THE PEOPLE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH GATHER

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 10, 2015 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 11:00 A.M.

We are an ecumenical, multi-racial, multi-ethnic Christian body that reaches out to the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

To that end we strive to be welcoming, responsive, trusting and prayerful in everything we do.



"This is my commandment," said Jesus, "love one another as I have loved you." – John 15:12

"It is the *lover*, not the *thinker*, who really knows."

— William McNamara

Love, like truth and beauty, is concrete. Love isn't, fundamentally, a sweet feeling. Love is active and effective, creating justice. Loving involves struggle, resistance, risk—and, effects justice.

For this reason loving involves commitment. We are not automatic lovers of self, others, this world, or God. Love doesn't just happen. Love is a choice—a conversion to humanity, a willingness to participate with others in the healing of a broken world and broken lives. Love is the decision to experience life as a member of the human family, a partner in the dance of life.

— Carter Heyward, adapted

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

During the Prelude, prepare for worship by centering you heart with this prayer adapted from Episcopal priest, Carter Heyward:

Eins ist Not; ach Herr, dies Eine Max Reger (1873-1916) John Dautzenberg, Organ

Tender God, touch us. Make us lovers of humanity, compassionate friends of all creation. Send your Spirit so our words might turn to action, and through us you would restore and make whole the world. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ALTAR CANDLES

Mayrita Rivas, Acolyte

WELCOME Reverend Glaze

O Congregation standing; la congregación se pone de pie.

Congregational responses in **bold**. Page numbers refer to sanctuary Bibles. Audio enhancement devices available for use during worship. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Respuestas congregacionales en **negrita**. Las páginas se refieren a las Biblias en el santuario. Para Biblias en español o traducción del servicio en español, por favor hablar con un ujier.

O HYMN

From Wisdom emerging, we fashion a space for people converging in safety and grace To shelter the freedom of one and of all in Love without border or boundary or wall.

Faith's journey reclaiming, we blaze a new trail with others, exclaiming: "Let justice prevail!" Rejecting worn paths that oppress and mislead, we walk in community, cherished and freed!

Forever exploring, we seek to learn more of Wisdom's outpouring, of Love's open door Amazed at the mysteries and graces we find, we joyfully share them with all humankind.

The future progressing, we move through its change, old systems redressing, new patterns arrange

Protecting all freedoms with every new choice, we follow the Spirit and raise our clear voice!

LITANY OF ADORATION AND PRAISE

Psalm 98

Teresa Ferrara, Cantor

Refrain. Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done such marvelous things.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for by the power of God's love we are set free!

Ours is no secret salvation. It was done out in the open so that all the earth—every nation and language and tribe—would see that God is good and kind, the keeper of promises! So shout to the Lord! All the earth, burst into grateful song and sing praise!

Yes, make music to the Lord with instruments of every kind; take up harps and trumpets, violins, trombones, flutes and drums. Let not a single voice be silent!

Praise God until the earth is filled with song, until seas flow with melody and waves dance with the land. Let the rivers clap their hands, while hills and valleys join in.

Yes, sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain.

MORNING PRAYER

Nancy Renfrow

O God, our Beloved, other than that of your voice calling us home, there is no sweeter sound than that of your children singing your praise. And, if ours be the only voices raised in song, may they be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Help us to know that we do not sing alone. We need each other's voice to sing, each other's strength to love. Our lives, like coals placed side by side, feed off each other's flame until by the Spirit's breath they burst into a blaze of praise, mercy, love and grace. And, with one voice we'll raise our common song: **Alleluia! Amen!**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Nancy Renfrow

La paz del Señor sea contigo. **Y contigo también.** The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Make Us One Make Us One

Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one. Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND BLESSING

Mayra, Mayrita and Christian Rivas, and Eugenia Reyes

People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave, full of grace and truth! And, that we will help them.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Juan/1 John 5:1-6 Corina Lopez

¹Todo aquel que cree que Jesús es el Cristo, es nacido de Dios; y todo aquel que ama al que engendró, ama también al que ha sido engendrado por él. ²En esto conocemos que amamos a los hijos de Dios, cuando amamos a Dios, y guardamos sus mandamientos. ³Pues este es el amor a Dios, que guardemos sus mandamientos; y sus mandamientos no son gravosos. ⁴Porque todo lo que es nacido de Dios vence al mundo; y esta es la victoria que ha vencido al mundo, nuestra fe. ⁵¿Quién es el que vence al mundo, sino el que cree que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios? ⁶Este es Jesucristo, que vino mediante agua y sangre; no mediante agua solamente, sino mediante agua y sangre. Y el Espíritu es el que da testimonio; porque el Espíritu es la verdad.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Melchior Vulpius (c. 1560 – 1616) Teresa Ferrara, Cantor

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Abide in my love. Alleluia, alleluia! – John 15, adapted

GOSPEL LESSON

John/Juan 15:9-17 Becky Vaughn

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

⁹Como el Padre me ha amado, así también yo os he amado; permaneced en mi amor. ¹⁰Si guardareis mis mandamientos, permaneceréis en mi amor; así como yo he guardado los mandamientos de mi Padre, y permanezco en su amor. ¹¹Estas cosas os he hablado, para que mi gozo esté en vosotros, y vuestro gozo sea cumplido. ¹²Este es mi mandamiento: Que os améis unos a otros, como yo os he amado. ¹³Nadie tiene mayor amor que este, que uno ponga su vida por sus amigos. ¹⁴Vosotros sois mis amigos, si hacéis lo que yo os mando. ¹⁵Ya no os llamaré

siervos, porque el siervo no sabe lo que hace su señor; pero os he llamado amigos, porque todas las cosas que oí de mi Padre, os las he dado a conocer. ¹⁶No me elegisteis vosotros a mí, sino que yo os elegí a vosotros, y os he puesto para que vayáis y llevéis fruto, y vuestro fruto permanezca; para que todo lo que pidiereis al Padre en mi nombre, él os lo dé. ¹⁷Esto os mando: Que os améis unos a otros.

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN

We sing all verses, each in Spanish then English.

Somos Pueblo Que Camina Welcome, Pilgrims on the Journey SOMOS PUEBLO







- 4. Cristo aquí se hace presente, Al reunirnos en su amor.
- 4. Christ has promised to be with us When we gather in his name.
- 5. Los sedientos de justicia Buscan su liberación.
- 5. All who are athirst for justice, Hear God's liberating word.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carol Blythe

Lord Jesus, you call us your friends. We know you love us and in your name we ask that the Spirit come and help us to do the one thing necessary: to love God by loving God's children, as you love us—without condition, without limit, without fail. **Amen.**

REPORT FROM CALVARY MEMBERS ATTENDING THE ALLIANCE OF BAPTISTS ANNUAL GATHERING

Carol Blythe—the Alliance approach to partnership in mission
Susan Sevier—the Alliance Clergy/Chaplain's Retreat
Lorena Pereira and Amparito Palacios Lopez—the Alliance workshop on telling your story
Rick Goodman—Friday evening worship and the message from Paco Rodes

MUSICAL REFLECTION John Dautzenberg

GIVING AND SERVING

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS Reverend Palacios

After the Pastoral Prayer, we invite everyone to pray the Lord's Prayer in your native language.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad, como en el cielo, así también en la tierra. El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy. Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. Y no nos metas en tentación, mas líbranos del mal; porque tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la gloria, por todos los siglos. Amén.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND TO SERVE

Pastor Erica

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Lone Wild Bird
PROSPECT / arr. David N. Johnson
Teresa Ferrara, Mezzo-Soprano
Calvary Sanctuary Choir

O HYMN 50

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Erica

BECOMING DISCIPLES

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Reverend Glaze

During the singing, we invite you to come forward if you wish to make a public commitment to follow Jesus or to express interest in joining this community of faith.

O HYMN 490

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant The Servant Song

AFFIRMING GOD'S CALL

We give thanks that you have been guided to this moment by the hand of God. As a community of faith we pledge to love each other and to work together to grow into the fullness of Christ.

© BENEDICTION—On Mother's Day, A Litany to Honor Women Reverend Glaze and Congregation We walk in the company of the women who have gone before us, Mothers of the faith both named and unnamed,

Testifying with ferocity and faith to the Spirit, they are the are the judges, prophets, martyrs, warriors, poets, lovers and Saints who are near to us in our memories and dreams.

We walk in the company of Deborah,

who judged the Israelites with authority and strength.

We walk in the company of Esther,

who as Queen ensured the welfare of her people.

We walk in the company of the woman with the flow of blood,

who audaciously sought from Jesus her healing and release.

We walk in the company of Mary Magdalene,

who wept at the empty tomb until the risen Christ appeared.

We walk in the company of Phoebe,

who led an early church in the empire of Rome.

We walk in the company of Perpetua of Carthage,

whose witness in the third century led to her martyrdom.

We walk in the company of Julian of Norwich,

who wed imagination and theology proclaiming "all shall be well."

We walk in the company of Sojourner Truth,

who stood against oppression, righteously declaring in "ain't I a woman!"

We walk in the company of the Argentine Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo,

who turned their grief to strength, standing together with a holy indignation to remember "the disappeared" children of war.

We walk in the company of you whose names have been lost and silenced,

who kept the faith and passed on to us the wisdom and grace of God.

We walk in the company of you Mothers of the faith,

who teach us to resist evil with boldness, to lead with courage, and to heal with love.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on DIADEMATA
John Dautzenberg, Organ

Following worship join us in Woodward Hall, left as you exit the Sanctuary, for refreshments and a time of fellowship. Visitors, we look forward to meeting you!

Families with babies and young children: for your convenience, changing tables are available in the Parents' Room, balcony level on the right side, and downstairs in rooms next to the nursery.

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Lectionary passages for May 17, Seventh Sunday of Easter, are Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9-13; John 17:6-19.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmen Angdisen; Demy Angdisen; Nardita (Edith) Angdisen; Teddi Angelov, Liubov Russell's friend; Maria Bensussen, Ryan Harvey's grandmother; Sara Bermúdez, Lorena Pereira's mother; Cristina Chacón; Roberta Clyburn, Janice Glover's sister; Lucy Daris, Claudia Moore's friend; Megan DeWitt, Cheryl Branham's friend; Brenda Fahey; Radost Fortunova, Liubov Russell's sister; Gail Ousley Gipson, Ben and Natalie Barrens Rogers' friend; Grace Glaze, Pastor Joe's mother; family of José Gonzalez in El Salvador; Jenny Goon; Janet Grove; Berniece and Bill Harward; Rena Jirack; Lucy Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; Lynne Mayfield, Jay Mayfield's mother; Robin Myers and family; Al Nielsen; Kyin Oo; the friends and family of Armando Pacheco, Amy Dale's friend, who died Thursday, May 7; Amelia Powell, Andrea Powell's mother; Paul Rice; Jack Smith, Jodi Smith's father; Joe Stout, Holly Miller's brother-in-law; Victoria Sulerzyski, Ellen Sulerzyski's sister-in-law; Lisa Tette; Doris Vermilya; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents. Pray also for racial reconciliation and justice everywhere.

TODAY

A SPECIAL GIFT has been made to the General Fund in memory of DeAlphia "Dee" Robbins by Sharon K. Brown.

MAY'S FELLOWSHIP OFFERING supports relief work in Nepal through American Baptist Churches' International Mission partners: Nepal Baptist Church Council, Human Development and Community Services, and United Mission to Nepal. These organizations work with victims, providing food, water, shelter and medical attention. To learn more, visit www.abc-usa.org.

SHALOM SCHOLARSHIP SHOPPES are exciting fundraising events held throughout the year to support Shalom Scholarship. Join us for today's bake sale during Coffee Hour. Contact Holly Miller, hollydotmiller@gmail.com; like our Facebook page, too!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LATEST HAPPENINGS weekly e-mail newsletter is back! Sign up on the Calvary website by clicking "sign up for updates" at the bottom of the home page.

CALVARY'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS. Visit www.calvarydc.org/events/ for a current listing, or stop by the church office to pick up a complete listing of Sunday School classes and Small Group programs.

A FAMILY FRIENDLIER CALVARY! Sometimes Calvary isn't the easiest place for parents with babies and young children. We need your help to change that. Send your ideas on how to make our building and events more welcoming to families! Contact Salima Appiah-Duffell, salimaya@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL continues a study of Brian McLaren's *We Make the Road By Walking*. Come to Butler Hall **Sunday mornings**, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Contact Pastor Erica.

VISITOR WELCOME TABLE. Volunteer during Coffee Hour! Give just 15-20 minutes after worship on the Sundays you volunteer. Contact Jay Mayfield, mayfieldjay@gmail.com, or Pastor Erica.

THEOLOGY ON DRAFT meets **Tuesday** evenings in Butler Hall to reflect on events of the week, in our lives, the church, and the world. Bring your own dinner at 6:30 p.m. and catch up with others before our discussion at 7:00 p.m. Drinks are provided. Contact Pastor Elijah.

WEDNESDAY LECTIONARY LUNCHES. Interested in deeper conversation on the Lectionary texts? Come to Lectionary Lunch **each Wednesday** in Calvary's Library, 12:15-12:45 p.m. All are welcome. Contact Pastor Elijah.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORDS is on hiatus until summer. More information to come. Contact Pastor Erica with questions.

NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE HOURS. Thursday, **May 14**, join Pastor Erica in **Foggy Bottom** at Whole Foods (2201 I St NW) in the café area on the street level, **2:00-4:00 p.m.** (come & go). Each Thursday, Pastor Erica is available in locations around the city for conversation, pastoral care, whatever!

FRIDAY MORNING MUSIC CLUB. Join us in the Chapel, **Friday, May 15** at 12 noon, for the final concert of the season. Thanks to our FMMC Resident Partners for another great season of music!

ZUMBA meets **Friday evenings**, 6:00-7:00 p.m.; \$5 per person and scholarships available. Contact Katie Harvey, katherine.s.harvey@gmail.com.

CROP WALK, Saturday, **May 16**. Join the Calvary team to raise money for The Hunger Fund to eliminate hunger and promote peace. For more information see: www.cwsglobal.org. Meet at Calvary, **10:30 a.m.** Walk begins 11:00 a.m. at Franklin Park. Contact Carol Blythe.

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING MAY 17 immediately following worship in the sanctuary to vote on a motion from Pastor Erica's Ordination Council.

CLASSICAL GUITARIST CHARLES MOKOTOFF IN RECITAL. Sunday afternoon, May 17, 3:00 p.m. in Chapel; sponsored by Hearing Loss Association of America, DC Chapter. This renowned performer has lived with hearing loss most of his life; event features technology specifically designed for audience members with hearing loss. Don't miss this unique opportunity; all ages welcome.

ATTENTION CALVARY STUDENTS: Applications for Edith Miller Scholarships are available from the Church Office; deadline is **Monday**, **June 1**. These funds provide awards to qualifying members of Calvary who have financial need as they continue their education. Contact Paul Rosstead.

SAVE THE DATE for Anniversary Sunday on June 7! More details to come!

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (WMS) needs your sturdy shoe & boot boxes so they can use them to make boxes to support local homeless people in need with boxes for S.O.M.E (So Others Might Eat)! Contact Gretchen White.