

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



“But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.”

- Luke 24:11

April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday

CELEBRATION OF RESURRECTION

GATHERING

Prelude: "Here Comes the Sun" (*George Harrison, performed by James Taylor and Yo-Yo Ma*)

Welcome / Announcements

- **Pastor Tim will be away this week, April 18-24.** In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Kristine Morrow (Staff-Parish Relations Committee chair): 267.624.5530.
- **Virtual worship next Sunday, April 24** – and, until further notice, the last Sunday of every month. **Lauren Ballester** will be our guest preacher and liturgist next week!

Calendar

Tuesday, Apr 19

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
 - info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality
- **6 pm:** Finance Committee

Sunday, Apr 24, 11:15 am-12:45 pm: Virtual Worship

Sunday, May 8, 8-9 pm: Spiritual Reflection Group

- info at allmeansall.org/srg

Friday, Jun 10 – Saturday, Jun 11: Calvary Spring Retreat – Spirit Rising (*Mariawald Renewal Center – Reading*)

- details and registration at allmeansall.org/retreat

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; 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).

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "We Rise" (Batya Levine)

We rise, humbly hearted
Rise, won't be divided
Rise, with spirit to guide us
Rise!

Refrain

*In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're right here (repeat)*

We rise, all of the children
Rise, elders with wisdom
Rise, ancestors surround us
Rise! *(Refrain)*

We rise, up from the wreckage
Rise, with tears and with courage
Rise, fighting for life, we
Rise! *(Refrain)*

Call to Worship

One: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed!

ALL: Love is risen, Love is risen indeed!

One: Easter Jesus, you are yet rising.

ALL: Rising as grace where there is cold-heartedness, as faith where there is doubt.

One: Rising as hope where there is despair, as love where there is fear,

ALL: as peace where there is division, as justice where there is oppression,

One: as joy where there is sorrow,

ALL: as life where there is death.

One: Rise up in us, good-news God,

ALL: that we may rise with you in love.

One: Rise up in us,

ALL: that we may be your resurrection people!

One: Rise up in and around us,

ALL: that we and all the world may know life made new.

Releasing the Alleluias

Opening Song: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (*tune: UMH #302 / lyrics: Linda Noonan*)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heav'n and mortals say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, creation! We reply, Alleluia!

Pain has brought us to our knees, Alleluia!

Children, elders, creatures, seas, Alleluia!

Hear our rage, our grief, our cries, Alleluia!

Open hearts and open eyes, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work goes on, Alleluia!

Justice, presence, prayer, and song, Alleluia!

Strong in Spirit, fight we will, Alleluia!

Not alone, connected still, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Rooted, loving, feeding, fed, Alleluia!

Each beloved in God's eyes, Alleluia!

Holy made and holy rise, Alleluia!

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Cheryl Lawrie – adapted)*

God of Easter, we ask for just one more miracle this weekend: that we will no longer believe the impossible is.

That we will find the faith to believe that liberation will come for those who are imprisoned by their own – or other's – fear and judgment. That we will find the faith to believe that the most intractable minds can be changed – even our own. That we will find the faith to believe a different world can and will be born from the empty hells of this one. That we won't stop believing and hoping and loving and living for the end of all that would hurt and destroy, and for the renewal of all that would heal and delight; all that would breathe new life. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. **18** But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. **19** I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. **20** No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. **21** They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. **22** They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. **23** They shall not labor in vain, or bear

children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD – and their descendants as well. **24** Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. **2** They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** but when they went in, they did not find the body. **4** While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. **5** The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. **6** Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, **7** that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

8 Then they remembered his words, **9** and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. **10** Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. **11** But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Unimaginable"

Song: "Christ Is Risen" (UMH #307, tune: traditional Polish / lyrics: Brian Wren)

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

Sung Response (tune: UMH #294, Hugh Wilson / lyrics: John Pritchard)

O Wind and Fire, O Rock and Vine,
O Voice so still and small,
we bring our lives, our hopes and fears
to you who embraces all.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: "Siyahamba / We Are Marching" (TFWS #2235-b, traditional South African)

Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos',
si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos. (repeat)
Si – ya – hamba, hamba, si – ya – hamba
hamba, si – ya – hamb' e
ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos (repeat)

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 ...
We are dancing ...
We are praying ...
We are marching ...

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Alleluia" (Greg Scott)

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