

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



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*“For ‘In God we live and  
move and have our being’; ...”*  
**- Acts 17:28a**

**May 10, 2026**  
*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

# **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

*Asian American, Native Hawaiian &  
Pacific Islander Heritage Month  
Jewish American Heritage Month  
Mental Health Awareness Month*

## **GATHERING**

**Gathering Song:** "I Hope" (*Meah Pace, with Resistance Revival Chorus*)

*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.

### **• Welcome to our guest accompanist (and accompanist candidate),** Oliva Backal-Balik (they/them)

### **• Pastor Tim staycation/vacation:** May 13-19

- in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Marcine Pickron-Davis (Staff-Parish Relations Committee member): 484.574.0270

### **• Spring Retreat:** Jun 20 (with overnight options)

- St. Raphaela Center (Haverford)
- [allmeansall.org/retreats](http://allmeansall.org/retreats)
- stay tuned for full details – contact Pastor Tim if interested, or with any questions

### **• Previous sermons:** [allmeansall.org/sermons](http://allmeansall.org/sermons)

### **• Previous bulletins:** [allmeansall.org/bulletins](http://allmeansall.org/bulletins)

## **Calendar**

**Monday, May 11, 6:15-7:15 pm:** Yoga (weekly)

- Chapel – 48<sup>th</sup> St entrance
- [allmeansall.org/yoga](http://allmeansall.org/yoga)

## Tuesday, May 12

- **5:30 pm:** Trustees (*bimonthly – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays*)
- **6 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
  - [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)
- **7:30-8:30 pm:** Bible/Book Study – Sabbath Economics (*weekly, through Jun 9*)
  - [allmeansall.org/bible-studies](http://allmeansall.org/bible-studies)

## Wednesday, May 13

- **10-11 am:** Yoga (*weekly*)
  - see May 11 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
- **6-8 pm:** Resistance Quilting Group
  - [allmeansall.org/quilting](http://allmeansall.org/quilting)
  - contact Brooke if interested, and for location details: [christensenvoice@gmail.com](mailto:christensenvoice@gmail.com)

## Thursday, May 14, 7-8:30 pm: Grief Support Group

- [allmeansall.org/grief](http://allmeansall.org/grief) (pre-registration is required)

## Saturday, May 16

- **10 am-12 pm:** Pollinator Garden Workday (*monthly – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays*)
  - 48<sup>th</sup> & Baltimore
  - [allmeansall.org/garden](http://allmeansall.org/garden)
  - contact Sparrow to sign up or to join our Green Team: [sprwfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:sprwfrancis@gmail.com)
- **1 pm:** Meditation (*weekly / West Philly Insight*)
  - Board Room (upstairs) – 48th St entrance

## Sunday, May 17

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
  - guest preacher: Cara Blouin
- **1-3 pm:** Resistance Quilting Group
  - see May 13 for details

## Tuesday, May 19: Primary Election Day

**Tuesday, May 19 - Thursday, May 21:** Eastern PA 2026  
Annual Conference (*United Methodist Church*)

- Wildwood, NJ

**Thursday, May 21, 7 pm:** POWER Interfaith West-Southwest  
Cluster (*monthly – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays*)

- contact Mimi for details, or to join our POWER Team:  
[rmijima@gmail.com](mailto:rmijima@gmail.com)

**Sunday, May 24, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship  
(*Pentecost*)

- guest accompanist: Leo Le San

**Saturday, May 30, 9:30 am-12 pm:** Calvary @ Sankofa  
Community Farm

- 3000 S. 56th St
- [allmeansall.org/sankofa](http://allmeansall.org/sankofa)
- contact Pastor Tim to sign up, or with any questions

**Sunday, May 31**

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **1-3 pm:** Confirmation Class
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group
  - [allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group](http://allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group)

## **CENTERING & CONNECTING**

### **Breathing Our Way In**

**Singing Our Way In:** “Imago Dei” (*Richard Bruxvoort  
Colligan*)

*Imago Dei, the image of God is here*

*Imago Dei, the likeness of God alive*

Holy because we are of God, we are all of God

Holy because we are of God, we are all of God (*Refrain*)

Siblings because we are of God, we are all of God

Siblings because we are of God,

we are all of God (*Refrain*)

**Call to Worship** *(Craig Mitchell – adapted)*

One: To the God of life let us bring ourselves, some weary, some energetic, some contented, some disquieted.

**ALL: We bring who we truly are.**

One: To the God of truth let us bring ourselves, some trusting, some doubting our questions and our certainties.

**ALL: We bring who we truly are.**

One: To the God of light let us bring ourselves, our achievements, our failures, our public selves, our hidden selves.

**ALL: We bring who we truly are.**

One: To the God of hope let us bring ourselves, our dreams and visions, our despair, our yearnings.

**ALL: We bring who we truly are.**

One: To the God of all Creation let us bring ourselves, we broken, we blessed, made in God's image, loved beyond measure.

**ALL: We bring who we truly are. Let us offer our worship, and open ourselves to God's light and life among us. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song:** "Bring Many Names" *(TFWS #2047, tune: Carlton R. Young / lyrics: Brian Wren)*

Bring many names, beautiful and good,  
celebrate, in parable and story,  
holiness in glory, living, loving God.

Hail and Hosanna! bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,  
planning all the wonders of Creation,  
setting each equation, genius at play:  
Hail and Hosanna! strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,  
feeling the strains of human living,  
caring and forgiving, till we're reconciled:  
Hail and Hosanna! warm father God!

Old, aching God, grey with endless care,  
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,  
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:  
Hail and Hosanna! old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,  
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,  
crying out for justice, giving all you have:  
Hail and Hosanna! young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known,  
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,  
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:  
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!

### **Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### **GROUNDING**

#### **Community Prayer** *(John van de Laar – adapted)*

The image you have shaped within us—mysteriously, incredibly, a reflection of your own being—is best seen in the multiple refractions of our variegated humanity; in the prismatic kaleidoscopes of our shared life; our interconnectedness, our being with each other.

We seek you, God. We long for you and, thankfully, you are not far off, not hidden; we need only remember that you are most easily found when we find you together. And when we are humble enough to look even in the faces we find most strange and unfamiliar. Amen.

#### **Silent Prayer**

**Special Music:** “Untitled” (Mingjia Chen) / “Ivan Sings”  
*(Aram Khatchaturian)*

**Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 66:16-20

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what God has done for me. **17** I cried aloud to God, and God was extolled with my tongue. **18** If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, God would not have listened. **19** But truly God has listened; God has heard the words of my prayer. **20** Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed God's steadfast love from me.

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

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

**Scripture Lesson:** Acts 17:22-29 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Wilda C. Gafney*)

Now Paul stood in the center of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see in everything how devout you are. **23** For passing through and regarding objects of your worship, I found an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What, therefore, you all worship as unknown, this is what I proclaim to you. **24** The God who made the world and everything in it, the one who is Sovereign of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by human hands. **25** Neither is God served by human hands because of needing anything, since God gives to all life and breath and all things. **26** From one person God made all nations, all persons, to inhabit the face of the earth, and God ordered seasons and the boundaries of their habitation, **27** that they would search for God and perhaps reach for God and find God, yet indeed God is not far from any one of us. **28** For 'In God we live and move and have our being'; just as some among your poets have said, 'For we, too, are the offspring of God.' **29** Since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the divine is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the craft and creativity of people."

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:** "In Whose Image?"

**Song:** "Being" (*tune: UMH #400, tune: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second / lyrics: Helen Wiltshire*)

As we live and have our being,  
we will dwell in sacredness;  
we will dare to seek for meaning;  
we will share life's joyfulness.

As we grow and seek for wisdom,  
we will look with inner sight;  
when all life is seen as beauty,  
we will live with deep delight.

As we move and act for justice,  
we will walk compassion's way,  
speak with clarity and courage,  
living out the words we say.  
We will live and move and offer  
all this life our dreams have caught,  
sharing visions of a future,  
far beyond the reach of thought.

We will ponder life's rich meaning,  
finding bliss within us still;  
as we hold our hearts in rapture,  
life with wonderment we fill.  
We are moved and called to being  
by a love that knows no bounds;  
we discover in our sharing  
life and love and joy profound.

## 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)

- Apr 27 - May 3: \$1,929 / weekly budget: \$1,663
- White Basket, May 3: \$23

### Prayers of the People

"Thanks be to God" / "God hears our prayer"

**Sung Response** (*tune: UMH #418, African American spiritual / 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.

## ENGAGING

### Benediction

**Singing Our Way Out:** "This Little Light of Mine" (AAHH #549, African American spiritual – adapted)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, no! ...

Everywhere I go ...

All through the night ...

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# Calvary United Methodist Church

*Celebrating 130 years at the intersection of  
48<sup>th</sup> & Baltimore / spirituality & justice*

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Days of rest: Monday mornings, Fridays

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**Jennine Miller** (Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair)

**Holly Chowning** (Trustees Chair)

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