

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*“They found the stone  
rolled away from the tomb ...”*  
- **Luke 24:2**

**April 20, 2025**

*Easter Sunday*

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Arab American Heritage Month / Earth Month

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song:** "You Got Me Singing" (*Leonard Cohen*)

### **Welcome & Announcements**

- **April special offering:** New Sanctuary Movement
  - [allmeansall.org/immigrant-justice](http://allmeansall.org/immigrant-justice)
  - week 1-2 giving: \$85
- **Faith Climate Action Week:** April 1-30 (*Interfaith Power & Light*)
  - [faithclimateactionweek.org](http://faithclimateactionweek.org)
- **Spring Retreat @ St. Raphaela Center:** May 16-17/18
  - [allmeansall.org/spring-retreat](http://allmeansall.org/spring-retreat)
- **Resistance for such a time as this**
  - [allmeansall.org/resistance](http://allmeansall.org/resistance)
- **Previous sermons:** [allmeansall.org/sermons](http://allmeansall.org/sermons)
- **Previous bulletins:** [allmeansall.org/bulletins](http://allmeansall.org/bulletins)

## Calendar

**Monday, Apr 21, 6:30-7:30 pm:** Yoga (*weekly*)

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

**Tuesday, Apr 22:** Earth Day

- **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
- **7 pm:** Church Council (*rescheduled / bimonthly – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays*)

**Wednesday, Apr 23, 10-11 am:** Yoga (*weekly*)

- see Apr 21 for details

**Saturday, Apr 26, 9:30 am-12 pm:** Calvary @ Sankofa Community Farm

- [allmeansall.org/sankofa](http://allmeansall.org/sankofa)
- contact Pastor Tim to volunteer, or with questions

**Sunday, Apr 27, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship

- celebrating Earth Month / Faith Climate Action Week

**Saturday, May 3, 10 am-1 pm:** 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Sojourner Truth Walk

- [tinyurl.com/calvary-stw](http://tinyurl.com/calvary-stw)

**Sunday, May 4**

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*Communion*)
  - guest preacher: Noé Gabriel López
- **4-6 pm:** POWER Interfaith West-Southwest Cluster Town Hall
  - Salt & Light Baptist Church / 5736 Chester Ave
  - contact Pastor Tim if you're interested, and/or to get involved with Calvary's POWER Interfaith Team

Visiting With 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:** "This Joy" (*Shirley Caesar – adapted / arr. by Resistance Revival Chorus*)

This joy that I have, the world didn't give it to me (3x)  
The world didn't give it, the world can't take it away

This faith that I have ...

This hope that I have ...

This love that I have ...

This peace that I have ...

## Releasing Our Alleluias

### Call to Worship *(Roddy Hamilton – adapted)*

One: When the world was young at that first sunrise and  
the new light held a promise of new days and fresh  
mornings,

**ALL: the Word spoke ...**

One: When the Word spoke and creation sparked and  
the alleluias unfolded,

**ALL: the dawn was set free...**

One: When the dawn was set free, the trees clapped  
hands and mountains bowed and the birds sang a new  
song

**ALL: fresh every morning ...**

One: Fresh every morning, the day holds a hope that this  
day is God's and this day holds the promise and this day  
is

**ALL: a new beginning ...**

One: A new beginning is the song of the morning that  
takes the shadows of night and paints them gold and  
green,

**ALL: for the earth rejoices ...**

One: The earth rejoices for stones have rolled and tombs  
have been emptied and angels are whispering and

**ALL: death is conquered ...**

One: Death is conquered, Love rises and Resurrection  
leaves its footprints in the dew that tell us he has gone  
ahead of us, he is not among the dead,

**ALL: he is not here. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song:** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" *(tune: UMH  
#302, public domain / alternative 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**

*"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** *(Kris, RevGalBlogPals – adapted)*

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us, as your Easter people, to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our commitment as true. Toward a world made new and just and whole. Amen.

### **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 who 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 HOLY ONE—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 HOLY ONE.

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

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

### **Scripture Lesson:** Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went 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 Humanity must be handed over to the hands of 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**

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

**Sermon:** "Easter as a Verb"

**Song:** "Roll Away the Stone" *(tune: UMH #340, harm. by Charles H. Webb / lyrics: Hannah C. Brown)*

Roll away the stone before us,  
hard and heavy, rough and raw.  
We are worn by griefs and labors;  
shake our weighted souls with awe.

*I will arise with pow'r and glory.  
Come follow me toward life that's made new!  
Tell your people all my story.  
I will arise again with you.*

Ease the burdens that we carry:  
pain and sorrow, fear and dread.  
We are weary with our worry;  
bless our hearts with hope instead. *(refrain)*

Heal this world so full of hatred,  
greed and violence deep and grave.  
We are craving something sacred.  
Spring up green to free and save. *(refrain)*

## **SHARING**

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

**Sung Response** (tune: UMH #420, Robert Jackson / lyrics: John Pritchard)

Hear us, O living God.  
Hear all we bring to you—  
each joy, each tear, each hope, each fear,  
each sigh of gratitude.

## **ENGAGING**

**Closing Song:** "Christ Is Risen" (UMH #307, tune: Polish carol / 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!

## **Benediction**

**Singing Our Way Out:** "This Joy" (*Shirley Caesar – adapted / arr. by Resistance Revival Chorus*)

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