

Calvary

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



" . . . you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"

- John 4:11

March 22, 2020
4th Sunday in Lent
Women's "Herstory" Month

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Singing Our Way In

"Amen" (*Jester Hairston*)

Amen, amen

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Love your God now . . .

Love yourself now . . .

Love your neighbor now . . .

See the light now . . .

Feel the peace now . . .

Live the hope now . . .

"In the Lord" (*Taize Community*)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

In the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid;

lift up your voices, the Lord is near;

lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Invitation to Holy Presence / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship (*John Pritchard*)

One: In the 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.

Hymn of Preparation: "Spirit of the Living God" (UMH #393)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (*repeat*)

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us . . .

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer (*John Pritchard*)

We come, O God, often exhausted by the living of our days, depleted of the faith, hope, and love to live abundantly. Pummeled by threats, we live in fear, anxious over all that could go wrong. Driven by desire, we perpetually want, haunted by what we do not have. Drowning in complexity, we live with uncertainty, never quite sure of ourselves or our choices.

As those often exhausted, we come, O God, to rest in your presence. Hold us, we pray, with each other's arms. Give us the peace of belonging to each other. Let us descend into the silence where you wait, and there, grant us a drink of your Spirit, and refresh the life within us for the week ahead. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD 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 LORD?" **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 LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." **5** The LORD 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 LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

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

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

Scripture Lesson: John 4:5-15

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. **6** Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. **7** A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." **8** (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) **9** The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying 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. Where do you get that living water? **12** Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" **13** Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, **14** but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be

thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." **15** The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

One: May the Spirit add understanding to our hearing.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

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

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"

Hymn of Response: "I've Got Peace Like a River" (*TFWS #2145*)

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river in my soul (repeat)

I've got joy like a fountain . . .

I've got love like an ocean . . .

Quench my thirst with living water (3x) . . . in my soul

Quench my thirst with living water (3x) . . . make me whole

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns

"Thanks be to God" or "God, hear our prayer"

Prayer Response (*tune: UMH #418 / 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.

Closing Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (*TFWS #2120*)

Refrain

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,

blow through the wilderness calling and free;

*Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city, you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions, your people arise.

ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Let the Church Say Amen"

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March 22, 2020 – Announcements

CALENDAR

Today

Following worship: feel free to stay on Zoom to share any feedback about our first attempt to provide worship virtually

Upcoming

Monday, Mar 23, 8-9:30 pm: Staff-Parish Relations Committee (Zoom)

Tuesday, Mar 24, 12 pm: Midweek Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday, Mar 25, 7 pm: Midweek Prayer (Zoom)

Saturday, Mar 28, 2-3:45 pm: Congregational Meeting (Zoom)

- to introduce and discuss various options re: building
- please RSVP to Pastor Tim: pastor@allmeansall.org

Wednesday, Apr 1, 7 pm: POWER Team (Zoom)

Sunday, Apr 5, 11 am: Worship, with Communion and Stations of the Cross (Palm/Passion Sunday)

Sunday, Apr 5, following worship (12:30 pm): Church Council

Monday, Apr 6, 7:30 pm: Congregational Care Team (Zoom)

Thursday, Apr 9, 7 pm: Maundy Thursday Vespers, with Communion

Sunday, Apr 12: Easter Sunday

- **7 am:** Sunrise Worship (Cedar Park)
- **8:30 am:** Potluck Breakfast
- **10:15 am:** Easter Egg Hunt
- **11 am:** Worship / Celebration of Resurrection

Tuesday, Apr 14, 6 pm: Trustees

Save the Date

Friday, Jun 5 - Sunday, Jun 7: Spring Retreat (for adults)

- Mariawald Renewal Center (Reading)

VISITING WITH US?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason(s) you chose to join us this morning! Since we aren't able to greet you in person during this coronavirus pandemic, please contact Pastor Tim if

you have any questions or concerns, or if you'd like to be added to the Calvary email list.

INVITATIONS / OPPORTUNITIES

Resist Harm Movement

You are invited to join Calvary and fellow Reconciling United Methodists from around the country to support **Resist Harm** (resistharm.com / #ResistHarm), a movement of resistance to the anti-LGBTQ Traditional Plan now on the books in the United Methodist Church. **March's theme is "Lament."**

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, contact the church office (office@allmeansall.org).

Other Email Lists?

You may like to receive email updates from other groups with which Calvary is involved. If so, here's more info:

- POWER: powerinterfaith.org
- New Sanctuary Movement: sanctuaryphiladelphia.org
- PA Interfaith Power & Light: info@paipl.org
- Reconciling United Methodists of Eastern PA:
pastor@historicstgeorges.org
- Methodist Federation for Social Action – Eastern PA:
milesj526@verizon.net
- Eastern PA Conference (UMC): epaumc.org

Want to Help with Worship?

For the time being, as long as we're gathering virtually for worship, if you would like to participate by leading the Call to Worship or reading scripture, please contact Pastor Tim.

Volunteer with Nursery and Calvary Kids

We're always looking for more volunteers to work with our children during worship (and beyond)! All volunteers must be involved in the congregation for at least six months, and complete background clearances in compliance with all state laws. If you're interested, please contact Pastor Tim.

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