

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*“And they cast lots for them, and  
the lot fell on Matthias; and he  
was added to the eleven apostles.”  
- Acts 1:26*

**May 12, 2024**  
*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song:** "By the Stream" (*Christopher Grundy*)

## **Welcome & Announcements**

(also available at [allmeansall.org/announcements](http://allmeansall.org/announcements))

- **Welcome back to our guest preacher,** Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart
- **Previous sermons:** [allmeansall.org/sermons](http://allmeansall.org/sermons)
- **Previous bulletins:** [allmeansall.org/bulletins](http://allmeansall.org/bulletins)

## Calendar

**Monday, May 13, 7-8:30 pm:** Trauma-Informed Community Care in Religious Spaces (*virtual*)

- contact Pastor Tim for details and to register

## **Tuesday, May 14**

- **12-1 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)
  - [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)
- **7 pm:** Reconciling United Methodists & Methodist Federation for Social Action of Eastern PA (*virtual*)
  - contact Pastor Tim for details

**Saturday, May 18, 8 am-5 pm:** Community Anti-Violence March & Resource Fair

- march from W.C. Longstreth Elementary School (5700 Willows Ave) to A.D. Harrington Elementary School (5300 Baltimore Ave), with fair to follow

## **Sunday, May 19**

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*Pentecost*)
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck (*postponed*)
  - [allmeansall.org/potlucks](http://allmeansall.org/potlucks)
- **8-9 pm:** Spiritual Reflection Group
  - [allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group](http://allmeansall.org/spiritual-reflection-group)

**Tuesday, May 21 - Thursday, May 23:** Annual Conference  
(*Eastern PA Conference of the United Methodist Church*)

- Wildwood, NJ

**Thursday, May 23, 7 pm:** Trustees (*rescheduled*)

**Sunday, May 26, 11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship

**Sunday, Jun 2**

- **9-9:45 am:** Virtual Worship (*no Communion*)
  - we'll celebrate Communion on Jun 9<sup>th</sup>
- **10:30 am-7 pm:** Philly Pride March & Festival
  - march begins at 6<sup>th</sup> & Walnut
  - contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary

**Thursday, Jun 6**

- **5-8 pm:** Baltimore Avenue Dollar Stroll
  - contact Pastor Tim to help staff Calvary's table!
- **8-9ish pm:** Spirituality on Tap (*last one until September!*)
  - Carbon Copy / 701 S. 50<sup>th</sup> St
  - [allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap](http://allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap)

**Friday, Jun 7 - Saturday, Jun 8:** Spring Retreat

- Pendle Hill (Wallingford, PA)
- [allmeansall.org/spring-retreat](http://allmeansall.org/spring-retreat)

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.

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 or sign up online. Our **Calvary Connections e-newsletter** goes out every Thursday night.

**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** (John Pritchard)

One: As God's beloved friends, welcome.

**ALL: Grace to you, and peace.**

One: God is still speaking, so let us praise the living Spirit,

**ALL: Blessed be God, who moves all around us.**

One: who roars in the raging storm, whispers in the gentle breeze, purrs in the lapping waves;

**ALL: Blessed be God, who moves all around us.**

One: who laughs in the chattering squirrel, sings in the whistling dolphin, laments in the keening gull;

**ALL: Blessed be God, who moves all around us.**

One: who invites into belonging in the outstretched hand, open arms, welcoming word;

**ALL: Blessed be God, who moves all around us.**

One: who protests in the abused body, the empty stomach, the crushed spirit and violated soul;

**ALL: Blessed be God, who moves all around us.**

One: who rages for justice, who calls for compassion, who solicits delight and celebration.

**ALL: Blessed be God, who moves all around us.**

One: God is still speaking, in the world, through the world, to us, through us.

**ALL: May we listen; may we respond; may we praise:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song:** "Alleluia! Hear God's Story" (*tune: UMH #150, Natalie Sleeth / lyrics: Mary Anne Parrott*)

Alleluia! Hear God's story,  
still unfolding with each dawn.  
Taste the wine and body broken:  
God's creative love lives on.  
Who the neighbor? Who the hungry?  
Who is thirsty for shalom?  
God of journey, in your story;  
lead us, with the neighbor, home.

Alleluia! Sing the story;  
God's great faithfulness proclaim.  
Tell of prophets and apostles;  
sing the power of Jesus' name.  
Who the neighbor? Who the listener?  
Who has ears to hear our song?  
God of history, tune our voices,  
make our hopeful witness strong.

Alleluia! Dance the story;  
every sinew now engage.  
Tethered close in truthful worship,  
boldly face the coming age.  
Who the neighbor? Who the watchful?  
Who will welcome life's embrace?  
God of gospel, tell the story  
through our dancing of your grace.

### **Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts / Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### **GROUNDING**

**Community Prayer** (*John Pritchard – adapted*)

Deep and Wondrous Mystery, in a world of conflict, far too often violent conflict and war, we come to you. In a

world of manufactured scarcity and desperate inequality, we come to you. In a world where some aggressively cling to privilege at the expense of so many, peeling back the baby steps made toward equality, we come to you. In a world devastating this planet, our home, source and nourisher of our lives, all life, we come to you.

We call to you, knowing you call us. Give us hearing. Give us wisdom. Give us vision. Give us strength. Give us courage to take up our part in weaving your shalom. Give us hope, in you and in your love. Amen.

## Silent Prayer

## Special Music

**Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 1:1-3 (*Stephen Mitchell – adapted*)

Blessed are (those) who have grown beyond their greed and have put an end to their hatred and no longer nourish illusions. **2** But they delight in the way things are and keep their hearts open, day and night. They are like trees planted near flowing rivers, which bear fruit when they are ready. **3** Their leaves will not fall or wither. Everything they do will succeed.

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

**Scripture Lesson:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, **16** "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – **17** for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

**21** So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that our Jesus went in and out among us,

**22** beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." **23** So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. **24** Then they prayed and said, "Sovereign God, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen **25** to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." **26** And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## Choral Alleluia

**Sermon:** "Replacing Judas"

**Song:** "God the Spirit, Guide and Companion" (UMH #648, alternate tune: UMH #384, John Zundel / lyrics: Carl P. Daw Jr.)

God the Spirit, guide and guardian,  
wind-sped flame and hovering dove,  
breath of life and voice of prophets,  
sign of blessing, power of love:  
give to those who lead your people  
fresh anointing of your grace;  
send them forth as bold apostles  
to your Church in every place.

Christ our Savior, Sovereign, Shepherd,  
Word-made-flesh, Love crucified,  
teacher, healer, suffering Servant,  
friend of sinners, foe of pride:  
in your tending may all pastors  
learn and live a Shepherd's care;  
grant them courage and compassion  
shown through word and deed and prayer.

Great Creator, Life-bestower,  
Truth beyond all thought's recall,  
fount of wisdom, womb of mercy,  
giving and forgiving all:  
as you know our strength and weakness,  
so may those the Church exalts  
oversee her life steadfastly  
yet not overlook her faults.

Triune God, mysterious Being,  
undivided and diverse,  
deeper than our minds can fathom,  
greater than our creeds rehearse:  
help us in our varied callings  
your full image to proclaim,  
that our ministries uniting  
may give glory to your Name.

## **SHARING**

### **Prayers of the People / Joys & Concerns**

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

**Sung Response** *(tune: UMH #294, Hugh Wilson / lyrics: John Pritchard – adapted)*

O Wind and Fire, O Rock and Vine,  
O Voice so still and small,  
we bring our lives, our joys and tears  
to you who embraces all.

O Wind and Fire, O Rock and Vine,  
O Voice so still and small,  
we bring our lives, our hopes and fears  
to you who embraces all.



## **ENGAGING**

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

*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.*

## **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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