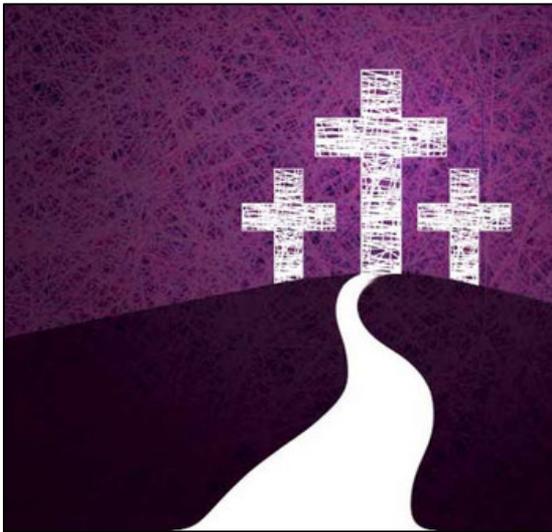


# Calvary

## United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*"When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time."*

**- Luke 4:13**

**March 6, 2022**  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## Women's History Month

### GATHERING

**Prelude:** "We Could Fly" (*Rhiannon Giddens & Dirk Powell*)

### **Welcome / Announcements**

#### Announcements

- **Worship Volunteers**
  - sign up at [tinyurl.com/worship-help](http://tinyurl.com/worship-help)
- **White Basket Offering:** UMCOR response in Ukraine
  - info at [umcmmission.org/umcor](http://umcmmission.org/umcor)
- **Online Discussion Forums** (*ongoing*)
  - Lectionary (*weekly scripture readings*)
  - *On Being with Krista Tippett* (*weekly episodes*)
  - contact Pastor Tim to sign up, or with any questions

#### Calendar

**Today, 8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group (*weekly during Lent, through Apr 10*)

- info at [allmeansall.org/srg](http://allmeansall.org/srg)

**Monday, Mar 7, 7:30-8:30 pm:** Book Study – See No Stranger (*weekly through Apr 4*)

#### **Tuesday, Mar 8**

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
  - info at [allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality](http://allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality)
- **6:30 pm:** Trustees

**Saturday, Mar 12, 9 am-7 pm:** RAWTools Training

- series of in-person events in response to gun violence
- info at [rawtools.org/events](http://rawtools.org/events)

#### Visiting With Us?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason you chose to join us! We invite you to fill out a Visitor Form at [allmeansall.org/visitors](http://allmeansall.org/visitors); for those worshipping in person, someone will share a form with you during the service.

We strive to make our worship space (in person and virtual) as welcoming and accommodating of different needs as possible. If you have any concerns or questions regarding accessibility, 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 ([office@allmeansall.org](mailto:office@allmeansall.org)).

**Singing Our Way In:** "God Is Here Today (Dios Está Aquí)"  
(TFWS #2049, traditional Mexican)

God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,  
as certain as the morning sun that rises,  
as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.

### **Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer**

**Call to Worship** (*Thom Shuman, adapted*)

One: Here, at the start of Lent, as darkness gives way to light, we are called to walk, to the paper-thin edges which cut us to the soul; to the places that weary us;

**ALL: to the people who confuse us; to the faith that threatens us; to the world that breaks our hearts.**

One: Here, at the corner of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are called to wait, when our clenched stomachs awaken us;

**ALL: in the moments of unbearable sorrow; with the angels who would carry us.**

One: Here, where time is fulfilled, where God's kingdom is as near to us as our neighbor, we are called again to undertake the Lenten journey,

**ALL: following the One who shows us who God is, what love is, and held by the God of Love whose tears wash away our fears, who will not let go of our hands.**

### **Burying Our Alleluias**

**Opening Hymn: "Womb of Life"** (TFWS #2046, alternate tune:  
UMH #400 / lyrics: Ruth Duck)

Womb of life, and source of being,  
home of every restless heart,  
in your arms the world's awakened;  
you have loved us from the start.  
We, your children, gather 'round you,  
at the table you prepare.  
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,  
we are nurtured by your care.

Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,  
born to bring us second birth,  
you have come to stand beside us,  
knowing weakness, knowing earth.  
Priest who shares our human struggles,  
Life of Life, and Death of Death,  
Risen Christ, come stand among us,  
send the Spirit by your breath.

Brooding Spirit, move among us;  
be our partner, be our friend.  
When our memory fails, remind us  
whose we are, what we intend.  
Labor with us, aid the birthing  
of the new world yet to be,  
free of servant, lord, and master,  
free for love and unity.

Mother, Brother, Holy Partner,  
Father, Spirit, Only Son:  
We would praise your name forever,  
One in three, and three in one.  
We would share your life, your passion,  
share your word of world made new,  
ever singing, ever praising,  
one with all, and one with you.

## 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, to this season of reflection, of repentance, that word we have so associated with guilt rather than the turning and re-turning you call for. But this season we pray for the courage to turn, to turn to you from all that scatters and diminishes us, to turn to loving from all the ways we wound and ignore each other, to turn toward life, together, from all that lures us to pursue our own desires at the expense of others and all that promises fulfillment it can never provide.

Give us time to pause and space to consider our lives in light of the life you call us to, and give us courage to turn toward you and the life that is life indeed, the life we see in Jesus. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Special Music**

### **Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, **2** will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

**9** Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, **10** no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. **11** For (God) will command (God's) angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. **12** On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. **13** You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**14** Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. **15** When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. **16** With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

**Sung Response:** from "Open My Eyes" (*Jesse Manibusan*)  
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

**Scripture Lesson:** Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, **2** where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

**3** The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." **4** Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" **5** Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. **6** And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. **7** If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." **8** Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only (God).'" **9** Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, **10** for it is written, '(God) will command (God's) angels concerning you, to protect you,' **11** and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" **12** Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

**13** When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

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

Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you.

Open my heart, Lord, help me to love.

**Sermon:** “Tempted Off Center”

**Hymn of Response:** “When We Are Tested” (*tune: UMH #451, traditional Irish / lyrics: Ruth Duck, adapted*)

When we are tested and wrestle alone,  
famished for bread when the world offers stone,  
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,  
food that sustains us by night and by day.

When in the desert we cry for relief,  
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,  
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,  
trusting your presence, our only true rest.

When we are tempted to barter our souls,  
trading the truth for power to control,  
teach us to worship and praise only you,  
seeking your will in the work that we do.

When we have struggled  
and searched through the night,  
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,  
(O, God), surround us with circles of care,  
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

## **SHARING**

**Offering our Tithes and Gifts / Offertory**

**Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns**

“Thanks be to God” or “God, hear our prayer”

**Prayer Response** (tune: UMH #418, African American spiritual / 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.

**Communion / Great Thanksgiving** (John Pritchard, adapted)

One: God is with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: Open your hearts.

**ALL: We open them to God and to one another.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Blessed are you, O God, creator of the universe,  
maker of the grain of the field and the fruit of the vine.  
We raise this bread in thanks for the wonder of your  
creation, for its nurturing web of life. We lift this cup in  
gratitude for your presence among us—in wine shared,  
life shared, a planet in all its blessed holiness shared.  
When we have hoarded what you give to all, your  
prophets have risen to proclaim justice and your work for  
a new start.

And so, with your people on earth, with all the company  
of heaven, with the whole of creation, we praise your  
name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-b, Mark Miller):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; 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 the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

One: Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your Christ,  
Jesus. We break this bread, remembering that Jesus was  
born in poverty and later broken because he stood with

others who were poor and broken, and we remember so many who continue to be poor and broken in body and spirit. We pour the cup in remembrance of the blood that Jesus shed and the blood that continues to be shed by those the world forgets, by the victims of abuse and neglect, by the victims of violence and war, by the victims of injustice, by the earth itself, mistreated and assaulted. We pass the bread and cup, remembering that you are present with all who are broken and bleed, and all who are working for a new way.

Before his arrest . . . And so we remember, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-c, Mark Miller):

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

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

One: Pour out your Spirit on us, O God, and on this sharing of bread and cup. Pour out your Spirit of strength on our brokenness, your Spirit of compassion as we stand before the brokenness of others, your Spirit of hope as we stand together in a broken world. Pour out your Spirit that in this simple sharing with each other we may taste what you dream for all the earth—community, simplicity, equity, belonging, wholeness. Pour out your Spirit that we, too, may dream and live toward your age to come.

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-d, Mark Miller):

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

Sung Response: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

(UMH #618, African American spiritual)

Let us break bread together on our knees. (repeat)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees . . .

Let us praise God together on our knees . . .

## **ENGAGING**

**Closing Hymn:** "The Trees of the Field" (TFWS #2279, tune: Stuart Dauermann / lyrics: Steffi Geiser Ruben)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field,  
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap 2x*)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap 2x*)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap 2x*)  
while you go out with joy.

## **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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