

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



The Promise
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*"He has been raised;
he is not here."*

- Mark 16:6b

March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday

CELEBRATION OF LIBERATION & NEW LIFE

Women's History Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Upside Down" (*Jack Johnson*)

Welcome & Announcements

(also available at allmeansall.org/announcements)

- **Spring Retreat at Pendle Hill:** Jun 7-8 (9)
 - allmeansall.org/spring-retreat (deadline: Apr 24)
- **Faith Climate Action Week:** Apr 19-28
 - interfaithpowerandlight.org/faithclimateactionweek
- **General Conference of the United Methodist Church:**
Apr 23 – May 3 (*Charlotte, NC*)
 - tinyurl.com/GenConf20
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Tuesday, Apr 2, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)

- allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer

Thursday, Apr 4

- **6-8:30 am:** Bridge Walk for Peace
 - Ben Franklin Bridge / 5th & Race
 - contact Pastor Tim if interested and for details
- **8-9ish pm:** Spirituality on Tap (*monthly – 1st Thursdays*)
 - Carbon Copy / 701 S. 50th St
 - allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

Sunday, Apr 7

- **10 am:** Calvary Music Meeting
 - contact Norris if interested in participating in or otherwise building our music ministry:
music@allmeansall.org
- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship, with Communion

Thursday, Apr 11, 7-8:30 pm: POWER West/Southwest Cluster

- contact Pastor Tim for details and to get involved

Sunday, Apr 14

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
 - guest preacher: Lesley Curtis
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck

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: "This Joy" (*Shirley Caesar – adapted / arr. by Resistance Revival Chorus*)

This joy that I have, the world didn't give it to me (3x)
The world didn't give it, the world can't take it away

This faith that I have ...

This hope that I have ...

This love that I have ...

This peace that I have ...

Releasing Our Alleluias

Call to Worship (*Roddy Hamilton – adapted*)

One: When the world was young at that first sunrise and
the new light held a promise of new days and fresh
mornings,

ALL: the Word spoke ...

One: When the Word spoke and creation sparked and the alleluias unfolded,

ALL: the dawn was set free...

One: When the dawn was set free, the trees clapped hands and mountains bowed and the birds sang a new song

ALL: fresh every morning ...

One: Fresh every morning, the day holds a hope that this day is God's and this day holds the promise and this day is

ALL: a new beginning ...

One: A new beginning is the song of the morning that takes the shadows of night and paints them gold and green,

ALL: for the earth rejoices ...

One: The earth rejoices for stones have rolled and tombs have been emptied and angels are whispering and

ALL: death is conquered ...

One: Death is conquered, Love rises and Resurrection leaves its footprints in the dew that tell us he has gone ahead of us, he is not among the dead,

ALL: he is not here. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (*tune: UMH #302, public domain / lyrics: Linda Noonan*)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heav'n and mortals say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, creation! We reply, Alleluia!

Pain has brought us to our knees, Alleluia!
Children, elders, creatures, seas, Alleluia!
Hear our rage, our grief, our cries, Alleluia!
Open hearts and open eyes, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work goes on, Alleluia!
Justice, presence, prayer, and song, Alleluia!

Strong in Spirit, fight we will, Alleluia!
Not alone, connected still, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Rooted, loving, feeding, fed, Alleluia!
Each beloved in God's eyes, Alleluia!
Holy made and holy rise, Alleluia!

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)*

God of such amazing surprises as put a catch in our breath and wings on our hearts, we praise you for this joy, too great for words, but not for tears and songs and sharing;

for this mercy that bids us begin again, to limp on, to hop-skip-and-jump on, to mend what is broken in and around us, and to forgive the breakers;

for this YES to life and laughter, to love and lovers, and to our unwinding selves;

for this kindom unleashed in us and we in it forever, and no dead ends to growing, to choices, to changes, to calls to be just; no dead ends to living, to making peace, to dreaming dreams, to being glad of heart;

for this resurrection madness which is wiser than we and in which we see how great you are, how full of grace.
Alleluia! Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the HOLY ONE of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. **7** And God will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; God will swallow up death forever. **8** Then God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of God's people God will take away from all the earth, for the HOLY ONE has spoken. **9** It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for God, so that God might save us. This is the HOLY ONE for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.

Choral Alleluia *(UMH #186, Jerry Sinclair)*

Scripture Lesson: Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. **2** And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. **3** They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" **4** When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. **5** As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. **6** But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. **7** But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." **8** So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Yes, and ..."

Song: "Roll Away the Stone" (*tune: UMH #340, public domain – harm. by Charles H. Webb / lyrics: Hannah C. Brown*)

Roll away the stone before us,
hard and heavy, rough and raw.
We are worn by griefs and labors;
shake our weighted souls with awe.

*I will arise with pow'r and glory.
Come follow me toward life that's new!
Tell your people all my story.
I will rise again with you.*

Ease the burdens that we carry:
pain and sorrow, fear and dread.
We are weary with our worry;
bless our hearts with hope instead. (*refrain*)

Heal this world so full of hatred,
greed and violence, deep and grave.
We are craving something sacred.
Spring up green to free and save. (*refrain*)

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.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" (UMH #304, tune: Henry T. Smart / lyrics: William M. James – adapted)

Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has (showed) us heaven's choices;
heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us
from our pressing here below.
For our (God empowers) us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "This Joy" (Shirley Caesar / arr. by Resistance Revival Chorus)

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