

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“The passion for wholeness
blazingly recognizes
the multiplicities it contains.”*
- Anne Klein

March 22, 2026

5th Sunday in Lent

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Women's History Month

Lenten Landscapes:

From Death Valleys to Green Pastures

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Awake My Soul" (Mumford and Sons)

You are invited during the Gathering Song to still your hearts, your minds, your bodies, as we come together for worship.

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.

• Pastor Tim staycation through Mar 24

- in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Marcine Pickron-Davis (Staff-Parish Relations Committee member): 484.574.0270

• Calvary job openings: allmeansall.org/jobs

• Holy Week at Calvary: allmeansall.org/holy-week

• Nursery volunteers needed

- contact Kaspero if interested, or with any questions: kaspero.kimura@gmail.com

• Previous sermons: allmeansall.org/sermons

• Previous bulletins: allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Mar 22, 8-9 pm: Spiritual Reflection Group (weekly, through Mar 29)

- allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Monday, Mar 23, 6:15-7:15 pm: Yoga (weekly)

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

Tuesday, Mar 24

- **6 pm:** Midweek Prayer (weekly)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- **6-7:30 pm:** Bees, Butterflies and Blessings Webinar (*National Wildlife Foundation*)
 - tinyurl.com/bb-blessings
 - contact Sparrow to join our Green Team: sprwfrancis@gmail.com

Wednesday, Mar 25

- **10-11 am:** Yoga (weekly)
 - see Mar 23 for details
- **12 pm:** Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Immigrant Justice (*weekly / New Sanctuary Movement*)
 - Philadelphia ICE Office / 114 N 8th St
 - contact Pastor Tim to join our NSM Team
- **6-8 pm:** Calvary Resistance Quilting
 - allmeansall.org/quilting
 - contact Brooke to sign up, or with questions: christensenvoice@gmail.com

Saturday, Mar 28, 12-3 pm: No Kings 3 March & Rally (*Indivisible Philadelphia, et al*)

- Philadelphia City Hall / Broad St & JFK Blvd (marching to Benjamin Franklin Pkwy & 22nd St)
- contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary

Sunday, Mar 29

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*Palm & Passion Sunday*)
 - justice-oriented Stations of the Cross
- **1-3 pm:** Confirmation Class

Wednesday, Apr 1, 7-8ish pm: Spirituality on Tap (*monthly – 1st Wednesdays*)

- Dahlak / 4708 Baltimore Ave
- allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

Thursday, Apr 2, 7 pm: Maundy Thursday Tenebrae
Vespers (*Communion / hybrid*)

- Chapel – 48th St entrance
- to connect virtually: allmeansall.org/holy-week

Sunday, Apr 5: Easter Sunday

- allmeansall.org/easter

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: “Live in Charity (Ubi Caritas)” (TFWS
#2179, tune: Jacques Berthier / lyrics: from 1 Corinthians 13)

Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity, God will dwell with you.

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Call to Worship (Nancy Gowler, based on Psalm 130 –
adapted)

One: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

ALL: We cry out, believing that God hears us.

One: Come together and wait for God.

ALL: We gather as God’s people, trusting that God is still speaking.

One: Surely God’s presence is here with us now.

ALL: We join in faith and hope, for God’s steadfast love lifts our hearts.

One: Come, worship the Holy One.

ALL: We celebrate the power of God to renew and restore.

Opening Song: God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”
(UMH #122, tune: Carl F. Schalk / lyrics: Jaroslav J. Vajda)

God of the sparrow God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry God of the sick

God of the prodigal

How does the creature say Care

How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor God of the foe

God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages God near at hand

God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy

How do your children say Home

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Nancy Gowler, based on Psalm 130)*

Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit. Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of love, compassion, and peace. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "We Are One in the Spirit" (TFWS #2223, Peter Scholtes – adapted)

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in our prayer (repeat)
And we pray that all unity may one day be repaired
And they'll know God is faithful by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know God is faithful by our love ...

Reading (Annie Klein)

Wholeness and connection are central to our existence. But we rarely live as if they are. Our unwieldy sense of separateness is at the core of our suffering. How to repair this is the main lesson we humans need to learn. We feel separate from others, from society, yet we don't want to be alone. We feel separate from our own greatest potential, yet we want to succeed. We feel separate from our feelings and yearn to feel more alive. We don't want to feel fragmented, yet wholeness eludes us.

Separateness is suffering. The separateness we address here is not the same as difference and disagreement. Wholeness is not one color. It is definitely not a call for everyone to be the same. It's about not getting so lost in the drama in front of us that we forget a deeper ground that holds everything. The earth we stand on holds us all. The passion for wholeness blazingly recognizes the multiplicities it contains.

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: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the HOLY ONE came upon me, and God brought me out by the spirit of the HOLY ONE and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. **2** God

led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. **3** God said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O HOLY ONE, you know." **4** Then God said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the HOLY ONE. **5** Thus says the HOLY ONE to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. **6** I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the HOLY ONE." **7** So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. **8** I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them.

9 Then God said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the HOLY ONE: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." **10** I prophesied as God commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. **11** Then God said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' **12** Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the HOLY ONE: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. **13** And you shall know that I am the HOLY ONE when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. **14** I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the HOLY ONE, have spoken and will act," says the HOLY ONE.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

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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: "Bone and Spirit: The Power of Dual Attention"
(*Lesley Curtis*)

Song: "Can These Bones Live?" (*David McGregor*)

Can these bones live? Can these bones live?

O, for God's breath wind

O, to know life again

Can these bones live?

Come from your four winds

Come with your fresh wind

Breathe life in our dying

Spirit reviving

Life once again (*Refrain*)

Know I will raise you

Empower, sustain you

Put my breath in you

Put my life in you

Know I am God

Can these bones live? Can these bones live?

Spirit, blow freely

Lovely and freely

These bones can live! (3x)

SHARING

Offering Our Gifts

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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



Previous giving (rounded)

- Mar 9-15: \$1,638 / weekly budget: \$1,663
- White Basket, Mar 15 (emergency needs): \$55

Prayers of the People

“Thanks be to God” / “God hears our prayer”

Sung Response (tune: UMH #420, Robert Jackson / lyrics: John Pritchard)

Hear us, O living God.
Hear all we bring to you—
each joy, each tear, each hope, each fear,
each sigh of gratitude.

ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (TFWS #2153, African American spiritual – adapted)

I’m gonna live so God can use me
anywhere ... anytime!

I’m gonna live so God can use me,
anywhere ... anytime!

I’m gonna work so ...

I’m gonna pray so ...

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Days of rest: Monday mornings, Fridays

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