THE PEOPLE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH GATHER

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 17, 2015

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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.



In love God raised Christ from death and exalted him to sit at God's right side in heaven. There Christ rules in authority over all in this world, and will rule in the future world as well. – Ephesians 1:19–22

Today, the seventh and last Sunday in the season of Easter, is known as *Ascension Sunday*. Although this past Thursday—being forty days after Easter—was the actual observance of Jesus' ascension into heaven, we remember his exaltation today.

"The early church's belief in the Ascension can be read as its refusal to allow its Lord to be restricted to one particular time or place or people. The Ascension, in its simplest terms, means that Jesus is mobile and free—not a local god, but the exalted Lord of all!"

—Baptist Theologian and retired Harvard Professor, Harvey Cox, adapted

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

During the Prelude, prepare for worship by centering your heart with this prayer:

Improvisation on Victory John Dautzenberg, Organ

Christ our Lord, to whom we try to cling, make us ready and willing to let you go, that you may ascend in glory to reign over all people, not just over us alone—and, on your own terms, not ours. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ALTAR CANDLES

Herald Robinson, 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.

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' 6So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' 9When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

¹En el primer tratado, oh Teófilo, hablé acerca de todas las cosas que Jesús comenzó a hacer y a enseñar, ²hasta el día en que fue recibido arriba, después de haber dado mandamientos por el Espíritu Santo a los apóstoles que había escogido; 3a quienes también, después de haber padecido, se presentó vivo con muchas pruebas indubitables, apareciéndoseles durante cuarenta días y hablándoles acerca del reino de Dios. 4Y estando juntos, les mandó que no se fueran de Jerusalén, sino que esperasen la promesa del Padre, la cual, les dijo, oísteis de mí. ⁵Porque Juan ciertamente bautizó con agua, mas vosotros seréis bautizados con el Espíritu Santo dentro de no muchos días. Entonces los que se habían reunido le preguntaron, diciendo: Señor, ¿restaurarás el reino a Israel en este tiempo? ⁷Y les dijo: No os toca a vosotros saber los tiempos o las sazones, que el Padre puso en su sola potestad; spero recibiréis poder, cuando haya venido sobre vosotros el Espíritu Santo, y me seréis testigos en Jerusalén, en toda Judea, en Samaria, y hasta lo último de la tierra. 9Y habiendo dicho estas cosas, viéndolo ellos, fue alzado, y le recibió una nube que le ocultó de sus ojos. ¹⁰Y estando ellos con los ojos puestos en el cielo, entre tanto que él se iba, he aquí se pusieron junto a ellos dos varones con vestiduras blancas, ¹¹los cuales también les dijeron: Varones galileos, ¿por qué estáis mirando al cielo? Este mismo Jesús, que ha sido tomado de vosotros al cielo, así vendrá como le habéis visto ir al cielo.

PROCESSION, HYMN 233

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus Hyfrydol

LITANY OF ADORATION AND PRAISE

Psalm 47 Zain Shariff, Cantor

Refrain. Clap your hands all you nations. Amen, Hallelujah! Shout for joy all you people. Amen, Hallelujah!

Clap your hands all peoples; raise a shout of praise, a joyful cry!

For God, the Holy One, the Beloved of our hearts is worthy, the Lord of all that is.

Hear the festal trumpet blast! Make the swelling tide of our grateful song grow ever louder! For Love has ascended to heaven's throne—there to reign over the nations.

May all the princes of earth gather, and falling before the throne present peace and justice as their offering to the one seated in glory.

Yes, people of every race and tribe and tongue—come and hail the Lord of Love! Refrain.

MORNING PRAYER
Susan Sevier

When you, Lord Christ, ascended to the One who in love sent you to us, we thought we had lost you forever. Little did we know that in your going you would be ours more fully: set free from one time for all times, from one people for all people, from one culture for all cultures, from life as one individual for life within every trusting heart. Be with us now in our worship that we might sing your praise, and give ourselves completely to you as grateful and joyful witnesses to your welcome, love and grace. **Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Susan Sevier

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

Pastor Erica

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

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Did You Hear When Jesus Rose? Spiritual /arr. Roland Hayes (1887-1977) Zain Shariff, Baritone

EPISTLE LESSON

Efesios/Ephesians 1:15-23 Reverend Palacios

¹⁵Por esta causa también yo, habiendo oído de vuestra fe en el Señor Jesús, y de vuestro amor para con todos los santos, ¹⁶no ceso de dar gracias por vosotros, haciendo memoria de vosotros en mis oraciones, ¹⁷para que el Dios de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el Padre de gloria, os dé espíritu de sabiduría y de revelación en el conocimiento de él, ¹⁸alumbrando los ojos de vuestro entendimiento, para que sepáis cuál es la esperanza a que él os ha llamado, y cuáles las riquezas de la gloria de su herencia en los santos, ¹⁹y cuál la supereminente grandeza de su poder para con nosotros los que creemos, según la operación del poder de su fuerza, ²⁰la cual operó en Cristo, resucitándole de los muertos y sentándole a su diestra en los lugares celestiales, ²¹sobre todo principado y autoridad y poder y señorío, y sobre todo nombre que se nombra, no sólo en este siglo, sino también en el venidero; ²²y sometió todas las cosas bajo sus pies, y lo dio por cabeza sobre todas las cosas a la iglesia, ²³la cual es su cuerpo, la plenitud de Aquel que todo lo llena en todo.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far

above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Melchior Vulpius (c. 1560 – 1616)

Zain Shariff, Cantor

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! I am sending upon you what my Father promised.

Stay here until you have been clothed with power from on high.

Alleluia, alleluia! – Luke 24, adapted

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke/Lucas 24:44-53

Pastor Erica

⁴⁴Then Jesus said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

⁴⁴Y les dijo: Estas son las palabras que os hablé, estando aún con vosotros: que era necesario que se cumpliese todo lo que está escrito de mí en la ley de Moisés, en los profetas y en los salmos. ⁴⁵Entonces les abrió el entendimiento, para que comprendiesen las Escrituras; ⁴⁶y les dijo: Así está escrito, y así fue necesario que el Cristo padeciese, y resucitase de los muertos al tercer día; ⁴⁷y que se predicase en su nombre el arrepentimiento y el perdón de pecados en todas las naciones, comenzando desde Jerusalén. ⁴⁸Y vosotros sois testigos de estas cosas. ⁴⁹He aquí, yo enviaré la promesa de mi Padre sobre vosotros; pero quedaos vosotros en la ciudad de Jerusalén, hasta que seáis investidos de poder desde lo alto. ⁵⁰Y los sacó fuera hasta Betania, y alzando sus manos, los bendijo. ⁵¹Y aconteció que bendiciéndolos, se separó de ellos, y fue llevado arriba al cielo. ⁵²Ellos, después de haberle adorado, volvieron a Jerusalén con gran gozo; ⁵³y estaban siempre en el templo, alabando y bendiciendo a Dios. Amén.

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

GOSPEL HYMN 536

Pues Si Vivimos / When We Are Living

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

We sing v.1 English, v.2 Spanish, v.3 English, v.4 Spanish

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reverend Glaze

God, our Beloved, help us to know that when Jesus went up, his presence exploded everywhere —in peace, in grace, in justice, in welcome, and in love. Now, fill us with the Sprit so that we may give witness to all that he is both Lord and Friend. **Amen.**

SERMON

Left behind...for good! The Reverend Dr. Joseph Glaze MUSICAL REFLECTION John Dautzenberg

GIVING AND SERVING

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS

Reverend Glaze

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 Elijah

MUSICAL OFFERING

Improvisation on Noël Nouvelet John Dautzenberg, Organ

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 Elijah

OFFERING OUR WITNESS

Pastor Erica

Let us state together the truth God's people have come to trust. Today's witness is based on an early confessional hymn about the glorification of Jesus, preserved for us by the Apostle Paul in Philippians 2:5-11.

We believe that Jesus Christ was always God—from the very beginning of time.

But, because God loved us so much, Christ entered this world as one of us, giving up all divine privilege, sharing with us life in every way, in all of its suffering and joy.

On earth Jesus especially identified with the poor and outcast—and, because of this, he was a threat to those in power who thought they got rid of him by nailing him to a cross.

Yet, when God saw how faithful and loving Jesus had been, God's heart was filled with gladness, and God honored Jesus by receiving him back in heaven and there giving him the greatest place and the greatest name.

God said that whenever people hear the name "Jesus," they will bow down, give thanks, and say, so all the people of earth can hear, "Jesus Christ is Lord!"

BECOMING DISCIPLES

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor Elijah

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.

C HYMN 226

He Lives!

ACKLEY

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 Reverend Palacios

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on MACCABEUS John Dautzenberg, Organ

After worship, please remain in the Sanctuary for a very brief meeting of the Calvary Community, to vote on a motion from Pastor Erica's Ordination Council. Visitors and guests, feel free either to join us or to move into Woodward Hall, left as you exit the Sanctuary, for refreshments and a time of fellowship. We look forward to meeting you there!

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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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; 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; the family and friends of Vivian Ann Rosenberger who died Friday, March 13; 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; refugee and asylum seekers; immigration reform; the people of Nepal; racial reconciliation and justice everywhere.

SPECIAL GIFTS have been made to the Shalom Scholarship fund in honor of Karen Heidelberger and the High Tea celebration Saturday, May 9; and to the General Fund by Barbara N. Bicchieri in memory of her parents, Bob and Nell Sammons.

TODAY

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.

SUMMER TRIPS INTEREST MEETING in the Calvary Library, 12:30 p.m. Are you interested in going with a Calvary group to Wild Goose Festival in North Carolina or the Baptist Peace Fellowship's (Bautistas por la Paz) Peace Camp in Virginia this summer? Come hear more!

CLASSICAL GUITARIST CHARLES MOKOTOFF IN RECITAL, TODAY AT 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CALVARY! Invite family and friends, and join us Sunday, June 7, as we celebrate Calvary's 153rd anniversary and wrap up the 2014-15 season. Start the day right with a Caribbean Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in Woodward Hall, presented by the Latino Fellowship—all are invited to share in this time of fun, food and fellowship. Sunday School begins at a special time, 10:00 a.m. Worship at 11:00 a.m. features festive music from Calvary Children's Choir and Sanctuary Choir. As we conclude worship, it's another Calvary tradition: our annual community photograph! Following the Postlude, everyone in attendance that day is invited to gather at the front of the Sanctuary—our photo won't be complete unless *you* are there! Parents and teachers, thanks for assisting Calvary's children. Lunch is served in Woodward Hall at 12:30 p.m. and all are invited; suggested contribution is \$10—thanks for helping others in our community by giving as generously as you are able. Summer programming begins June 14, so keep an eye out for more info. Meanwhile, let's celebrate! Thanks for another rich and wonderful year of church life together, Calvary. We give thanks to God for such good gifts!

Summer at Calvary

THEOLOGY ON DRAFT meets on **Tuesday**s, **6:30-8:00 p.m.** and will have a special series during June with a break during July.

COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL! 9:45 a.m. each Summer Sunday.

CALVARY UNPLUGGED worship returns in July!

BAPTIST PEACE FELLOWSHIP'S (Bautistas por la Paz) Peace Camp at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, **July 6-11**. Contact Pastor Erica.

WILD GOOSE FESTIVAL in Hot Springs, North Carolina, **July 9-12**. Contact Pastor Elijah.



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.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (WMS) needs your sturdy shoe and boot boxes! They'll use them to make boxes to support local homeless people in need, through S.O.M.E (So Others Might Eat). Contact Gretchen White.

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!

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE HOURS. Thursday, **May 21**, join Pastor Erica in **Mt. Vernon Square** at Starbucks (835 O St NW), **2:00-4:00 p.m.** (come & go). Each Thursday, Pastor Erica is available in locations around the city for conversation, pastoral care, whatever!

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

CALVARY BOARD meets next Sunday, May 24, 12:30 p.m. in Butler Hall. BYO brown bag lunch.

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.

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