

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“When the HOLY ONE restored
the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.”*

- Psalm 126:1

April 6, 2025

5th Sunday in Lent

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Arab American Heritage Month / Earth Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "People Get Ready" (Curtis Mayfield & The Impressions)

Welcome & Announcements

- **April white basket offering:** New Sanctuary Movement
 - allmeansall.org/immigrant-justice
- **Holy Week @ Calvary:** allmeansall.org/holy-week
- **Resistance for such a time as this**
 - Calvary justice teams: allmeansall.org/love-justice
 - other opportunities: allmeansall.org/resistance
- **Calvary @ Sankofa Community Farm:** Saturday, Apr 26
 - allmeansall.org/sankofa
 - contact Pastor Tim to volunteer, or with questions
- **12th Annual Sojourner Truth Walk:** Saturday, May 3
 - tinyurl.com/calvary-stw
- **Spring Retreat:** May 16-17/18, 2025
 - St. Raphaela Center (Haverford)
 - allmeansall.org/retreats
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Today, Apr 6, 8-9 pm: Spiritual Reflection Group (weekly, through Apr 13)

- allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group

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

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

Tuesday, Apr 8

- **3:30 pm:** Trustees (monthly)
- **6 pm:** Midweek Prayer (weekly)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
 - 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2nd & 4th: 6 pm

Wednesday, Apr 9, 10-11 am: Yoga (weekly)

- see Apr 7 for details

Thursday, Apr 10, 7-8:30 pm: POWER Interfaith West-Southwest Cluster (monthly – 2nd Thursdays)

- contact Pastor Tim for details, and/or to get involved with Calvary's POWER Interfaith Team

Saturday, Apr 12

- **10 am-12 pm:** Calvary Spring Cleaning
 - contact Pastor Tim to volunteer, or with any questions
- **1 pm:** Meditation (weekly)
 - Calvary (Board Room) – 48th St entrance
 - witnessandintegrate@gmail.com

Sunday, Apr 13, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship (Palm & Passion Sunday)

- justice-focused Stations of the Cross, with outdoor witness to crucified realities following the service

Visiting With Us?

We're glad you're here, for whatever reason you chose to join 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.

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: "God is Good, All the Time" (unknown – adapted)

God is good, all the time

All the time, God is good

God is good, all the time
All God's people singing God is good

God is Grace, all the time
All the time, God is Grace
God is Grace, all the time
All God's people singing God is Grace

God is Peace, all the time ...

God is Love, all the time ...

Call to Worship (*Penny L. Lowes, based on Psalm 126 – adapted*)

One: We gather to worship with expectations:

ALL: God revealed in new and astonishing ways.

One: God comes to us in real time.

ALL: God comes to us in dreams.

One: Sometimes God's presence is hard to take in—
difficult to believe.

ALL: O God, we long to believe. Help our unbelief!

One: Our God of goodness and grace is present here.

ALL: Our God of abundance is working in our midst.

One: Our tears are dried and our mouths are filled with
laughter,

ALL: our tongues shout out with joy!

Opening Song: "All Who Hunger" (*tune: UMH #400 / lyrics:
Sylvia G. Dunston*)

All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering.

Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered,
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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 *(John van de Laar – adapted)*

We celebrate your life, O God, that, like a light, reveals
our true colors and brings our shadows into sight. We
celebrate your life, O God, that, like a song, teaches us
our place in your harmony and forces us to retrain the
discordant voices within us. We celebrate your life, O
God, that, like a field, allows both wheat and weeds to
grow until we learn to tell the difference and keep only
what nourishes. We celebrate your life, O God, gracious
and true and transforming, abundant and eternal.

We celebrate your life that promises new life, always.

Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 126

When the HOLY ONE restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. **2** Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The HOLY ONE has done great things for them." **3** The HOLY ONE has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. **4** Restore our fortunes, O HOLY ONE, like the watercourses in the Negeb. **5** May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. **6** Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Sung Response: "Open My Eyes" (*Jesse Manibusan – adapted*)

Open my ears, (God), help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, (God), help me to hear.

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-19

Thus says the HOLY ONE, 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.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sung Response: "Open My Eyes" (*Jesse Manibusan – adapted*)

Open my ears, (God), help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, (God), help me to hear.

Open my heart, (God), help me to love like you.

Open my heart, (God), help me to love.

Sermon: "Dream On"

Song: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (TFWS #2120, James Manley)

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings. *(refrain)*

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes.

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.*

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city, you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. *(refrain)*

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,

with bold new decisions,
your people arise. *(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.

Communion / The Great Thanksgiving *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes, based on John 12:1-8 – adapted)*

One: God is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

ALL: It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

One: Jesus came to Bethany six days before Passover, the celebration of liberation from slavery in Egypt. You, O God, have delivered us from bondage to sin and death, established your Covenant with us, and set us free to serve you and follow your ways. Jesus went to the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. You, O God, have raised us to new life, transforming our hearts and our minds so that we may live in love and not fear.

And so with all Creation, we join in singing your praise:

ALL SING *(TFWS #2257-b, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal - adapted):*

Holy, holy, holy (One); 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 (our God).
Hosanna in the highest! (3x)**

One: In Bethany they gave a dinner for Jesus. You, O God, gather us now at your table, to remember Jesus, your Christ. He taught and healed, he forgave sinners, he shared the sufferings of the poor, he ate with outcasts, he called for repentance and a return to love. He showed us your love by giving of his own.

On the night ... And so we remember. As often as we break the bread and share the cup, we remember. We taste the same Spirit, we feast on the same promise, and renew our commitment to follow the same path, proclaiming the mystery at the heart of our faith:

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-c, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! (3x)**

One: Mary took a pound of the finest perfume, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. We bring our finest gifts to you, O God, the gifts of our hearts and our hands to be made your own.

Pour out your Spirit now on these gifts of bread and cup, tangible symbols for us of Jesus' body and blood, Jesus' life, given in love, for love. Pour out your Spirit on all of us gathered here, in person and virtually, and let its fragrance fill the house.

Jesus said that Mary had prepared him for his burial. May we, O God, be unafraid of suffering in the cause of love. By your grace, through our faith, may we bring healing and peace to a world both beautiful and broken.

ALL SING (TFWS #2257-d, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):
**Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest! (3x)**

Sung Response: "Eat This Bread" (UMH #628, tune: Robert Batastini & Community / lyrics: Jacques Berthier)

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

ENGAGING

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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