may our prayers open our eyes
again. When we hoard what we have believing life is

found in the things of dust, may our giving and serving bring us indestructible wealth. When we throw off restraint, believing that freedom is license, may our fasting liberate us from our appetites, and teach us simplicity.

We are all dust, God, from the strongest to the weakest, and we all need your breath to give us life. So, in every circumstance, every place, every interaction, every decision, may we choose only what will embrace and share life with every spec of this created dust that you love so dearly. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Poem: "Wild Geese" (*Mary Oliver*)

You do not have to be good.

You do not have to walk on your knees

for a hundred miles through the desert repenting.

You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.

Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.

Meanwhile the world goes on.

Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,

over the prairies and the deep trees,

the mountains and the rivers.

Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,

the world offers itself to your imagination,

calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting –

over and over announcing your place

in the family of things.

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: Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. **2** He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. **3** The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

4 But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" **5** Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, **6** saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'God will command God's angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the HOLY ONE, your God, to the test.'" **8** Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, **9** and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." **10** Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the HOLY ONE, your God, and serve only God.'" **11** Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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: "Ashes and Stardust"

Song: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (UMH #521, African American spiritual)

I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

All along my pilgrim journey,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)

When my heart is almost breaking,

Lord, I want Jesus to talk with me. (walk with me)

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)

When my head is bowed in sorrow,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me) ...

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

Sung Response (tune: UMH #682, Thomas Tallis / lyrics: John Pritchard)

O draw us near, companion God.

For every joy, your name we laud.

For every wound and each sigh, too,
we pray your love will see us through.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: "May You Run and Not Be Weary" (tune & refrain: UMH #525, Charles Albert Tindley / lyrics: TFWS #2281, Paul Murakami & Handt Hanson)

May you run and not be weary.

May your heart be filled with song.

And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.

And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

*By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.*

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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