

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



“The woman said to him, ‘Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?’”

- John 4:11

March 8, 2026

3rd Sunday in Lent

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Women's History Month

Lenten Landscapes:

From Death Valleys to Green Pastures

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "I Be Your Water" (*Sweet Honey in the Rock*)

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.

• **Congregational giving** (*rounded*)

- Feb 23 – Mar 1: \$2,043 / weekly budget: \$1,663
- Red Basket, Feb 15 – Mar 1 (POWER Interfaith): \$54
- White Basket, Mar 1 (emergency needs): \$40

• **Red Basket offering:** POWER Interfaith

- allmeansall.org/racial-economic-justice
- allmeansall.org/donate

• **Lenten Prayer Chain:** allmeansall.org/lent

• **POWER affordability stories** (*deadline: Mar 11*)

- tinyurl.com/powerstories2026

• **Calvary Resistance Quilting:** Wednesdays, Mar 11-25, 6-8 pm

- contact Brooke to sign up, or with questions:
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• **Nursery volunteers needed**

- contact Kasperu if interested, or with any questions:
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• **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons

- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Mar 8

- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck (*monthly*)
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group (*weekly, through Mar 29*)
 - allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

Monday, Mar 9, 6:15-7:15 pm: Yoga (*weekly*)

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

Tuesday, Mar 10

- **5:30 pm:** Trustees (*bimonthly – 2nd Tuesdays*)
- **6 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer

Wednesday, Mar 11

- **10-11 am:** Yoga (*weekly*)
 - see Mar 9 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 get involved with our NSM Team

Sunday, Mar 15, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship (*4th Sunday in Lent*)

- guest preacher: Cara Blouin

Tuesday, Mar 17, 3 pm: Finance Committee (*bimonthly – 3rd Tuesdays*)

Thursday, Mar 19

- **7 pm:** POWER Interfaith West/Southwest Cluster (*monthly - 3rd Thursdays*)
 - contact Mimi for details, or to get involved with our POWER Team: rmijima@gmail.com
- **7-8:30 pm:** Grief Support Group (*monthly*)
 - allmeansall.org/grief-support-group

Saturday, Mar 21, 10 am-12 pm: Calvary Garden

Workday (*monthly – 3rd Saturdays*)

- join us for monthly workdays to prepare our planned pollinator garden at 48th & Baltimore
- contact Sparrow to sign up, with questions, or to get involved with our Green Team:
sprwfrancis@gmail.com

Sunday, Mar 22, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship (*5th*

Sunday in Lent)

- guest preacher: Lesley Curtis

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: “Down by the Riverside” (*African American spiritual*)

I'm gonna lay down my burden

Down by the riverside (3x)

I'm gonna lay down my burden

Down by the riverside

And I ain't gonna study war no more

I ain't gonna study war no more (2x)

I ain't gonna study war no more (no more)

I ain't gonna study war no more (2x)

I ain't gonna study war no more

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield ... (*Chorus*)

Call to Worship (*Beth Merrill Neel – adapted*)

One: We continue through this Lenten wilderness that will take us to and through the cross.

ALL: It is a journey we take together, and a journey each makes alone.

One: We are invited to notice things along the way—

ALL: the sharp stones, the dry heat, the uneven ground, the mercy of shade, the miracle of water, the faithfulness of those who walk with us.

One: We carry little with us but that which is in our hearts:

ALL: Hope, fear, wonder, doubt, gratitude, sorrow, love.

One: On this journey we rest, sing, pray, listen.

ALL: In our worship, we rest, sing, pray, listen.

One: Then let us worship the One who gives us strength for the journey;

ALL: the One who gives us life and life made new again.

Opening Song: "O God Who Gives Us Life and Breath"
(*tune: UMH #179, trad. English melody / lyrics: Carl P. Daw Jr. – adapted*)

O God who gives us life and breath,
who shapes us in the womb,
who (guides) our lives from birth to death,
then leads us from the tomb:
deliver us from fears that kill
the life we have from you;
help us to know your Spirit still
is making all things new.

O God who calls your people out,
to venture and to dare,
to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt
and find you even there:
when we despair in wandering
through wastes of empty lies,
refresh us with the living spring
of hope that never dies.

O God of covenant and law,
revealed in cloud and flame,
your mighty deeds evoke our awe;
we dare not speak your name.
Yet we by faith are drawn to you
and will your people prove,
as on our hearts you write anew
the covenant of love.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (*Ruth C. Duck – adapted*)

O God, in mystery and wonder you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit. May we know and feel and share the love with which you hold us and all others. And may we know and feel and share the joy you give your people. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (*UMH #400, tune: Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second / lyrics: Robert Robinson – adapted*)

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

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

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 4:5-15

So Jesus 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 Judean, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Judeans 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: 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: "Even from Rock"

Song: "Thirsty, We Wander (Even from Rock)" (*tune: Mark A. Miller / lyrics: David Bjorlin*)

Thirsty, we wander the desert;

our exodus seems like a dream.

In anguish we cry as the river runs dry,

yet even from rock, your water will stream.

Even from rock, even from rock, even from rock,

your water will stream.

Hosanna, hosanna.

Hopeless, we wander the desert

and fear what our failures will bring.

We shrivel in shame from the heat of our blame,

yet even from rock, your mercy will spring.

Even from rock, even from rock, even from rock,

your mercy will spring.

Hosanna, hosanna.

Angry, we wander the desert

where hatred and bigotry grow;

a sigh is our song in the valley of wrong,

yet even from rock, your justice will flow.

Even from rock, even from rock, even from rock,

your justice will flow.

Hosanna, hosanna.

Thirsty, we wander the desert,
our homeland a far-away dream,
but we will endure for your promise is sure,
and even from rock, your water will stream.
Even from rock, even from rock, even from rock,
your water will stream.
Hosanna, hosanna.

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



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

Closing Song: "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: "Pool of Love" (*Alexa Sunshine Rose, Murray Kyle*)

May the pool of love we have gathered here
Spread its wings and fly far and near
From the depths of our hearts to the farthest star
May our love bless everyone

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