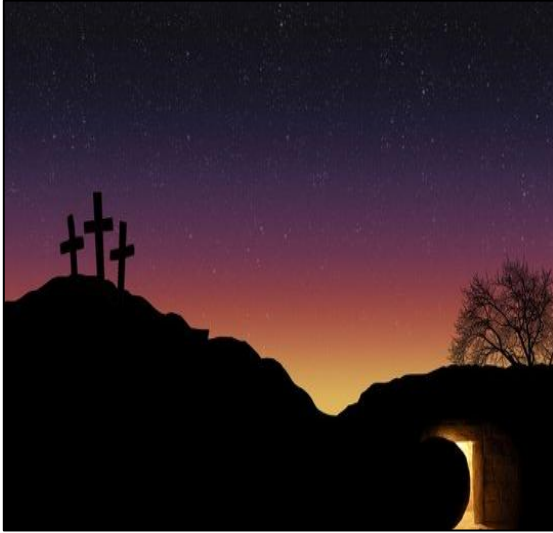


Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“... for a messenger of God ...
came and rolled away
the stone and sat upon it.”*

- Matthew 28:2b

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Arab American Heritage Month / Earth Month
Celebration of Liberation & New Life

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "I Am Not Afraid" (*The Peace Poets / recorded at The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival Theomusicology and Movement Arts Gathering, Feb 2018*)

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.

• **Faith Climate Action Week:** Apr 17-26

• **13th Annual Sojourner Truth Walk:** Saturday, May 2

- join or sponsor Calvary's team!
- wizevents.com/sojourner-truth-walk/T99

• **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons

• **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Monday, Apr 6, 6:15-7:15 pm: Yoga (weekly)

- Chapel – 48th St entrance
- allmeansall.org/yoga

Tuesday, Apr 7, 3 pm: Midweek Prayer (weekly)

- allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer

Wednesday, Apr 8

- **10-11 am:** Yoga (weekly)
 - see Apr 6 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

Saturday, Apr 11

- **9:30 am-12 pm:** Calvary @ Sankofa Community Farm
 - 3000 S. 56th St
 - allmeansall.org/sankofa
- **1 pm:** Meditation (*weekly / West Philly Insight*)
 - Board Room (upstairs) – 48th St entrance
- **1 pm:** ICE Out! Philly Loves Immigrants Rally
 - LOVE Park / 15th & JFK Blvd

Sunday, Apr 12

- **11-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
 - NOTE: no potluck because of Easter brunch this morning

Monday, Apr 13, 10 am-5 pm: City Council Hearing to Introduce ICE Out Legislation

- Philadelphia City Hall (4th Floor)
- contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary

Thursday, Apr 16

- **8:30 am-1:30 pm:** City Council First Reading of ICE Out Legislation
 - Philadelphia City Hall (4th Floor)
 - contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary
- **7 pm:** POWER Interfaith West-Southwest Cluster (*monthly – 2nd Thursdays*)
 - contact Mimi for details, or to join our POWER Team: rmijima@gmail.com

Saturday, Apr 18, 10 am-12 pm: Calvary Pollinator Garden Workday (*monthly – 3rd Saturdays*)

- allmeansall.org/garden
- contact Sparrow to sign up or to join our Green Team: sprrwfrancis@gmail.com

Tuesday, Apr 21, 7 pm: Church Council (*bimonthly – 3rd Tuesdays*)

Thursday, Apr 23

- **9 am:** City Council Final Vote on ICE Out Legislation
 - Philadelphia City Hall (4th Floor)
 - contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary
- **7-8:30 pm:** Grief Support Group (*monthly – future timing TBD*)
 - allmeansall.org/grief-support-group

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: "We Shall Be Known" (*Karisha Longaker, MaMuse*)

We shall be known by the company we keep
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Releasing Our Alleluias

Call to Worship (*Roddy Hamilton – adapted*)

One: We had lost so much: we lost the light,

ALL: we lost the argument,

One: we lost love,

ALL: we lost life,

One: we lost God,

ALL: we lost Jesus.

One: But this morning we find: the tomb, empty;

ALL: the morning, bright;

One: the gardener, walking;

ALL: the stone, rolled;

One: the disciples, running;

ALL: the women, proclaiming;

One: the resurrection, waiting;

ALL: and Jesus, risen.

One: It is good we have found our way here. This is Easter Day. Love is risen, and Love is alive and well. Good morning, friends!

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Song: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (*tune: UMH #302, from Lyra Davidica / lyrics: Charles Wesley / adapted & alternative lyrics: Linda Noonan*)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus 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!

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Roddy Hamilton – adapted)*

When the day is quiet, and the world still sleeps, and the morning is crisp, and love breathes again, we praise you, O God of resurrection. When the time is now, and the moment is on us, and the place is here, and the grave clothes are folded, we praise you, O God of renewal. When the day is new, and the sun is fresh, and the light is clean, and the stone has rolled, we praise you, O God of empty tombs.

Now we see the world differently. What we thought was the way of things is not: death was yesterday, new life is today; tombs were sealed, now they are open; love was dead, now is alive again. Death has been given a makeover. Endings have a new perspective. Things work differently now.

When the shouting has stopped, and the suffering ended, and the betrayal complete, and the darkness stolen, we praise you, O God of life. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "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 peace that I have ...

This faith that I have ...

This hope that I have ...

This love that I have ...

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 136:1-9, 26

O give thanks to the HOLY ONE, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever. **2** O give thanks to the God of gods, for God's steadfast love endures

forever. **3** O give thanks to the Majesty of magesties, for God's steadfast love endures forever; **4** who alone does great wonders, for God's steadfast love endures forever; **5** who by understanding made the heavens, for God's steadfast love endures forever; **6** who spread out the earth on the waters, for God's steadfast love endures forever; **7** who made the great lights, for God's steadfast love endures forever; **8** the sun to rule over the day, for God's steadfast love endures forever; **9** the moon and stars to rule over the night, for God's steadfast love endures forever ... **26** O give thanks to the God of heaven, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. **2** And look! There was a great earthquake, for a messenger of God, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. **3** Its appearance was like lightning, and its clothing white as snow. **4** For fear of the messenger, the guards shook and were as though dead. **5** But the messenger responded to the women and said, "Fear not; I know that you all are looking for Jesus who was crucified. **6** He is not here; for he has been raised, just as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. **7** Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and see, he is on to Galilee ahead of you; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

8 So the women left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples the news. **9** Then all of a

sudden Jesus met them and said, "Shalom!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and bowed down worshipping him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, "Fear not; go and tell my sisters and brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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: "Like a Rolling Stone"

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

Offering Our Gifts

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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)

- Mar 23-29: \$1,389 / weekly budget: \$1,663
- White Basket, Mar 29 (emergency needs): \$33

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

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