

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“Jesus said to him,
‘Feed my sheep.’”*

- John 21:17b

May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Jewish American Heritage Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "The 23rd Psalm" (*Bobby McFerrin*)

Welcome & Announcements

- **Story Circles:** allmeansall.org/story-circles
 - contact Amy to sign up, or with questions:
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- **Resistance for such a time as this**
 - allmeansall.org/resistance
- **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons
- **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Monday, May 12, 6:30-7:30 pm: Beginner Yoga (*weekly*)

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

Tuesday, May 13

- **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, May 14, 10-11 am: Beginner Yoga (*weekly*)

- see May 12 for details

Friday, May 16 - Saturday, May 17: Spring Retreat

- St. Raphaela Center (Haverford)

Saturday, Mar 17, 1 pm: Meditation (*weekly*)

- Calvary (Board Room) – 48th St entrance
- witnessandintegrate@gmail.com

Sunday, May 18

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck (*monthly – rescheduled*)
 - allmeansall.org/2nd-sunday-potluck

Tuesday, May 20 - Thursday, May 22: 2025 Annual Conference for United Methodists of Eastern PA

- Wildwood, NJ

Sunday, May 25, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Cara Blouin (Pastor Tim on vacation)

Monday, May 26, 8-9 pm: Book Study (*weekly, through Jun 30 – except Jun 23*)

- allmeansall.org/book-studies

Friday, May 30, 6 pm: Youngish-Adults Gathering (*monthly – last Fridays*)

- allmeansall.org/young-ish-adults

Sunday, Jun 1

- **9-9:45 am:** Virtual Worship (*no in-person option*)
 - followed by Philly Pride March & Festival
- **2:30-6:30 pm:** Cooperative Youth Outing (*with fellow Reconciling congregations*)
 - volunteering at Grace Café (Arch Street UMC)
 - contact Pastor Tim for details and to sign up

Visiting With 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: “Come, All You People (Uyai Mose)”
(TFWS #2274, Alexander Gondo – adapted)

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri. (3x)

U - ya - i mo - se zvi - no.

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker. (3x)
Come now and worship (our God).

Come, all you people, come and praise (the Spirit). (3x)
Come now and worship (our God).

Call to Worship (*Roddy Hamilton – adapted*)

One: When Mary, ready to embalm the dead, ran in fear
and hope from the empty tomb,

ALL: it was Easter day.

One: When Thomas touched the wounds and set himself
free,

ALL: it was Easter day.

One: When the disciples looked from afar at a breakfast
of fish on the beach,

ALL: it was Easter day.

One: When Peter's three "yeses" to Jesus finished his
three denials,

ALL: it was Easter day.

One: When Emmaus became synonymous with welcome
and the breaking of bread with strangers,

ALL: it was Easter day.

One: When the poor and hungry are fed at the table, the
same table as the rich,

ALL: it IS Easter day.

One: When weapons are beaten to ploughshares, and
peace is a word to be shouted,

ALL: it IS Easter day.

One: When the stranger is welcomed in community, and
the lonely are restored to relationship,

ALL: it IS Easter day.

One: When justice rolls down like water, and
righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,

ALL: it IS Easter day.

One: When love holds and heals and repairs, and new
life emerges from the shadows of fear and even death,

ALL: it IS Easter day. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" (UMH #304, tune: Henry T. Smart / lyrics: William M. James – adapted)

Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has (showed) us heaven's choices;
heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us
from our pressing here below.
For our (God empowers) us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

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

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (Roddy Hamilton)

You break in, O God, on the road. You break in, O God,
exactly the way we don't believe you break in, and
change everything. You break in, O God, with a call. You
break in, O God, with an invitation. You break in, O
God, with the truth. You break in, O God, with a new
realm. You break in, O God, with a new world. You break
in, O God, with your intent for the future.

God, break in again and call us to be your workers. God, break in again and use the gifts we are to build your realm. God, break in again and change our world once more. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23

The HOLY ONE is my shepherd; I shall not want. **2** God makes me lie down in green pastures; God leads me beside still waters; **3** God restores my soul. God leads me in right paths for God's name's sake. **4** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **6** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the HOLY ONE my whole life long.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, 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 Messiah!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Messiah, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, 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 Messiah. **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, Rabbi; 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, Rabbi; 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, "Rabbi, 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

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia. *(repeat)*

Sermon: "Feed. My. Sheep."

Song: "The Summons" *(TFWS #2130, tune: trad. Scottish / lyrics: John Bell – adapted)*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know

and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

will you let my name be known,

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare

should your life attract or scare?

will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean,

and do such as this unseen,

and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found

to reshape the world around,

through my sight and touch and sound in you,

and you in me?

(God), your summons echoes true

when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

SHARING

Prayers of the People

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;
Hold every joy and praise we bring.

ENGAGING

Closing Song: "Guide My Feet" (*TFWS #2208, African American spiritual*)

Guide my feet while I run this race. (2x)
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!
Hold my hand ...
Stand by me ...
I'm your child ...
Search my heart ...

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Let the Church Say Amen" (*Andraé Crouch*)

Let the church say, "Amen" (*repeat*)
God has spoken, let the church say, "Amen"

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