

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,  
returned from the Jordan and was led  
by the Spirit in the wilderness ...”*

**- Luke 4:1a**

**March 9, 2025**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent*

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Women's History Month

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song:** "Resilient" (*Rising Appalachia – Live from Preservation Hall*)

## Welcome & Announcements

- **Lent @ Calvary – Resilience & Resistance**
  - [allmeansall.org/lent](http://allmeansall.org/lent)
- **Resistance for such a time as this**
  - March 16<sup>th</sup> organizing meeting – see details below
  - Calvary justice teams (New Sanctuary Movement, POWER Interfaith, PA Interfaith Power & Light, Reconciling Ministries): [allmeansall.org/love-justice](http://allmeansall.org/love-justice)
  - other opportunities: [allmeansall.org/resistance](http://allmeansall.org/resistance)
- **Spring Retreat:** May 16-17, 2025 (*location TBD*)
- **Previous sermons:** [allmeansall.org/sermons](http://allmeansall.org/sermons)
- **Previous bulletins:** [allmeansall.org/bulletins](http://allmeansall.org/bulletins)

## Calendar

### Today, Mar 9

- **12:45-2 pm:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck (*monthly*)
  - [allmeansall.org/2nd-sunday-potluck](http://allmeansall.org/2nd-sunday-potluck)
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group (*weekly, through Apr 13*)
  - [allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group](http://allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group)

### Monday, Mar 10, 6:30-7:30 pm: Yoga (*weekly*)

- Calvary (Chapel) – 48<sup>th</sup> St entrance
- [allmeansall.org/yoga](http://allmeansall.org/yoga)

### Tuesday, Mar 11

- **3:30 pm:** Trustees
- **6 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
  - [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)
  - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm

**Wednesday, Mar 12, 10-11 am:** Yoga (weekly)

- see Mar 10 for details

**Thursday, Mar 13**

- **6:30-7:30 pm:** Book Study – *The Talking Book* (hybrid)
  - Calvary (Office) – 48<sup>th</sup> St entrance if joining in person
- **7-8:30 pm:** POWER Interfaith West/Southwest Cluster (monthly – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays)

**Saturday, Mar 15, 1 pm:** Meditation (weekly)

- Calvary (Board Room) – 48<sup>th</sup> St entrance
- [witnessandintegrate@gmail.com](mailto:witnessandintegrate@gmail.com)

**Sunday, Mar 16**

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent)
  - guest preacher: Cara Blouin
- **12:30-1:30 pm:** Calvary Resistance Organizing (hybrid)

**Sunday, Mar 23, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent)

**Friday, Mar 28, 6 pm:** Young-ish Adults Gathering (monthly – last Fridays)

- [allmeansall.org/young-ish-adults](http://allmeansall.org/young-ish-adults)

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.

Donations

Donations are always welcome to help support Calvary and our evolving ministries: [allmeansall.org/donate](http://allmeansall.org/donate).

## **CENTERING & CONNECTING**

### **Breathing Our Way In**

**Singing Our Way In:** "The Breath of God" (Rickie Byars)

The breath of God is breathing me,

and resting in the breath of God,  
I know that all is well.

The grace of God is grace in me ...

The peace of God is peace in me ...

The love of God is love in me ...

## **Burying Our Alleluias**

### **Call to Worship** (*unknown – adapted*)

One: Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray.

**ALL: Jesus went to the water's edge to teach.**

One: Jesus went to the city to heal.

**ALL: Jesus went to foreign lands to extend love.**

One: Jesus went to people's homes to celebrate.

**ALL: Jesus went to centers of power to disrupt.**

One: Jesus went to places of peace and connection,

**ALL: but Jesus also went to the wilderness.**

One: There was nowhere Jesus could go that God did not go with him.

**ALL: And so we follow Jesus into the Lenten wilderness,**

One: trusting that there is nowhere we can go that God does not go with us.

**ALL: Let us gather, then, to worship the One who is with us even now.**

### **Opening Song: "Gather Us In"** (TFWS #2236, Marty Haugen – adapted)

Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the (kindom), now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

### **Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace**

*"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**

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### **GROUNDING**

**Community Prayer** (*Christian Aid Monthly Prayers – adapted*)

God of revelation, unveil your kindom in our midst. Show us who we truly are in you: expose the illusions that distort our vision, and deliver us from temptations that contort our living. Renew our strength and our resolve through this season of wilderness—that our resilience may be the means to our resistance, our resistance the secret of our joy, and our joy a sign of your shalom. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

## Special Music

### Scripture Lesson: Psalm 91:9-16

Because you have made the HOLY ONE 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: "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: 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 40 days he was tested 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 all this authority and their glory, 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 HOLY ONE, your God, and serve only God.'" **9** Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the

temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, **10** for it is written, 'He will command his 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 HOLY ONE, 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:** "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:** "Grounded"

**Song:** "When We Are Tested" (*tune: UMH #451, trad. Irish melody / 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 the 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,  
(Creator), surround us with circles of care,  
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

## **SHARING**

### **Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns**

**Sung Response** (*tune: UMH #682, Thomas Tallis / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

O draw us near, companion God.  
For every joy, your name we laud.  
For every wound and each sigh, too,  
we pray your love will see us through.

## **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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