

# CALVARY

United Methodist Church



Infinite Hospitality



*Sunday, May 3, 2026*

Worshipping God Together

# WELCOME TO CALVARY

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## OUR WELCOME STATEMENT

Calvary United Methodist Church believes that all means all. We open our hearts, our minds and our doors to all our neighbors. We gladly invite into our shared life all persons who seek a community of support where they can grow in God's grace. Regardless of your race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, relationship status or background—**you are God's beloved, and you are welcome here.**

## NEW TO CALVARY?

If you're new to Calvary, you're invited to visit the Welcome Areas to learn more about the church—pick up the monthly newsletter, and fill out a Get Connected card found in the pews. Large-print Bibles and hymnals are available upon request. Our monthly newsletter includes ministry updates, upcoming events, small group opportunities and a monthly calendar insert outlining all activities and gatherings.

## FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Children are always welcome. A Family Area is available at the back left of the sanctuary, with rocking chairs and toys for your little ones.

## RESTROOMS

From the front exits of the sanctuary, restrooms are available to the right, including an accessible restroom with a baby changing table; additional men's and women's restrooms are located at the back of the chapel to the right, and downstairs to the left, with elevator access from the right side of the sanctuary.

# PRAYER CONCERNS

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## IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

Samantha - niece of Mary Ewalt  
Al Meyers  
Christine Siewers  
Corrine Houser  
George Janocsko  
Niko  
Judy Melvin  
Charles Moore  
Aleata Weis  
Rick Stern  
Barbara Wood - friend of Marirose

## CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker  
Bobby Buckner and his family  
Jeanne Dithomas  
Terri Jagielski  
Martha Helmreich  
Sheila Molyneaux  
Renee - friend of Mark Snyder  
Marcia Webb - friend of Mark Snyder  
Venus W.  
Joyce Zimmerman - sister of Yvonne Hudson

## SHARING PRAYER REQUESTS & JOYS

Share prayer requests or joys by filling out a pew card, calling the church office, or submitting the form online at [calvarypgh.com/contact](http://calvarypgh.com/contact).

# THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

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## SUNDAY, MAY 3

- **A Service of Celebration–Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00AM | Calvary UMC
- **Communion** | During Worship | Sanctuary
- **A Time for Fellowship** | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall
- **AHPS Tiffany Concert Series–Hymn Sing** | 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

## MONDAY, MAY 4

- **Sleeping Bag Ministry** | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

## TUESDAY, MAY 5

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00-10:00 AM | Chapel
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 6:00-7:00 PM | Choir Loft
- **Hand Bell Rehearsal** | 7:00-8:00 PM | Music Office
- **NA (Narcotics Anonymous)** | 7:00-8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

- **Iron City Squares** | 7:00-9:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

## THURSDAY, MAY 7

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00-10:00 AM | Chapel
- **Women's Bible Study** | 10:00-11:30 AM | Parlor
- **Open Sanctuary** | 6:00-8:00 PM | Sanctuary

## SUNDAY, MAY 10

- **Sunday Morning Cafe** | 10:00-11:00 AM | Chapel
- **Bible Study–Exploring Spiritual Gifts** | 10:00-10:45 AM | Chapel
- **Sunday School (K-3rd, 4th-6th)** | 10:00-10:30 AM | Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday School (7th-12th)** | 10:00-10:30 AM | Christian Education Office
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 10:00-10:45 AM | Choir Loft
- **A Service of Celebration–Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00AM | Calvary UMC
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# SUNDAY CELEBRATION



**PRELUDE** . . . . . "Prelude and Fugue in F Major", Johann Sebastian Bach

## INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP + \*

**Leader:** Come to Christ, our cornerstone.  
**People:** Christ has called us here.  
**Leader:** Trust in God, our firm foundation.  
**People:** God is with us here.  
**Leader:** Rest in the Spirit, our peace beyond peace.  
**People:** May the Spirit guide our way.

**OPENING HYMN** + \* . . . . . "The Church's One Foundation" – #546 UMH

### OPENING PRAYER + \*

Mighty God, we want to be brave, but it's tempting to be small and afraid. Lift us up when we fall down. Protect us from our own doubts and fears. Shine your face upon us with mercy and grace, that we might find the courage and strength to be steadfast and faithful, loving and righteous. Be our strong foundation, so that we may grow up as your household, your family, and your people of justice, love, and mercy. In hope and gratitude, we pray.  
Amen.

### WORDS OF WELCOME +

### COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

**GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE** + \* . . . . . "Shine, Jesus Shine"

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**PSALTER LESSON** \* . . . . . Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 NRSV

- 1 In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.
- 3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me; take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.
- 4 Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
- 16 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

**Leader:** The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.  
**All:** Thanks be to God.

### SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

## ANTHEM

### GOSPEL LESSON † \* . . . . . John 14:1-14 NRSV

- 1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.
- 2 In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
- 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.
- 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.”
- 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”
- 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”
- 8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”
- 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?
- 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.
- 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves.
- 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.
- 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON . . . . . “Infinite Hospitality” – Rev. Chenda Innis Lee

### HYMN OF PREPARATION \* . . . . . “In Remembrance of Me” – #2254 TFWS

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION \*

Leader: God be with you,

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Open wide your hearts!

**People: We open them up to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks for this time and space,

**People: Giving praise to God for this meal we will share.**

Leader: We are surrounded by a world of hunger and hurt. We are surrounded by injustices, loneliness, illnesses, and hate. Yet through you, God, we know a different story. Our sacred story tells us of many times when our ancestors dined with the Divine.

**People: When the Israelites left Egypt, they escaped with little resources. As refugees, they moved into the wilderness. In their exile, God rained sacred sustaining bread from heaven. Our sacred story tells us of times when our ancestors dined with those who hungered. When Abraham was approached by three strangers, he offered them bread to rebuild their bodies and refresh their souls.**

*Order of Worship continued on following page.*

*† Please stand as you are able | \* Words on screen | Bold text is unison.*

**Leader:** Our sacred story tells us that when sojourners listening to the teachings of Jesus became hungry, Jesus gathered loaves and fish, ultimately providing enough for all in attendance with twelve additional baskets to share. Our sacred story tells us that on the night before Jesus died, as he and his friends gathered in a room, Jesus clenched a loaf of bread. He broke the loaf and said “do this in remembrance of me.” And after supper, as the night grew long, Jesus took a cup. As he blessed its contents, he exclaimed “Drink in remembrance of me.”

**People:** **And our sacred story tells us that two of the disciples were on their way to Emmaus and came upon a stranger on the journey. In a spirit of hospitality, they invited him to stay. As their new friend broke the bread, they were able to see the Christ. Our table extends beyond this time and space: to food pantries, to community meals, to dinners shared with home-bound friends, and to coffee shared with friends who grieve. When two or three are gathered, the Christ is present.**

**Leader:** As scriptures detail, in showing hospitality to strangers, we entertain the angels in our midst. As we have experienced, while sharing bread and cup, we have encountered angels among us. May the Spirit of God encircle these gifts with love. May the Spirit of God bless these gifts and, in doing so, bless the connections between all here and all in our hearts. May the Spirit of God bless the widows and spouseless ones, children without parents and children from foreign lands, the last and first, the poor in spirit and the ones who hunger and thirst for righteousness. May all of your children in each space on our earth feel your love and experience the winds of your righteousness. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray the prayer he taught:

**THE LORD’S PRAYER \* . . . . . #895 UMH**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

*All are welcome to receive the gift of Holy Communion. The bread we share is gluten-free so that all may participate. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers, take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup of grape juice.*

**WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE**

**CALL TO GIVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY. . . . .** “In Christ, There Is No East or West”, David P. Dahl

**DOXOLOGY + \* . . . . .** “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” – #94 UMH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**OFFERING PRAYER +**

**CLOSING HYMN + \* . . . . .** “Victory in Jesus” – #370 UMH

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** † \* . . . . . #881 UMH

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** †

**POSTLUDE** † . . . . . "The Great Commission", Hugh S. Livingston Jr.

† *Please stand as you are able* | \* *Words on screen* | *Bold text is unison.*

**POSTLUDE TRADITION:** At Calvary, we stand and listen to the postlude, many turning toward the choir loft to watch our organist play. This tradition began after our once silent organ was restored, renewing our gratitude for its beautiful sound and our strong music ministry. We invite you to join us in this meaningful moment.

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP:** You're invited to the Fellowship Hall after worship for a time of good company, along with a light meal and beverages. The Fellowship Hall is located down the stairs, or you may use the elevator at the back of the chapel.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **SPIRITUAL GIFTS BIBLE STUDY**

The Adult Sunday School Class is currently studying Spiritual Gifts. Each of us has gifts from God—sometimes we recognize them easily, and sometimes we keep them hidden. Have you ever taken time to discover the gifts God has given you? Everyone is invited to take a Spiritual Gifts survey—even if you are not part of the class. Paper copies are available on the resource table in the chapel, or you may complete it online by visiting: [umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en](http://umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en). After completing the survey, please share your results with Rev. Beth. When we understand one another's gifts, we are better equipped to serve and work together.

## **DISCOVERING THE GIFT OF GRACE – NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Women's Bible Study is excited to begin a new study titled *Grace... More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine* by Max Lucado. Together, we will explore the powerful message of God's grace using the study guide located in the back of the book as a foundation for meaningful discussion and reflection. Books will be available for purchase for \$5. All women are

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday:** 9:00 AM–Noon

**Tuesday:** 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

**Thursday:** 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

## **PASTOR**

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**Music Ministry:** Brian Burns

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**Lay Leader:** Ken Elliott

**Treasurer:** Georgia Brucker

**Facilities Manager:** Brianna Wolfe

**Wedding Coordinator:** Aleata Weis

**Queer Ministry Coordinator:** Tim Napieralski

**Social Media Coordinator:** Judith Melvin

**Worship Tech Coordinator:** Aiden Weis

**Food Ministry Coordinator:** Michael Schnitgen

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