

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“(Jesus) also poured out the
coins of the money changers
and overturned their tables.”
- John 2:15b*

March 3, 2024
3rd Sunday in Lent

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Women's History Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Feeling Good" (Anthony Newley & Leslie Bricusse / perf. by Nina Simone)

Welcome & Announcements

(also available at allmeansall.org/announcements)

- **New worship start time, beginning March 31:** 11 am
- **Lent & Holy Week:** allmeansall.org/lent
- **Lenten Prayer Chain:** allmeansall.org/lent
- **Community Projects:** Harrington Elementary School, Grace Cafe, Sankofa Community Farm
 - allmeansall.org/community-projects
- **Spring Retreat at Pendle Hill:** June 7-8 (9)
 - allmeansall.org/retreats
 - email Pastor Tim if interested
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Mar 3, 8-9 pm: Spiritual Reflection Group (weekly, through Mar 24)

- allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Tuesday, Mar 5, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer

- allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer

Thursday, Mar 7, 8-9ish pm: Spirituality on Tap

- Carbon Copy / 701 S. 50th St
- allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

Saturday, Mar 9, 2-5 pm: Calvary Workday

- sign up at office@allmeansall.org

Sunday, Mar 10

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **1-2ish pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck
 - bring a dish and/or drinks to share if you can

Saturday, Mar 16, 3 pm: Homegoing Service for Duke Campbell (*hybrid*)

Sunday, Mar 17, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Hybrid Worship

Sunday, Mar 24, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Hybrid Worship (*Palm & Passion Sunday*)

- Justice Stations of the Cross

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.

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 or sign up online. Our **Calvary Connections e-newsletter** goes out every Thursday night.

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: "Return to Me" (*Rickie Byars*)

Return to me, return to me

With every breath, return

End and begin with me

With every breath, return

Return to love ...

Return to peace ...

Call to Worship (*Liz Testa, from Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals – adapted*)

One: We gather in the company of women who have gone before, both named and unnamed, testifying with ferocity and faith to the Spirit of wisdom and healing.

ALL: They are the judges, the prophets, the martyrs, the activists, poets, lovers and saints, who are near to us in the shadow of awareness, in the crevices of memory, in the landscape of our dreams.

One: We gather in the company of Deborah, who judged the Israelites with authority and strength.

ALL: We gather in the company of Esther, who used her position as queen to ensure the welfare of her people.

One: We gather in the company of the woman with the flow of blood, who audaciously sought her healing.

ALL: We gather in the company of Mary Magdalene, who wept at the empty tomb until the risen Christ appeared.

One: We gather in the company of Phoebe, who led an early church in the empire of Rome.

ALL: We gather in the company of Julian of Norwich, who wed imagination and theology proclaiming "all shall be well."

One: We gather in the company of Sojourner Truth, who stood against oppression, righteously declaring "ain't I a woman!"

ALL: We gather in the company of the Argentine Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, who turned their grief to strength, standing together to remember "the disappeared" children of war with a holy indignation.

One: We gather in the company of Alice Walker, who named the lavender hue of womanish strength.

ALL: We gather in the company of those whose names have been lost and silenced, who kept and cradled the wisdom of the ages.

One: We gather in the company of all mothers and sisters of the faith, all women of faith, who teach us to resist evil with boldness, to lead with wisdom and strength, and to heal with compassion and love.

ALL: We gather in the company of God, known to us by many names, in whose image we are all created.

Opening Song: "Bring Many Names" (TFWS #2047, tune: Carlton R. Young / lyrics: Brian Wren)

Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and Hosanna! bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving, till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

Old, aching God, grey with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (Ted Loder – adapted)

Guide us, O God, if we're willing (drive us if we're not),

into the hard ways of sacrifice which are just and loving. Make us wide-eyed for beauty and for our neighbor's need and goodness; wide-willed for peace-making and for confronting power with the call to compassion and justice; wide-hearted for love and for the unloved, who are the hardest to touch and need it the most. Match our appetite for privilege with the stomach for commitment. Breathe into us the restlessness and courage to turn what needs turning in ourselves and in the world, to make something new, something saving, something true – that we may understand what it is to rejoice. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: **2** I am the HOLY ONE your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; **3** you shall have no other gods before me. **4** You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. **5** You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the HOLY ONE your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, **6** but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. **7** You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the HOLY ONE your God, for the HOLY ONE will not acquit anyone who misuses God's name. **8** Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. **9** Six days you shall labor and do all your work. **10** But the seventh day is a sabbath to the HOLY ONE your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female servant, your livestock, or the alien

resident in your towns. **11** For in six days God made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore God blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. **12** Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the HOLY ONE your God is giving you. **13** You shall not murder. **14** You shall not commit adultery. **15** You shall not steal. **16** You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. **17** You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's spouse, or servant, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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: John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. **15** Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. **16** He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making God's house a marketplace!" **17** His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." **18** The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" **19** Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." **20** The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" **21** But he was speaking of the temple of his body. **22** After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they

believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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: "Turning Tables"

Song: "Inspired by Love and Anger" (*tune: trad. Irish folk melody / lyrics: John Bell – adapted*)

Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by need and pain,
informed of God's own bias we ask (God) once again:

"How long must some folk suffer?

How long can few folk mind?

How long dare vain self-interest
turn prayer and pity blind?"

From those forever victims of heartless human greed,
their cruel plight composes a litany of need:

"Where are the fruits of justice?

Where are the signs of peace?

When is the day when prisoners
and dreams find their release?"

From those forever shackled
to what their wealth can buy,

the fear of lost advantage provokes the bitter cry,

"Don't query our position! Don't criticize our wealth!

Don't mention those exploited by politics and stealth!"

To God, who through the prophets

proclaimed a different age,

we offer earth's indifference, its agony and rage:

“When will the wronged be righted?
When will the (kingdom) come?
When will the world be generous to all instead of some?”

God asks, “Who will go for me?
Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen,
will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome,
will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow,
will walk the road I show?”

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

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

Sung Response (*tune: UMH #175, John B. Dykes / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

O Loving Heart, O Blessed Arms, hold all we bring to you;
our hopes, our fears, our joy and tears,
our pledge your will to do.

Communion / The Great Thanksgiving (*Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted*)

One: God is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to God and to each other.

One: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

ALL: It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

One: God, we give you thanks, for you create us out of your love. We who are the image of your love return to you with love. You make covenant to be our God, and you set us free from all that oppresses us. You have set us free from all demands, free to be your beloved community. You walk with us toward new life, giving us

Jesus to show the way. Therefore we turn to you in gratitude, offering our gifts and singing your praise, joining with one voice with all Creation:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-b, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):

Holy, holy, holy (One); God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Blest is the one who comes in the name of (our God).

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

One: Blessed are all who come in your love, and blessed is Jesus, your Anointed One. He taught and healed, he lifted up the poor and received their gifts, he confronted the powerful and turned over the tables of injustice, and established a new realm in which love is the only currency. He cherished your love in the temple of his body, and for his rebellion against the Empire they destroyed his body. He was crucified; but you raised him from the dead.

On the night before he would be betrayed, arrested, crucified ... And so we remember. As often as we break the bread and share the cup, we remember. We taste the same Spirit, we feast on the same promise and renew our commitment to follow the same path, as we proclaim mystery at the heart of our faith:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-c, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

One: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, tangible symbols for us of Jesus' body, Jesus' life, given in love, for love. Pour out your Spirit on us gathered, in person and virtually, that we may be for the world your body, O God – given in love, for love. You who desire mercy, not sacrifice, call us again to extravagant and courageous love, filled with your Spirit, our bodies

temples of your grace. All glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever.

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-d, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Sung Response: "Eat This Bread" (UMH #628, tune: Robert Batastini & Taizé Community / lyrics: Jacques Berthier)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Go Now in Peace" (UMH #665, Natalie Sleeth)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

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