

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“Then they told what had happened
on the way, and how Jesus
had been made known to them
in the breaking of the bread.”*

- Luke 24:35

April 19, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Arab American Heritage Month
Earth Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "I Shall Not Walk Alone" (Ben Harper)

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.

• Today's special offerings

- White Basket: Native American Ministries Sunday
- Red Basket: PA Interfaith Power & Light

• Spring Bible/book study: Sabbath Economics

- allmeansall.org/bible-studies OR [/book-studies](http://allmeansall.org/book-studies)
- timing TBD – contact Pastor Tim to sign up

• Story Circles: allmeansall.org/story-circles

- contact Amy to sign up, or with any questions:
aemmettrardin@gmail.com

• Spring Retreat: Jun 20-21 (with option to add Jun 19)

- St. Raphaela Center (Haverford)
- allmeansall.org/retreats
- stay tuned for full details – contact Pastor Tim if interested, or with any questions

• Previous sermons: allmeansall.org/sermons

• Previous bulletins: allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Monday, Apr 20: no yoga tonight

Tuesday, Apr 21

- **3 pm:** Midweek Prayer (weekly)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
- **7 pm:** Church Council (*bimonthly – 3rd Tuesdays*)

Wednesday, Apr 22

- **10-11 am:** Yoga (weekly)
 - see Apr 20 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 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

Saturday, Apr 25, 1 pm: Meditation (*weekly / West Philly Insight*)

- Board Room (upstairs) – 48th St entrance

Sunday, Apr 26

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

Tuesday, Apr 28, 6-8 pm: Resistance Quilting Group (*various dates through May 26*)

- allmeansall.org/quilting
- contact Brooke if interested, or with any questions: christensenvoice@gmail.com

Friday, May 1, 4-6 pm: Workers Over Billionaires May Day Rally (*POWER Interfaith, et al*)

- Philadelphia City Hall
- contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary

Saturday, May 2, 10 am-1 pm: 13th Annual Sojourner Truth Walk

- beginning at Calvary – 48th St entrance
- wizevents.com/sojourner-truth-walk/T99

Sunday, May 3

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*Communion*)
- **12:45-2 pm:** “2nd Sunday” Potluck (*monthly – earlier this month because of Mother’s Day, May 10*)
 - allmeansall.org/2nd-sunday-potluck

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: “Here in This Place” (*Christopher Grundy*)

Holy One, may your presence here open our minds
May your Spirit among us help us to find
You are rising up now like a fountain of grace
From the holy ground
Here in this place (2x)

*Holy, holy, holy God
Of love and majesty
The whole universe speaks of your glory
From the holy ground
Here in this place (2x)*

Call to Worship (*Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted*)

One: God of life, we long for you.

ALL: Bread of life, we hunger for you.

One: Breath of life, we open ourselves to you.

ALL: Our hearts are burning within us.

One: Come, stay with us. Empowered by your presence and renewed by your love, grant us wisdom and courage for the journey ahead.

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Song: "God of Grace and God of Glory" (UMH #577, tune: John Hughes / lyrics: Harry Emerson Fosdick – adapted)

God of grace and God of glory,
on (your) people pour (your) power;
crown (your) ancient church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour (of this hour),
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn (your) Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days (of these days),
for the living of these days.

Cure (your) children's warring madness,
bend our pride to (your) control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss (your kindom's) goal (kindom's goal),
lest we miss (your kindom's) goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for (your) salvation,
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving (you) whom we adore (we adore),
serving (you) whom we adore.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted)*

O God, on all our journeys, paths of joy and sadness, ways of knowing and not knowing, you walk with us, and open to us the truth. Open our eyes to see you. Open our ears to hear you. Open our minds to perceive you. And open our hearts to receive and reflect your abiding love. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "You Are with Me" *(Sandra McCracken)*

My heart is heavy and tired in this valley
Mountains grow higher and higher, but I can't find you
I'll keep lifting my eyes, I know you're with me

I hear your voice when you cry: comfort, comfort
Sorrow may last for a night, but in the morning
Your joy breaks in with the light, I know you're with me

*I know you're with me, and you are for me
You've been behind me, you go before
You walk beside me, through darkest valleys
I know you are with me*

You led me here where it's dry, out in the desert
You bring these bones back to life, you put together
You sing a song of delight, I know you're with me *(Chorus)*

You will be praised / I will, oh I will wait *(2x)*

Chorus

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24:13-27 *(A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney)*

Now see, two of them on that very day (the first day of the week) were going to a village that was seven miles from Jerusalem; its name was Emmaus. **14** And they talked with each other about all the things that had happened. **15** And it happened while they were talking

and questioning that Jesus himself came near and accompanied them. **16** Yet their eyes were kept from recognizing him. **17** And Jesus said to them, "What is this conversation you are having with each other while you journey?" They stood in place, sorrowful. **18** Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, replied to him saying, "Are you the only foreigner in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened these days?" **19** Jesus asked them, "What kind of things?" They replied, "About Jesus the Nazarene, who was a man, a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. **20** Also how our chief priests and leaders surrendered him to be sentenced to death and crucified him. **21** But we had hoped that he was the one to soon redeem Israel. Now besides all this, instead, it is now the third day since these things have taken place. **22** Then again, certain women of our community astounded us. They were at the tomb this morning. **23** And when they did not find the body, they came back and told us that they had seen a vision of angels who said Jesus was alive. **24** Then some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." **25** Then Jesus said to them, "Oh, foolish souls, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! **26** Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things to enter into his glory?" **27** And starting from Moses and from all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

Choral Alleluia (*UMH #186, Jerry Sinclair*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24:28-35

When they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. **29** So they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is

almost evening and the day is nearly over." Then he went in to stay with them. **30** When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. **31** And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from before them. **32** They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the way, while he was opening up the scriptures to us?" **33** Now that same hour they rose up and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and others with them gathered together. **34** They were saying, "Really! The Savior has risen, and has appeared to Simon!" **35** Then they told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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: "Bread for the Journey"

Song: "Dare to Live the Dream God Gives You" *(tune: UMH #150, William Moore / lyrics: David Bjorlin)*

Dare to live the dream God gives you,
seek out paths as yet unknown,
for the Spirit leads you onward,
and you never walk alone.

*Go in courage, walking humbly,
bearing love none can destroy.
doing justice, loving mercy,
go with God, and go in joy.*

When the dread of doubt assails you,
and the road remains unclear,
yet our faithful God will guide you
through the doubt and dread of fear. *(Refrain)*

Journey on with true companions,
joining hands and sharing bread,
for we share a common journey,
and in friendship we are fed. *(Refrain)*

Dare to live the dream God gives us,
brave the path, and face the fear,
for the Spirit will unite us;
Christ himself is always near. *(Refrain)*

SHARING

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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



Previous giving (rounded)

- Apr 6-12: \$2,132 / weekly budget: \$1,663
- White Basket, Apr 12 (emergency needs): \$47
- Red Basket, Apr 12 (PA Interfaith Power & Light): \$28

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: "May You Run and Not Be Weary"
(tune & refrain: UMH #525, Charles Albert Tindley / lyrics: TFWS
#2281, Paul Murakami & Handt Hanson)

May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

*By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.*

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