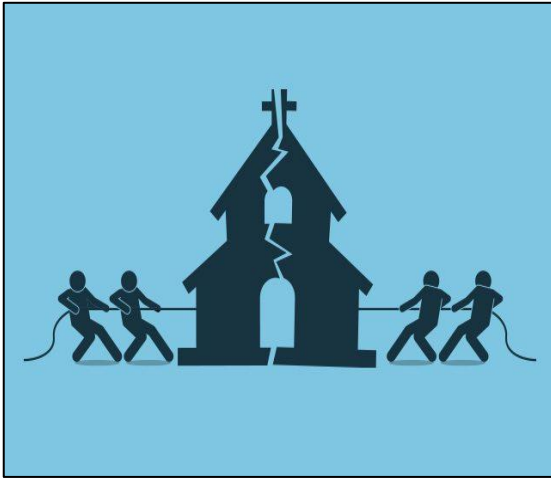


# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*“There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as you were called to the one  
hope of your calling, one Redeemer,  
one faith, one baptism ...”*

**- Ephesians 4:4-5**

**May 4, 2025**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song:** "One Love" (*Bob Marley & The Wailers*)

### **Welcome & Announcements**

- **Welcome to our guest preacher,** Rev. Noé Gabriel López
- **Special offerings**
  - Today: Native American Ministries Sunday
    - [tinyurl.com/umc-nams](http://tinyurl.com/umc-nams)
  - April giving for New Sanctuary Movement: \$215
- **Spring Book Study:** *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*
  - [allmeansall.org/book-studies](http://allmeansall.org/book-studies)
- **Story Circles:** [allmeansall.org/story-circles](http://allmeansall.org/story-circles)
  - contact Amy with questions and to sign up:  
[aemmettrardin@gmail.com](mailto:aemmettrardin@gmail.com)
- **Resistance for such a time as this**
  - [allmeansall.org/resistance](http://allmeansall.org/resistance)
- **Previous sermons:** [allmeansall.org/sermons](http://allmeansall.org/sermons)
- **Previous bulletins:** [allmeansall.org/bulletins](http://allmeansall.org/bulletins)

### Calendar

**PLEASE NOTE:** there will be no yoga again this week  
(resuming Monday, May 12)

**Today, May 4, 4-6 pm:** POWER Interfaith West/Southwest Cluster Town Hall (*focused on housing*)

- Salt & Light Baptist Church / 5736 Chester Ave
- contact Pastor Tim if you plan to go, and/or to get involved with Calvary's POWER Interfaith Team

**Tuesday, May 6, 3 pm:** Midweek Prayer (*weekly*)

- [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm

**Thursday, May 8, 7 pm:** POWER Interfaith West/Southwest Cluster (*monthly – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays*)

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

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

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

- St. Raphaela Center (Haverford)

**Sunday, May 18**

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

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

- Wildwood, NJ

**Sunday, Jun 1**

- **9-9:45 am:** Virtual Worship (*no in-person option*)
  - followed by Philly Pride March & Festival
- **1:30-6:30 pm:** Cooperative Youth Outing (*with fellow Reconciling congregations*)
  - volunteering at Grace Café, etc.
  - contact Kasperer for details and to sign up: [kasperer.kimura@gmail.com](mailto:kasperer.kimura@gmail.com)

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](http://allmeansall.org/donate).

**CENTERING & CONNECTING**

**Breathing Our Way In**

**Singing Our Way In:** "Shepherd Me, O God" (TFWS #2058,  
Marty Haugen)

Shepherd me, O God,  
beyond my wants, beyond my fears,  
from death into life.

**Call to Worship** (from *Christian Aid Monthly Prayers* – adapted)

One: O God, you are the gathering One who calls us  
into community with each other;

**ALL: to encourage, to support and heal.**

One: You are the gathering One who calls us into  
community with all people;

**ALL: to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.**

One: You are the gathering One who calls us into  
community with all Creation;

**ALL: to live in interdependence and harmony, to cherish  
and renew.**

One: You are the gathering One who call us into  
community with you;

**ALL: to gratitude and glory, to thanksgiving and praise.**

One: And so we gather now to worship the God of all,

**ALL: whose love brings and binds us together, leading us  
from death into life. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song:** "God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us"  
(UMH #100, tune: John Goss / lyrics: William Boyd Grove – adapted)

God, whose love is reigning o'er us,  
source of all, the ending true;  
hear the universal chorus  
raised in joyful praise to you:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.

Word of God from nature bringing  
springtime green and autumn gold;  
mountain streams like children singing,  
ocean waves like thunder bold:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.

Holy God of ancient glory,  
(showing us what love can do);  
Abram's faith and Sarah's story  
formed a people bound to you.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.

Covenant, new again in Jesus,  
Starchild born to set us free;  
sent to heal us, sent to teach us  
how love's children we might be.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, (help us to see)!

Lift we then our human voices  
in the songs that faith would bring;  
live we then in human choices  
lives that, like our music sing:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

### **Offering Our Gifts**

*"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**

### **Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### **GROUNDING**

**Community Prayer** *(Thomas Merton)*

O God, we are one with you. You have made us one with you. You have taught us that if we are open to one another, you dwell in us. Help us to preserve this openness and to fight for it with all our hearts. Help us to realize that there can be no understanding where there is mutual rejection. O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly, fully, completely, we accept you, and we thank you, and we adore you, and we love you with

our whole being, because our being is in your being, our spirit is rooted in your spirit.

Fill us then with love, and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways, united in this one spirit which makes you present in the world, and makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love. Love has overcome. Love is victorious. Amen.

## Silent Prayer

## Special Music

**Scripture Lesson:** Ephesians 4:1-6 (*A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church – Wilda C. Gafney*)

I exhort you all, I, prisoner for the Savior, to walk worthy of the calling to which you have been called: **2** With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, **3** doing your best to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, **5** one Redeemer, one faith, one baptism, **6** one God and Parent of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

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

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

**Scripture Lesson:** John 17:20-23

"I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, **21** that they may all be one. As you, God, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, **23** I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you

have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

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:** "One Holy, Catholic, Apostolic, Divided Church?"

**Song:** "Forward Through the Ages" *(UMH #555 / tune: Arthur S. Sullivan / lyrics: Frederick Lucian Hosmer)*

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;  
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,  
manifold the service, one the sure reward.

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

Wider grows the (kindom), reign of love and light;  
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.

Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,  
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died. *(refrain)*

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;  
in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.

Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,  
move we on together to the shining goal. *(refrain)*

### **SHARING**

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

**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 that we bring.

## **Communion / The 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 each other, back 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 / 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: 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.

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: 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 renewing love and 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 / 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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