

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“Jesus said to them again,
‘Peace be with you all, just as
the God of Peace has sent me,
so I send you all.’”*

- John 20:21

April 12, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Arab American Heritage Month
Earth Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "I Believe in You" (Bob Dylan / perf. by Sinéad O'Connor)

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.

• Easter – Christmas 2026: "From Scarcity to Abundance"

• Spring Bible/book study: Sabbath Economics

- timing TBD – contact Pastor Tim to sign up
- allmeansall.org/bible-studies OR
- allmeansall.org/book-studies

• 13th Annual Sojourner Truth Walk: Saturday, May 2

- wizevents.com/sojourner-truth-walk/T99

• Previous sermons: allmeansall.org/sermons

• Previous bulletins: allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Monday, Apr 13

- 8:30 am-3 pm:** City Council Hearing to Introduce ICE Out Legislation
 - Philadelphia City Hall (4th Floor, Rm 400)
 - contact Pastor Tim if you're able to come
- 6:15-7:15 pm:** Yoga (weekly)
 - Chapel – 48th St entrance
 - allmeansall.org/yoga

Tuesday, Apr 14, 6 pm: Midweek Prayer (weekly)

- allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer

Wednesday, Apr 15

- **10-11 am:** Yoga (weekly)
 - see Apr 13 for details
- **12-12:30 pm:** Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Immigrant Justice (weekly / New Sanctuary Movement)
 - Philadelphia ICE Field Office / 114 N 8th St
 - contact Pastor Tim to join our NSM Team

Thursday, Apr 16

- **8:30 am-1:30 pm:** City Council First Reading of ICE Out Legislation
 - Philadelphia City Hall (4th Floor, Rm 400)
 - contact Pastor Tim if you're able to come
- **7 pm:** POWER Interfaith West-Southwest Cluster (monthly – 2nd Thursdays)
 - contact Mimi for details, or to join our POWER Team: rmijima@gmail.com

Saturday, Apr 18

- **10 am-12 pm:** Pollinator Garden Workday (monthly – 3rd Saturdays)
 - allmeansall.org/garden
 - contact Sparrow to sign up, or to join our Green Team: sprwfrancis@gmail.com
- **1 pm:** Meditation (weekly / West Philly Insight)
 - Board Room (upstairs) – 48th St entrance

Sunday, Apr 19, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

- Native American Ministries Sunday (special offering)

Tuesday, Apr 21, 7 pm: Church Council (bimonthly – 3rd Tuesdays)

Thursday, Apr 23

- **9 am:** City Council Final Vote on ICE Out Legislation
 - Philadelphia City Hall (4th Floor, Rm 400)
 - contact Pastor Tim if you're able to come

- **7-8:30 pm:** Grief Support Group (*monthly*)
 - allmeansall.org/grief-support-group

Sunday, Apr 26

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
 - Celebrating Mother Earth: Sowing Seeds of Climate Justice
- **1-3 pm:** Confirmation Class

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: "Peace, Salaam, Shalom" (*Pat Humphries & Sandy Opatow*)

Peace, salaam, shalom, (3x)
peace, salaam, shalom.

Call to Worship (*Roddy Hamilton – adapted*)

One: When Mary, ready to embalm the dead, ran in fear and hope from the empty tomb,

ALL: it WAS Easter day.

One: When Thomas touched the wounds and set himself free,

ALL: it WAS Easter day.

One: When the disciples looked from afar at a breakfast of fish on the beach,

ALL: it WAS Easter day.

One: When Peter's three "yeses" to Jesus finished his three denials,

ALL: it WAS Easter day.

One: When Emmaus became synonymous with welcome and the breaking of bread with strangers,

ALL: it WAS Easter day.

One: When the poor and hungry are fed at the table, the same table as the rich,

ALL: it IS Easter day.

One: When weapons are beaten to ploughshares, and peace is a word to be shouted,

ALL: it IS Easter day.

One: When the stranger is welcomed in community, and the lonely are restored to relationship,

ALL: it IS Easter day.

One: When justice rolls down like water, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,

ALL: it IS Easter day.

One: When love holds and heals and repairs, and new life emerges from the shadows of fear and even death,

ALL: it IS Easter day. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(John Ballenger – adapted)*

May we, our God, in the wake of Easter, ride a wave of irrepressible hope—rising from the deep, following the trajectory of love over the currents and turbulences of our living. And with joy, may we sense your presence hovering ever around and within us, ever speaking new creation, ever calling us into possibility. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: “The Truth that Sets Us Free” *(John L. Bell / Iona Community – adapted)*

When the wheel of fate is turning
and the mills of God grind slow;
when the past seems more attractive
than the future we don't know;
when our confidence is waning
and we lack security,
comes the timeless word of Jesus
that the truth will set us free.

Is it war or economics,
is it danger or deceit,
is it unforeseen depression,
fear of failure to compete?
Have the times which once were changing
led where no one wants to be?
Shall we live by lies on offer
or the truth that sets us free?

With real faith there will be doubting,
and with loss there will be grief.
No one knows the contradictions
which will exercise belief.
Against conflicts life might bring us
God provides no guarantee,

just this word of hope and healing:
know that truth will set you free.

So, dear Jesus, make us willing
to unmask convenient lies
to protest wherever power
closes conscience, ears and eyes;
and release our expectations
of your (kingdom), yet to be,
born in courage, joy and justice
and the truth that sets us free.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. **2** I say to the HOLY ONE, "You are my God; I have no good apart from you." **3** As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. **4** Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. **5** You are my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. **6** The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. **7** I bless the you who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. **8** I keep you always before me; because you are at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **9** Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. **10** For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. **11** You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: John 20:19-29 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

When it was evening on that day, the first of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples (gathered) were closed for fear of the Judeans, Jesus

came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you all." **20** And having said this, Jesus showed them his hands and his side, and then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Messiah. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you all, just as the God of Peace has sent me, so I send you all." **22** When Jesus had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit; **23** if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve who was called Didymus (the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Messiah." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." **26** And

within eight days his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, though the doors were shut, and stood among them and said,

"Peace be with you all." **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Bring your hand and put it in my side and do not doubt, rather believe."

28 Thomas answered him, saying, "My Savior and my God!" **29** Jesus said to him, "Was it because you have seen me that you believed? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia. *(repeat)*

Sermon: "Peace Be with You"

Song: "We'll Be at Home" (tune: UMH #453, William P. Doane / lyrics: John Pritchard)

Come, God, renew the earth; bring us your peace.
Let war be learned no more, all conflicts cease.
Let lambs with wolves lie down,
in safety all be found.
We'll be at home in your shalom.

Come, God, renew our world; all things refresh.
Touch every wound and heal, broken ones bless.
Blind eyes with sight be found,
mute tongues with praise abound.
We'll be at home in your shalom.

Come, God, renew our lives; give us your grace.
Touch every heart until all know your face.
Earth's every good we'll share,
for one another care.
We'll be at home, in your shalom.

Come, God, renew all things; grant a new start.
Unlock the chains we wear; open our hearts.
Grant each a welcome place,
a friend in every face.
We'll be at home in your shalom.

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



Red Basket (through Apr 26)

- PA Interfaith Power & Light

Previous giving (rounded)

- Mar 30 – Apr 5: \$2,290 / weekly budget: \$1,663
- White Basket, Apr 5 (emergency needs): \$13

Prayers of the People

“Thanks be to God” / “God hears our prayer”

Sung Response (*tune: UMH #145 / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

Hear us, Creator. Hear us, O Lover.

Hear us, O Spirit moving within.

Hear all our longing; hear all our sorrow.

Hear every joy and praise that we bring.

ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: “Guide My Feet” (*TFWS #2208, African American spiritual*)

Guide my feet while I run this race. (2x)

Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand ...

Stand by me ...

I'm your child ...

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