

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*"Simon Peter said to them,
'I am going fishing.' They said,
'We will go with you.'"*

- John 21:3a

May 1, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

Faith Climate Action Week

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude: "The Tide Is Rising" (*Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman & Yotman Schachter, performed by Annie Patterson & Peter Blood*)

The tide is rising, and so are we! (3x)

This is where we are called to be. (2x)

The task is mighty ...

This land is holy ...

The storm is raging ...

The sun is shining ...

The world is ready ...

Welcome / Announcements

- **Worship volunteers:** sign up at tinyurl.com/worship-help
- **Voting is Imperative Campaign:** POWER voter registration trainings in prep for May 17th Primary
 - contact Eriks (eriksslush@hotmail.com) to sign up
- **Story Circles**
 - contact Amy (aemmettrardin@gmail.com) to sign up for the next round of matches!

Calendar

Today, May 1, 1:30 pm: Church Council

Tuesday, May 3, 12-1 pm: Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)

- info at allmeansall.org/faith-spirituality

Wednesday, May 4, 7:30 pm: An Evening Conversation with Rev. Dr. Hal Taussig

- Ardmore UMC / 200 Argyle Rd (*or virtual*)
- info at ardmorechurch.com; discussion of "After Jesus Before Christianity: A Historical Exploration of the First Two Centuries of Jesus Movements"

Thursday, May 5, 7 pm: Theatre in the X Presents "Richard III" (*also May 6 at 8 pm & May 7 at 5 pm*)

- Curio Theatre Company / 4740 Baltimore Ave
- info at theatreintheX.com/richard-iii.html

Sunday, May 8

- **9-10:30 am:** Pastor Lorie's final Sunday at WPMF
- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group
 - info at allmeansall.org/srg

Sunday, May 15

- **11:15 am-12:45 pm:** Hybrid Worship
 - guest preacher: Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart, Director for Faith-Based and Interfaith Affairs (*City of Philadelphia*)
- **1:30ish-3:30ish pm:** Calvary Potluck Picnic at Clark Park
 - 43rd & Chester (*weather permitting*)
 - BYO lunch & chairs (*extra food/drinks provided*)

Sunday, May 22, 2 pm: Philadelphia Interfaith Peace Walk

- Germantown/Roxborough
- info at interfaithpeacewalk.org/event-page; contact Pastor Tim to participate with others from Calvary

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; for those worshiping 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).

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In / Breath Prayer

Singing Our Way In: "I Am the Earth" (Birgid Täht & Marii Valjataga)

I am the Earth in the air I breathe
I am the Earth in the water stream
I am the Earth in the fire's heat
I am the Earth in my heartbeat

I am the Earth in her wildest seas
I am the Earth in her springtime dreams
I am the Earth in her falling leaves
I am the Earth when moonlight gleams

Call to Worship (from the Rabbinical Assembly of the United Synagogue of America, adapted)

One: Light and darkness, night and day.

ALL: We marvel at the mystery of the stars.

One: Moon and sky, sand and sea.

ALL: We marvel at the mystery of the sun.

One: Twilight, high noon, dusk and dawn.

ALL: Though we are mortal, we are creation's crown.

One: Flesh and bone, steel and stone.

ALL: We dwell in fragile, temporary shelters.

One: Grant steadfast love, compassion, grace.

ALL: Sustain us, O God; our origin is in you.

One: Splendor, mercy, majesty, love endure.

ALL: We are but little lower than the angels.

One: Resplendent skies, sunset, sunrise.

ALL: The grandeur of creation lifts our lives.

One: Evening darkness, morning dawn.

ALL: Renew our lives as you renew all time.

Opening Song: "God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"
(UMH #122, tune: Carl F. Schalk / lyrics: Jaroslav J. Vajda)

God of the sparrow God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(New Zealand Book of Prayer, adapted)*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Creator of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: the hallowing of your name shall echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Acts 9:1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest **2** and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. **3** Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. **4** He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" **5** He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. **6** But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Choral Alleluia

Scripture Lesson: John 21:1-17

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. **2** Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the

disciples did not know that it was Jesus. **5** Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." **6** He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. **7** That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. **8** But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. **10** Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." **11** So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. **12** Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. **13** Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. **15** When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." **16** A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." **17** He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia

Sermon: "Business as Un-Usual"

Song: "God, Creation Sings Your Praises" (*tune: UMH #581, B.F. White / lyrics: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*)

God, creation sings your praises;
mountains echo from afar.

All your blessings here amaze us;
hills rejoice how great you are!

In the whole of your creation,
in each sea and wood and glade,
we are called to have dominion
over all that you have made.

We've ignored your wise instruction
to take care of what you give.
For our greed has caused destruction
and your world cries out to live.

Though you've given us your bounty
by your kind and loving hand,
in the search for power and money,
we've abused sea, sky and land.

Lord, you give creation limits
so creation will be blessed.
You set planets in their orbits;
you give days for Sabbath rest.
You make fruit not for consuming,
things to stay where they are found,
and with great disaster looming—
fuel to keep within the ground.

Still, your limits aren't to crush us,
or to stifle or devour.

Sun and tide and wind refresh us,
giving light and warmth and power.
You give new imagination,
love to heal our neighbors' pain,
lives to build up your creation
till the earth is whole again.

God, you give to us a vision
of this world we're called to seek,
where creation joins in singing,
where the strong protect the weak,
where your people serve each other,
wanting only what is best.
May we work with one another
till creation so is blessed.

SHARING

Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns

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

Sung Response (*tune: UMH #473, Samuel Sebastian Wesley / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

Hear, O God. Hear the prayers we bring to you.
Come, and renew all of our days.
Hold every longing; hold every sorrow;
and lead us into your healing ways.

Closing Song: "May You Run and Not Be Weary" (*alternate tune & refrain: UMH #525, Charles Albert Tindley / lyrics: TFWS #2281, Paul Murakami and Handt Hanson*)

May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

Refrain

*By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.*

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 give thanks to God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: It is right, O God, and our deep joy to open our hearts in praise. You give rise to all that is; you fashion us in your image and breathe into us and all living things your very breath. When we have shattered the wholeness you create, when we have hoarded and squandered the bounty you provide, you work to restore it. And you send your prophets to call your people, all of us, back to you and to the justice that makes for sustainability and peace.

And so, with all your people on earth, with all creation, with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

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, and blessed is your Christ, Jesus, who embodied your way of love among us. He fed the hungry, healed the sick and welcomed those not wanted elsewhere. He criticized religious leaders too

comfortable with their brutal and unjust world, and he gathered people by his proclamation of the good news of your presence with those who bore the brunt of that oppression. Executed for his resistance, he became one with all who suffer the sting of injustice; raised anew, he became the clear sign of your work to heal and free and ennoble all people—indeed, all creation—work that continues today and which you call us to share.

Before his arrest ... And so as we prepare to share this sacred meal together, we remember, we give you thanks, and we commit ourselves anew to your way of creation care, your way of justice and peace, 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 here and virtually, on these gifts of bread and cup, and on all those elements we use to join in this feast of love, that we may be renewed as your people, filled with your purpose and enlivened with hope. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, in your work of restoring life, until all share in its fullness. With all creation we await that time when it will be so.

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

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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