

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*"I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth,  
do you not perceive it?"  
- Isaiah 43:19a*

**April 3, 2022**  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING

**Prelude:** "Joy Shall Come Even to the Wilderness"

*(traditional Israeli, performed by Jim & Jean Strathdee et al)*

Joy shall come even to the wilderness,  
and the parched land shall then know great gladness.  
As the rose, as the rose shall deserts blossom;  
deserts like a garden blossom.

For living springs shall give cool water;  
in the desert streams shall flow. *(repeat)*

## **Welcome / Announcements**

- **Worship Volunteers:** sign up at [tinyurl.com/worship-help](http://tinyurl.com/worship-help)
- **White Basket Offering:** UMCOR response in Ukraine
  - info at [umcmission.org/umcor](http://umcmission.org/umcor)
- **Holy Week & Easter:** [allmeansall.org/holy-week](http://allmeansall.org/holy-week)

## Calendar

**Today, 8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group *(weekly through Apr 10)*

- info at [allmeansall.org/srg](http://allmeansall.org/srg)

**Monday, Apr 4, 7:30-8:30 pm:** Book Study – See No Stranger *(weekly through Apr 11)*

**Tuesday, Apr 5, 12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer *(weekly)*

- info at [allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality](http://allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality)

**Thursday, Apr 7, 6-8 pm:** Welcome to POWER Orientation

- info at [powerinterfaith.org/event](http://powerinterfaith.org/event)
- contact Eriks Dunens ([eriksslush@hotmail.com](mailto:eriksslush@hotmail.com)) to get involved with Calvary's POWER Team

**Sunday, Apr 10, 11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship, with Stations of the Cross *(Palm & Passion Sunday)*

**Thursday, Apr 14, 7 pm:** Maundy Thursday Vespers *(hybrid)*

## **Sunday, Apr 17:** Easter Sunday

- **9-9:30 am:** "Sunrise" Service
- **9:30 am-10:45 am:** Potluck Breakfast (*continental*)
- **10:30-11 am:** Calvary Kids Easter Egg Hunt (*10 & under*)
- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship – Celebration of Resurrection

## **Friday, Jun 10 – Saturday, Jun 11:** Calvary Spring Retreat – Spirit Rising

- Mariawald Renewal Center (*Reading*)
- details and registration at [allmeansall.org/retreat](http://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](http://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](mailto:office@allmeansall.org)).

## **CENTERING & CONNECTING**

### **Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer**

**Singing Our Way In:** "Spirit of the Living God" (*UMH #393, Daniel Iverson – adapted*)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (*repeat*)

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on (us) . . .

**Call to Worship** *(Reconciling Congregation Program – adapted)*

One: Just a taste of something wonderful.

**ALL: Just a glimpse of something magnificent.**

One: Just a glimmer of something holy in something so ordinary.

**ALL: Just a hint of blessing in the midst of wilderness.**

One: Yet, enough to know we are in the presence of God.

**ALL: Enough to stir our hearts in wonder.**

One: Enough to set our feet to dancing.

**ALL: Enough to reclaim the divine life in ourselves and each other,**

One: to ready our hands for love in action,

**ALL: and prompt our voices to protest and praise.**

**Opening Song:** "What Gift Can We Bring" *(UMH #87, Jane Marshall)*

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?

What words can convey it, the joy of this day?

When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,  
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.

Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,  
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,  
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,  
the Word is our promise always, forever;  
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,  
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

## Passing the Peace / Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### GROUNDING

**Community Prayer** (*Thom M. Shuman – adapted; inspired by Psalm 126*)

You have done great things for us, God of great love. You make a way through our brokenness, so hope might be restored; you loosen our grip on fear, so we might take hold of the One who cradles us in the palms of grace.

You are doing great things through us, Brother of the poor. You make a way through our doubt, so we may have the faith to follow, as well as to serve by your side; you gather up our tears, turning them into fountains of joy.

You will do great things in us, Anointer of our hearts. You make a way through our hardened hearts, melting them into rivers of wonder for all; you touch our tongues so they tingle with delights, and laughter tumbles out of our mouths.

Continue, O God, to open ways of love and justice and new life *for us, through us and in us*, we pray. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Special Music**

**Scripture Lesson:** Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, **17** who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: **18** Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. **19** I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert. **20** The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, **21** the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

**Sung Response:** from "Open My Eyes" (*Jesse Manibusan*)  
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

**Scripture Lesson:** John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

**2** There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. **3** Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

**4** But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, **5** "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" **6** (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) **7** Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. **8** You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**Sung Response:** from "Open My Eyes" (*Jesse Manibusan*)  
Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you.  
Open my heart, Lord, help me to love.

## **Sermon:** "Open-Hearted, Open-Handed"

**Song:** "Anointing" (*tune: UMH #526, tune: Charles C. Converse / lyrics: Steve Garnaas-Holmes*)

Jesus, as we try to follow  
on your journey toward the cross,  
we ourselves will come to suffer  
weakness, loneliness and loss.  
But in love you turn to heal us:  
you let go all goods and powers,  
gently sharing all our troubles,  
making them your own, not ours.

Jesus, in your grace and mercy,  
you share all our pain and tears.  
You anoint us with your love and  
heal our wounds and calm our fears.  
So, like Mary with her perfume,  
we bring gifts of love to you,  
sharing death and resurrection,  
trusting lives will be made new.

## **SHARING**

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

"Thanks be to God" or "God, hear our prayer"

**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.

**Communion / Great Thanksgiving** (*John Pritchard – adapted*)

One: God is with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: Open your hearts.

**ALL: We open them to God and to each other.**

One: Let us pray to God.

**ALL: We join our hearts as one.**

One: You who weaves the tapestry and beauty of creation and authors all of life, we give thanks that you make us for one another. We give thanks for the bodies you knit to give us life and delight. We give thanks for the abundance you create and desire for all. We give thanks for each day, each hour, each breath, as we join the whole of creation to bless your name:

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-b, tune: Mark Miller)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

**Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

One: Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your Christ, Jesus, who was welcomed to Jerusalem by those most vulnerable; who confronted the powerful pursuing their own interests at the expense of the common good; who shared the Passover meal with his friends, breaking bread and raising the cup. We break this bread, remembering the bread that Jesus broke for his friends, remembering Jesus' own brokenness, and so many now who continue to be broken in body and in spirit. And we raise the cup, remembering the wine that Jesus offered his friends, remembering the blood that Jesus shed, and the blood that continues to be shed by those the world forgets, oppresses; by your children, our siblings; by the earth itself. We share the bread and cup remembering that you are present with all who are broken and bleed amidst crucified realities, all who find themselves in the wilderness, in memory of and commitment to your liberating work. And we remember Jesus who was arrested and killed to put an end to the work that your Spirit has continued to inspire.

Before his arrest . . . And so as we prepare to share this sacred meal together, we remember, proclaiming the mystery of faith:

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-c, tune: Mark Miller)

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

One: Pour out your Spirit on all of us gathered, in-person and virtually. Pour out your Spirit on us who cannot break one loaf and share one cup, but who are nonetheless bound together by one Spirit. Pour out your Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, as we eat and drink of your love, that we may know your life-giving presence and feel the strength of community that knows no boundaries. Pour out your Spirit that we may find the strength to press on; the love to press on humanly, justly, the hope to go on as your people.

**ALL SING** (TFWS #2257-d, tune: Mark Miller)

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Hosanna in the highest!** (3x)

Sung Response: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

(UMH #618, African American spiritual)

Let us break bread together on our knees. (repeat)

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees . . .

Let us praise God together on our knees . . .

## **ENGAGING**

**Closing Song:** "This Little Light of Mine" (African American spiritual)

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 . . .

This little light of mine . . .

## **Benediction**

**Singing Our Way Out:** "Go Now in Peace" (UMH #665,  
*Natalie Sleeth*)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
may the love of God surround you  
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

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