

Calvary

United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*Jesus of the unexpected,
for at least some of your life
this was not how you imagined its end.*

*Yet even at the end,
you kept steady in your conviction.*

Jesus, keep us steady.

Jesus, keep us steady.

Because, Jesus, keep us steady.

Amen.

- Pádraig Ó Tuama

April 5, 2020
Palm and Passion Sunday

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Singing Our Way In

"We Resist" (Mark Miller)

We resist, we refuse, to let hatred in.

We rise up, we won't back down,

We're in this 'til the end.

Pray for your enemies, welcome the stranger,

Show love to your neighbor, we're in this 'til the end.

"Breathing In, Breathing Out

(tune: Betsy Rose / lyrics: Thich Nhat Hanh)

Breathing in, breathing out (repeat)

I am blooming as a flower, I am fresh as the dew

I am solid as a mountain, I am firm as the earth

I am free

Breathing in, breathing out (repeat)

I am water reflecting, what is clear, what is true

And I feel there is space, deep inside of me

I am free (3x)

Invitation to Holy Presence / Breath Prayer

Call to Worship (John Pritchard)

One: In the love that calls us and gathers us, welcome.

ALL: As people learning to love, peace be with you.

One: We arrive today in Jerusalem,

ALL: an ancient place, a holy place, a place where we learn to die . . . and then to live.

One: Today the shadow of death hangs over the city.

ALL: No palms are raised, no hosannas shouted.

One: Today no crowds line the street.

ALL: We must keep our distance from each other.

One: Today we enter common spaces reluctantly, hesitantly, unwillingly.

ALL: Fear stirs around and within us.

One: And still we remember Jesus, humbly entering the city, willing to die.

ALL: May we discover holy presence in the city with us.

One: Still we remember Jesus living out compassion, not fear.

ALL: May we find ways to care for others even now.

One: Still we remember the cries that greeted Jesus, "Blessed is the one who comes in God's name."

ALL: May we draw courage, hope, from the holy presence and learn to cry with them, "Hosanna in the highest!"

Hymn of Praise: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (*UMH #278*)

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
for (Jesus, Love incarnate, new life he came to bring.)
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING

Community Prayer (*John Pritchard*)

We pray, O God, for a world swept by a virus, for all sickened, all afraid, for all separated from loved ones, all isolated and alone, for all facing financial ruin, all grieving so many kinds of losses, for all whose health is at risk because they cannot or will not protect themselves, for all whose spirits are at risk because they will not consider others or cannot find stillness for themselves.

We pray, O God, for ourselves, not sure even what to ask for, only knowing that we cannot do this alone. So hear us, we pray. Hold us. Breathe within us the strength of your Spirit. Keep us strong enough to remain open in compassion, to grieve where we must, to hope where we can, and to hold onto each other even at a distance. Keep us grounded in your life and in the peace it holds. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, **2** saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. **3** If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." **4** This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, **5** "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." **6** The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; **7** they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9** The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" **10** When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" **11** The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Sung Response (TFWS #2257-b)

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)

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 26:14-30

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests **15** and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver.

16 And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. **17** On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" **18** He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" **19** So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

20 When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; **21** and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." **22** And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" **23** He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. **24** The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." **25** Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

26 While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." **27** Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; **28** for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. **29** I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." **30** When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Sung Response: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (UMH #618)

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 . . .

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 one another.

One: Let us pray to God.

ALL: We join our hearts as one.

One: You who weaves the tapestry of creation and authors all of life, we give thanks that you make us for one another, even as now we must keep apart.

ALL: Blessed are you, creating God.

One: We give thanks for the bodies you knit to give us life and delight, even as now they are so vulnerable.

ALL: Blessed are you, creating God.

One: We give thanks for the abundance you create, even while now we face shortages and fear even more.

ALL: Blessed are you, creating God.

One: 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*)

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.

ALL: Blessed are you, loving God, and blessed is your Christ.

One: Who confronted the powerful pursuing their own interests at the expense of the common good,

ALL: Blessed are you, loving God, and blessed is your Christ.

One: 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, by the victims of abuse and neglect, by the victims of violence and war, by the victims of injustice, by the earth itself, mistreated and assaulted. We share the bread and cup remembering that you are present with all who are broken and bleed amidst crucified realities, in memory of and commitment to your liberating work.

ALL: Blessed are you, loving God, and blessed is your Christ.

One: And we remember Jesus who was arrested and crucified to put an end to the work that your Spirit has continued to inspire. All of this we remember as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-c)

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! (3x)**

One: Pour out your Spirit on us gathered virtually, and on all who remember death and injustice then, and live through death and injustice today, now in the grip of a virus that strikes at the most vulnerable.

ALL: Blessed are you, companioning God.

One: Pour out your Spirit on us who cannot break one loaf and share one cup, but who are nonetheless bound together by one Spirit.

ALL: Blessed are you, companioning God.

One: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, as we eat and drink of your love, each in our separate places and yet at the same time, that we may know your life-giving presence and feel the strength of community even while we are apart.

ALL: Blessed are you, companioning God.

One: Pour out your Spirit that we find the strength to go on, the love to go on humanly, justly, the hope to go on as your people.

**ALL: Blessed are you, creating, loving, companioning God,
and blessed are all who come in your name.**

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-d)

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

Stations of the Cross and of the Crosses We Bear

Prayer

O God, following in the footsteps of Jesus this long Lenten journey, this troubling wilderness road, we have joined in the triumphant, though humble, entry into the holy city, marked by waving palms. And we have joined in the holy meal Jesus first shared with his disciples.

Now, as we move ever closer to the cross, to crucifixion, to the world at its shadowed worst, we remember the betrayal, the denials, the rejection Jesus experienced. May we hold close in our minds and in our hearts the ways in which we—individually and collectively—have betrayed, denied, rejected your way of love. And continue to.

And may we also hold close in our minds and hearts the ways in which we—your people and your planet—suffer, in mind, body, and spirit, under the weight of love betrayed, denied, rejected. Love crucified. We pray especially for those most vulnerable who suffer under the weight of oppression and injustice, even more so in these dark days.

As we face into the cross and the crosses we bear, into the darkness of crucified realities, we may hold onto the light. To your promise of love and life renewed. To your promise of a better way. God, hear our prayer.

Sung Response: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (TFWS #2129)

I have decided to follow Jesus, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 26:31-35

Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

32 But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

33 Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." **34** Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." **35** Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 26:36-46

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." **37** He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. **38** Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." **39** And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My (God), if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." **40** Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? **41** Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." **42** Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." **43** Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. **44** So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. **45** Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. **46** Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

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no turning back, no turning back.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 26:47-56

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. **48** Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." **49** At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. **50** Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. **51** Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. **52** Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. **53** Do you think that I cannot

appeal to my (God), and (God) will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? **54** But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" **55** At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. **56** But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Sung Response: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Though none go with me, still I will follow, (3x)
no turning back, no turning back.

Prayer (*Pádraig Ó Tuama*)

Jesus of the sheathed sword,
in your name, many swords have been used
and many people have perished.
Speak to us, teach us, again and again,
that violence begets violence.
Teach us. Again and again.
Over and over.
Because we keep forgetting,
and we need to keep
remembering.
Over and over.
Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 26:57-68

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. **58** But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. **59** Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, **60** but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward **61** and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" **62** The high priest stood up and said, "Have you

no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" **63** But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." **64** Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." **65** Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. **66** What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death." **67** Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, **68** saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 26:69-75

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." **70** But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." **71** When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." **72** Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." **73** After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." **74** Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. **75** Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Sung Response: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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no turning back, no turning back.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 27:1-10

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. **2** They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. **3** When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and

the elders. **4** He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." **5** Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. **6** But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." **7** After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. **8** For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. **9** Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, **10** and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Prayer (*Pádraig Ó Tuama*)

Judas, sainted scapegoat,
When you saw that your friend was condemned,
you repented
and ended yourself.
We pray for all
who are on the edges of themselves,
We pray that they may not be alone.
We pray that they may not betray their deepest dignity.
Because God gathers all
in the boughs of the beloved.
Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 27:11-26

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." **12** But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. **13** Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" **14** But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. **15** Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. **16** At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. **17** So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to

release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" **18** For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. **19** While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. **21** The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." **22** Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" **23** Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" **24** So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

25 Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" **26** So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Sung Response: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)

No turning back, no turning back.

Prayer (*Pádraig Ó Tuama*)

Gods of Pilate,

you are loud and lazy,

following the fashions of the day

making lies out of love

and making mockeries of meaning.

And – so often – we follow you.

May we instead, follow that small whisper,

even when we barely hear it,

even when we barely believe it,

even when it hurts.

Because this is what love is.

This is what love is.

Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 27:27-31

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. **28** They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, **29** and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" **30** They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. **31** After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Prayer (*Pádraig Ó Tuama*)

Jesus of the flesh,
Naked you came from the womb
and naked you were made for the cross.
What was designed
for indignity and exposure
you held
with dignity and defiance.
May we do the same
Because you needed it
Because we need it.
Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 27:32-50

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. **33** And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), **34** they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. **35** And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; **36** then they sat down there and kept watch over him. **37** Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. **39** Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads **40** and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of

God, come down from the cross." **41** In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, **42** "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. **43** He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" **44** The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. **46** And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" **47** When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." **48** At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. **49** But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." **50** Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Sung Response: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.

Prayer (*Pádraig Ó Tuama*)

Jesus of the imagination,
You never grew old, always a young man,
and most of us grow older
than you did.

When lives are cut short
the living question the meaning of living.

May we live with meaning,
even when meaning fades,
making meaning

so that we
have something to live for.
Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 27:51, 54-61

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. . . . **54** Now when the centurion and those with him, who

were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" **55** Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. **56** Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. **58** He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. **59** So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth **60** and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. **61** Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

Prayer (*Pádraig Ó Tuama*)

Jesus of the unexpected,
for at least some of your life
this was not how you imagined its end.
Yet even at the end,
you kept steady in your conviction.
Jesus, keep us steady.
Jesus, keep us steady.
Because, Jesus, keep us steady.
Amen.

Sung Response: "We Resist" (*Mark Miller*)

We resist, we refuse, to let hatred in.
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We're in this 'til the end.

Pray for your enemies, welcome the stranger
Show love to your neighbor, we're in this 'til the end.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys and Concerns

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

Prayer Response (*tune: UMH #418 / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

Hold us, heal us, living Spirit;
every hurt, each joy—please hear it.
Pour your life and love into us;
make us yours, we pray.

Closing Hymn: “God Weeps” (*lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray*)

God weeps at love withheld, at strength misused,
at children’s innocence abused,
and till we change the way we love, God weeps.

God bleeds at anger’s fist, at trust betrayed,
at women battered and afraid,
and till we change the way we win, God bleeds.

God cries at hungry mouths, at running sores,
at creatures dying without cause,
and till we change the way we care, God cries.

God waits for stones to melt, for peace to seed,
for hearts to hold each other’s need,
and till we understand the Christ, God waits.

ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: “Go Now in Peace” (*UMH #665*)

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April 5, 2020 – Announcements

CALENDAR

Today

Following worship: Church Council

Upcoming

Monday, Apr 6, 6-7:30 pm: POWER Training – Voter Engagement 101

Monday, Apr 6, 7 pm: UMC Cluster Worship

Monday, Apr 6, 7:30 pm: Congregational Care Team

Tuesday, Apr 7

- **12 pm:** Midweek Prayer
- **7 pm:** UMC Cluster Worship

Wednesday, Apr 8

- **11:30 am:** Eastern PA Conference Worship
- **7 pm:** Midweek Prayer
- **7 pm:** UMC Cluster Worship

Thursday, Apr 9, 7 pm: Vespers (Maundy Thursday)

Friday, Apr 10, 1-3 pm: UMC Cluster Worship (Good Friday)

Saturday, Apr 11, 10 am: Special Charge Conference

Sunday, Apr 12 (Easter Sunday)

- **7 am:** Sunrise Service
- **11 am:** Worship / Celebration of Resurrection

Monday, Apr 13, 7-8:30 pm: POWER Training – Faith-Based Organizing 101

Tuesday, Apr 14, 6 pm: Trustees

Sunday, Apr 19, 1 pm: Calvary POWER Training

- email Eriks Dunens for more details or to sign up: eriksslush@hotmail.com

Tuesday, Apr 21, 6 pm: Finance Committee

Save the Date

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

- Mariawald Renewal Center (Reading)

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

See full schedule and details to connect virtually on our website: allmeansall.org/holy-week.html.

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

Story Circles

We're ready for another round of matches for Story Circles (this time, virtually). More info on our website at allmeansall.org/community. Please contact Amy Emmett-Rardin (aemmettrardin@gmail.com) to sign up or with questions.

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), 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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