

Calvary

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"God saw everything that (God) had made,
and indeed, it was very good."*

- Genesis 1:31

April 26, 2020
3rd Sunday of Easter

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

SERVICE OF HEALING FOR THE EARTH

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Singing Our Way In

"This Little Light of Mine" (UMH #585)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go . . .

All through the night . . .

All around the world . . .

For creation, for the earth . . .

"Circle Chant" (Linda Hirschorn)

Circle round for freedom, circle round for peace
For all of us imprisoned, circle for release
Circle for the planet, circle for each soul
For the children of our children:
keep the circle whole!

Invitation to Holy Presence / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship (John Pritchard)

One: Breathed into life this day, welcome.

ALL: May the power of new life stir in us all.

One: We come to this moment as those who often do not see.

ALL: We do not notice life, risen life, in our days,

One: especially now, with life shrunken, isolated, under threat.

**ALL: It is hard to recognize what is good when so much is
shrouded in difficulty and uncertainty.**

One: But we share a tale of the risen one with us.

ALL: May our eyes open to see.

One: In bread broken and all that continues to nourish our
bodies,

ALL: the holy One is among us.

One: In sun-touched days and budding trees and flowers
unfurling their colors, in all creation,

ALL: the holy One is among us.

One: In every bit of love shared from whatever distance,

ALL: the holy One is among us.

One: In moments to sink into sacred presence, to still our
hearts and embrace again what really matters,

ALL: the holy One is among us.

One: Life slips from death's grip; hope outstrips despair.

ALL: And we, in this moment, see—the holy One is with us!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (*UMH #92, adapted*)

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
(Source) of all, to thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
(Source) of all, to thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight;
(Source) of all, to thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
(sibling), parent, (partner), child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild;
(Source) of all, to thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer *(John Pritchard)*

This we pray, O God, for eyes to see, ears to hear, you with us. We long for life as it was to resume, yet are cautious, fearful, of efforts too soon. Give us wisdom; give us courage.

We long to be in each other's presence, to hold and be held, but we know the loving thing right now is to keep distant. Give us patience; give us new ways to love.

We long for hope to flare like bonfires, but know it comes now in baby steps—small, faltering, even though persistent. Give us endurance; give us strength.

We long for safety for those most vulnerable, for our aged, especially those in facilities, for those homeless, for those who must work outside of their homes to survive and those daily at risk providing food, shelter, healthcare for others.

Give us gratitude; give us renewed dedication to justice. We long for confidence, for peace, but know that so much erodes it now, leaving us on edge, anxious.

Give us rest in you; give us the assurance of love wider and deeper than all that unsettles us. This we pray, O God, for eyes to see, ears to hear, you . . . with us now. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "In Your Eyes" *(Calvary Choir)*

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 19:1-6

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims (God's) handiwork. **2** Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. **3** There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; **4** yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens (God) has set a tent for the sun, **5** which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding

canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. **6** Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its (warmth).

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, **14** and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. **15** While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, **16** but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. **17** And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. **18** Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" **19** He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, **20** and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. **21** But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. **22** Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, **23** and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. **24** 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 he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! **26** Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" **27** Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. **29** But they urged

him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. **30** When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. **31** Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. **32** They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" **33** That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. **34** They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" **35** Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

One: May the Spirit add understanding to our hearing.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Reflection

LITURGY OF HEALING FOR THE EARTH

"All creation is a song of praise to God." - Hildegard of Bingen

Litany of Gratitude for the Earth *(source unknown)*

One: We live in all things. All things live in us.

ALL: We rejoice in all life.

One: We live by the sun. We move with the stars.

ALL: We rejoice in all life.

One: We eat from the earth. We drink from the rain. We breathe from the air.

ALL: We rejoice in all life.

One: We share with the creatures. We have strength through their gifts.

ALL: We rejoice in all life.

One: We depend on the forests. We have knowledge through their secrets.

ALL: We rejoice in all life.

One: We have the privilege of seeing and understanding. We have the joy of celebrating. We have the responsibility of

caring.

ALL: We rejoice in all life.

One: We are full of the grace of creation. We are graceful.
We are grateful.

ALL: We rejoice in all life.

Song: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (UMH #94)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer *(source unknown)*

God of all Creation,

At the beginning of time

You placed a single mandate on humankind

To be stewards of Creation

To replenish and nurture for all generations

What You have made

We kneel today amid that same Creation –

A world that is, in many ways, more splendid than ever

But, in too many ways, scarred beyond recognition

Turn us from our un-mindfulness

Help us renew the worlds that supports us

So we may once more know Creation

As it was in the beginning. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the

light Day, and the darkness (God) called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:6-10

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." **7** So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. **8** God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. **9** And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together (God) called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Reading (*Thich Nhat Hanh*)

Water comes from high mountain sources.

Water runs deep in the Earth.

Miraculously, water comes to us and sustains all life.

My gratitude is filled to the brim.

Silence

Song: "Living Planet" (*Jay Mankita*)

If all the world were peaceful now and forever more

Peaceful at the surface and peaceful at the core

All the joy within my heart would be so free to soar

And we're living on a living planet, circling a living star

I don't know where we're going, but I know we're going far

We can change the universe by being who we are

And we're living on a living planet, circling a living star

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:11-19

Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in

the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. **16** God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. **17** God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, **18** to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19** And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:20-23

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." **21** So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. **22** God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." **23** And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

Reading (*Wendell Berry*)

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Silence

Song: "Living Planet" (*Jay Mankita*)

If all the world were peaceful now and forever more
Peaceful at the surface and peaceful at the core

All the joy within my heart would be so free to soar
And we're living on a living planet, circling a living star
I don't know where we're going, but I know we're going far
We can change the universe by being who we are
And we're living on a living planet, circling a living star

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:24-31

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. **25** God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." **27** So God created humankind in (God's) image, in the image of God (God) created them; male and female (God) created them. **28** God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." **29** God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. **30** And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. **31** God saw everything that (God) had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Litany of Lament for the Earth

(The North American Conference on Religion and Ecology, adapted)

One: We have forgotten who we are. We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding of the cosmos. We have become estranged from the movements of the earth. We have turned our backs on the cycles of life.

ALL: We have forgotten who we are.

One: We have sought only our own security. We have exploited simply for our own ends. We have distorted our knowledge. We have abused our power.

ALL: We have forgotten who we are.

One: Now the land is barren. And the waters are warm and poisoned. And the air is polluted.

ALL: We have forgotten who we are.

One: Now the forests are dying. And the creatures are disappearing. And humans are despairing.

ALL: We have forgotten who we are.

One: Now the climate is changing

ALL: We have forgotten who we are.

One: We ask forgiveness. We ask for the gift of remembering. We ask for the strength to change, individually and collectively. Now, before it is too late.

ALL: We have forgotten who we are.

Silence

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:1-3

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. **2** And on the seventh day God finished the work that (God) had done, and (God) rested on the seventh day from all the work that (God) had done. **3** So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that (God) had done in creation.

Prayer *(United Nations Environmental Sabbath Program)*

We who have lost our sense and our senses—our touch, our smell, our vision of who we are, we who frantically force and press all things, without rest for body or spirit, hurting our earth and injuring ourselves: we call a halt.

We want to rest. We need to rest and allow the earth to rest. We need to reflect and to rediscover the mystery that lives in us, that is the ground of every unique expression of life, the source of the fascination that calls all things to communion.

We declare a Sabbath, a space for quiet: for simply being and letting be, for recovering the great, forgotten truths, for learning how to live again.

Silent Prayer

Song: "Living Planet" (*Jay Mankita*)

If all the world were peaceful now and forever more
Peaceful at the surface and peaceful at the core
All the joy within my heart would be so free to soar
And we're living on a living planet, circling a living star
I don't know where we're going, but I know we're going far
We can change the universe by being who we are
And we're living on a living planet, circling a living star

If all the world knew justice now and forever more . . .

If all the world knew freedom now and forever more . . .

If Mother Earth were honored now and forever more
Honored at the surface and honored at the core
All the joy within my heart would be so free to soar
And we're living on a living planet, circling a living star
I don't know where we're going, but I know we're going far
We can heal this planet by changing the way we are
It's time to heal this living planet, circling a living star (*repeat*)

A Litany of Commitment for the Earth

(*United Nations Environmental Sabbath Program*)

One: To bring new life to the land. To restore the waters. To refresh the air.

ALL: We join with the earth and with each other.

One: To renew the forests. To care for the plants. To protect the creatures.

ALL: We join with the earth and with each other.

One: To celebrate the seas. To rejoice in the sunlight. To sing the song of the stars.

ALL: We join with the earth and with each other.

One: To recall our destiny. To renew our spirits. To reinvigorate our bodies.

ALL: We join with the earth and with each other.

One: To recreate the human community. To promote justice and peace. To remember our children and grandchildren.

ALL: We join with the earth and with each other. We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery: for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life.

Silent Prayer

SHARING

Staff-Parish Relations Committee Announcement

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: "At the Dawn of Your Creation"

(tune: UMH #89, lyrics: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

At the dawn of your creation,
God, you spoke, "Let there be light!"
You divided earth from heaven,
You created day and night.
You made sunbeams dance with shadows,
You created energy!
Peaceful evenings, bright tomorrows,
all began with "Let there be . . ."

By your word, You formed creation:
dry land, water, ocean breeze.
Soon there burst forth vegetation —
plants with fruit, majestic trees.
Rain and snow and changing seasons,
creatures filling land and sea —
God, your very good creation
all began with "Let there be . . ."

When You made us as your children,
sending us throughout your lands,
You commanded, "Have dominion —
care for earth; it's in your hands."
Yet we hurt this world you've given;
we harm earth and sky and sea.

We forget it's your creation —
You, who once said "Let there be . . . "

At this joyful celebration,
may we hear your word anew:
May we care for your creation,
knowing it's a trust from you.
Just as daily there's a dawning,
bringing light to all we see,
So we daily hear your calling —
You, who once said, "Let there be . . . "

ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Trees of the Field" (TFWS #2279)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap twice)
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap twice)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap twice)
while you go out with joy.

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April 26, 2020 – Announcements

CALENDAR

Today

During worship: Service of Healing for the Earth

Upcoming

Monday, Apr 27, 7-8:45 pm: POWER Training / Faith-Based Organizing 101—One-to-Ones

- details at powerinterfaith.org/calendar

Tuesday, Apr 28, 12 pm: Midweek Prayer

Wednesday, Apr 29, 7 pm: Midweek Prayer

Thursday, Apr 30, 7 pm: POWER Training / Everyone Counts—Getting Your Communities Counted in the Census

- details at powerinterfaith.org/calendar

Saturday, May 2, 10-11 am: Young Adult Gathering

- contact Grace for details: g_johnson11@sbcglobal.net
- also planning Sunday, May 17, following worship

Saturday, May 2: 8th Annual Sojourner Truth (Virtual) Walk, with live Zoom event 2-3 pm

- details at wizathon.com/sojourner-truth-walk; contact Jennine Miller (jenninemiller@gmail.com) to donate to Calvary's team!

Sunday, May 3, 11 am: Worship, with Communion

- BYO bread and cup

Tuesday, May 5, 8 pm: Reconciling Ministries Network Worship

- marking what would have been the start of General Conference (now tentatively rescheduled for Aug 31 - Sep 10, 2021; details coming next week, or at rmnetwork.org)

Wednesday, May 6, 7:30 pm: POWER Team

- contact Eriks Dunens for details: eriksslush@hotmail.com

Save the Date

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

- Mariawald Renewal Center (Reading)
- contact Pastor Tim if you are interested!

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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