

Calvary

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"So they left the tomb quickly
with fear and great joy, and ran
to tell the disciples."*

- Matthew 28:8

April 12, 2020
Easter Sunday

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CELEBRATION OF RESURRECTION

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Singing Our Way In

"Halle, Halle, Halleluja" (TFWS #2026, with added verses)

Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ja! (3x)

Hal - le - lu - ja! Hal - le - lu - ja!

You are the Source of Life, we worship you . . .

You are the Source of Peace, we thank you . . .

You are the Source of Love, we praise you . . .

You are the Resurrection, we live in you . . .

"Rising" (unknown; added lyrics: James K. Manley)

Life is a test of the heart and the soul

Rising, we're rising

But something keeps moving us on to the goal

Rising, we're rising

***Rising on the wings of faith, over life's storm-troubled seas
Carried along by a spirit of grace, rising, we're rising***

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep . . .

You coaxed up the mountains from valleys of sleep . . .

And over the eons you called to each thing . . .

Wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings . . .

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand . . .

And you goaded your people with a law and a land . . .

And when they were blinded by their idols and lies . . .

You spoke through your prophets to open their eyes . . .

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill . . .

You whispered in silence when the whole world was still . . .

And down in the city you called once again . . .

You blew through your people on the rush of the wind . . .

Invitation to Holy Presence / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship (*John Pritchard*)

One: Hush, friends, before the news that makes us tremble:
Christ is risen!

ALL: What on earth can it mean, now, in a time of COVID?

One: New life slips from the tomb meant to contain it.

ALL: But where is that life now?

One: In every tweeted, IM'd, emailed, Zoomed, phoned
greeting to reach out to another.

**ALL: The need to distance ourselves making clear how much
we need and want each other—this is life.**

One: In every risk taken willingly, every sacrificing of safety to
bring food or healthcare or presence to another.

**ALL: Rising above fear to remain human, compassionately
human—this is life.**

One: In every sunrise savored, every birdsong treasured, every
laugh or walk or dance or playful stirring of delight.

**ALL: Turning aside despair with glimpses of goodness—this is
life.**

One: These are the gifts of God; these are life rising; these are
resurrection.

**ALL: Even now, even here, God stirs, releasing our buried
alleluias: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Releasing Our Alleluias

Hymn of Praise: "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" (*UMH #304*)

Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought 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 Lord empowered 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.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer (*John Pritchard*)

Today, O God, we praise you, for the news of life, new life, resurrected life, but our alleluias are muted, dampened by the dim news that surrounds us, of sickness and death, of loss and isolation, of hardship and struggle and costly sacrifice, of bravado masking fear and of fear undermining life and joy and love.

We live as if in the long, lonely, painful Saturday following Friday's cross, so it is hard to hear, to give ourselves to, Sunday's news, of a tomb emptied, of life risen.

Hold us, we pray, this subdued Easter. Tune our ears and hearts, not to trumpets blaring triumph, but to small hints of life in our Galilees, our scaled-back everydays where you meet us.

Grant us to hear your whispers, summoning life, new life, full life, even from the ruins of these days. Breathe in us the strength and hope of your Spirit. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. **2** Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, **3** the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

4 Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. **5** Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. **6** For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. **2** And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. **3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. **4** For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. **5** But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. **6** He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. **7** Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. **9** Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

One: May the Spirit add understanding to our hearing.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "With Fear and Great Joy"

Hymn of Response: "Lord of the Dance" (UMH #261)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came to me and the dance went on:

I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance, and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns

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

Prayer Response (*tune: UMH #175 / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

O living God, we wait for you,
each wound, each rift to heal,
each empty heart and life to fill,
each day with joy to seal.

Closing Hymn: “We Are Marching (Siyahamba)”

(TFWS #2235-b)

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God. (*repeat*)
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching
we are marching in the light of God. (*repeat*)

We are singing in the light of God . . .

We are walking in the light of God . . .

We are dancing in the light of God . . .

We are praying in the light of God . . .

We are living in the light of God . . .

ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Let the Church Say Amen"

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at the corner of spirituality & justice

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April 12, 2020 – Announcements

CALENDAR

Upcoming

Monday, Apr 13, 7-8:30 pm: POWER Training – Faith-Based Organizing 101

Tuesday, Apr 14, 12 pm: Midweek Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday, Apr 15, 7 pm: Midweek Prayer (Zoom)

Saturday, Apr 18, 1 pm: Staff-Parish Relations Committee (Zoom)

Sunday, Apr 19, 1 pm: Calvary POWER Training (Zoom)

- email Eriks Dunens for more details or to sign up: eriksslush@hotmail.com

Tuesday, Apr 21, 6 pm: Finance Committee (Zoom)

Save the Date

Friday, Jun 5 - Sunday, Jun 7: Spring Retreat (for adults)

- Mariawald Renewal Center (Reading)

VISITING WITH US?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason(s) you chose to join us this morning! Since we aren't able to greet you in person during this coronavirus pandemic, please contact Pastor Tim if you have any questions or prayer concerns.

INVITATIONS / OPPORTUNITIES

Resist Harm Movement

You are invited to join Calvary and fellow Reconciling United Methodists from around the country to support **Resist Harm** (resistharm.com / [#ResistHarm](https://twitter.com/ResistHarm)), a movement of resistance to the anti-LGBTQ Traditional Plan now on the books in the United Methodist Church. **April's theme is "Light."**

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, contact the church office (office@allmeansall.org).

Other Email Lists?

You may like to receive email updates from other groups with which Calvary is involved. If so, here's more info:

- POWER: powerinterfaith.org
- New Sanctuary Movement: sanctuaryphiladelphia.org
- PA Interfaith Power & Light: info@paipl.org
- Reconciling United Methodists of Eastern PA:
pastor@historicstgeorges.org
- Methodist Federation for Social Action – Eastern PA:
milesj526@verizon.net
- Eastern PA Conference (UMC): epaumc.org

Want to Help with Worship?

For the time being, as long as we're gathering virtually for worship, if you would like to participate by leading the Call to Worship or reading scripture, please contact Pastor Tim.

Volunteer with Nursery and Calvary Kids

We're always looking for more volunteers to work with our children during worship (and beyond)! All volunteers must be involved in the congregation for at least six months, and complete background clearances in compliance with all state laws. If you're interested, please contact Pastor Tim.

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