THE PEOPLE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH GATHER FOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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.



"But you," Jesus said, "what about you? Who do you say I am?"

- Matthew 16:15

JESUS CHANGED THE CONTENT OF THE WORD "GOD."

We cannot deduce anything about Jesus from what we think we know about God. No, we must deduce everything about God from what we know about Jesus.

To say that Jesus is God does not change our understanding of Jesus—it changes how we understand God. With Jesus, we not only are turning away from the gods of privilege, money, power, and self—we are turning away from all the old images of a personal god, one who serves us and does our bidding. We find our God in Jesus and in what he stood for.

- Albert Nolan, Jesus Before Christianity, adapted

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

During the Prelude, prepare for worship by centering your heart with this prayer of Richard Rolle (1290-1349):

Improvisation on Lauda Anima John Dautzenberg, Organ

We ask you, Lord Jesus, to create in us, your beloved brothers and sisters:

an immeasurable urge towards you,

an affection that is unbounded,

a longing that is unrestrained,

and a fervor that throws discretion to the wind.

Create in us, Lord Jesus, a love for you—just like your love for us. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ALTAR CANDLES

Ruthie Alcazar, Acolyte

WELCOME Reverend Glaze

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 122 Peter Hallock (1924-2014) Sanctuary Choir and Calvary Ringers

Procession, Hymn 23

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

O Congregation standing; la congregación se pone de pie.

Congregational responses in **bold**. Audio enhancement devices available for use during worship. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Respuestas congregacionales en **negrita**. Para Biblias en español o traducción del servicio en español, por favor hablar con un ujier.

□ LITANY OF ADORATION AND PRAISE

Psalm 19 Amelia Taylor, Cantor

Refrain.

Let the words of my mouth and my heart's meditation be acceptable to you, O God.

The beauty of interstellar space reveals the glory of its maker—the work of a lover, an artist.

As night and day silently follow one upon the other, if we are still and listen, we can hear music, a love song raised to you, O God!

And, as the sun makes its way across the sky, revealing all in its blazing light, so may your perfect word take root in us, to give light to our path, to bring joy to our fearful hearts, to delight us with your goodness, and to set us to work for you.

As does a bee for honey, may we yearn for you. More than wealth or fame may we desire your word. Let the words of our mouths and the whisperings of our hearts be according to your will, O Lord, our God. *Refrain*.

MORNING PRAYER

Jackie Wright, Deacon of the Week

O God, our Beloved, with all creation we, too, lift our love song of thanksgiving and praise. Draw us by your grace and then speak to us your word—so that, with hearts warmed and minds transformed, we no longer would be enslaved to our desires or to the false gods of this age, but alive as free men and women, given fully and joyfully to your service and the benefit of our brothers and sisters. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Jackie Wright

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

Reverend Lea

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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Call to Worship No. 2 Richard Proulx (1937-2010) Calvary Ringers

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

HEBREW LESSON Isaías/Isaiah 50:4-9a Eugenia Reyes

⁴Jehová el Señor me dio lengua de sabios, para saber hablar palabras al cansado; despertará mañana tras mañana, despertará mi oído para que oiga como los sabios. ⁵Jehová el Señor me abrió el oído, y yo no fui rebelde, ni me volví atrás. ⁶Di mi cuerpo a los heridores, y mis mejillas a los que me mesaban la barba; no escondí mi rostro de injurias y de esputos. ⁷Porque Jehová el Señor me ayudará, por tanto no me avergoncé; por eso puse mi rostro como un pedernal, y sé que no seré avergonzado. ⁸Cercano está de mí el que me salva; ¿quién contenderá conmigo? Juntémonos. ¿Quién es el adversario de mi causa? Acérquese a mí. ⁹He aquí que Jehová el Señor me ayudará; ¿quién hay que me condene?

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

EPISTLE LESSON

James/Santiago 3:1-12

Reverend Lea

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. 3If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 4Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

¹Hermanos míos, no os hagáis maestros muchos de vosotros, sabiendo que recibiremos mayor condenación. ²Porque todos ofendemos muchas veces. Si alguno no ofende en palabra, éste es varón perfecto, capaz también de refrenar todo el cuerpo. ³He aquí nosotros ponemos freno en la boca de los caballos para que nos obedezcan, y dirigimos así todo su cuerpo. 4Mirad también las naves; aunque tan grandes, y llevadas de impetuosos vientos, son gobernadas con un muy pequeño timón por donde el que las gobierna quiere. 5Así también la lengua es un miembro pequeño, pero se jacta de grandes cosas. He aquí, !!cuán grande bosque enciende un pequeño fuego! 6Y la lengua es un fuego, un mundo de maldad. La lengua está puesta entre nuestros miembros, y contamina todo el cuerpo, e inflama la rueda de la creación, y ella misma es inflamada por el infierno. Porque toda naturaleza de bestias, y de aves, y de serpientes, y de seres del mar, se doma y ha sido domada por la naturaleza humana; spero ningún hombre puede domar la lengua, que es un mal que no puede ser refrenado, llena de veneno mortal. ⁹Con ella bendecimos al Dios y Padre, y con ella maldecimos a los hombres, que están hechos a la semejanza de Dios. ¹⁰De una misma boca proceden bendición y maldición. Hermanos míos, esto no debe ser así. 11¿ Acaso alguna fuente echa por una misma abertura agua dulce y amarga? ¹²Hermanos míos, ¿puede acaso la higuera producir aceitunas, o la vid higos? Así también ninguna fuente puede dar agua salada y dulce.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia Melchior Vulpius (c. 1560 – 1616) Amelia Taylor, Cantor

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Who do you say that I am? You are the Messiah.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! – Mark 8, adapted

© GOSPEL LESSON Mark/Marcos 8:27-35
Reverend Glaze

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

²⁷Salieron Jesús y sus discípulos por las aldeas de Cesarea de Filipo. Y en el camino preguntó a sus discípulos, diciéndoles: ¿Quién dicen los hombres que soy yo? ²⁸Ellos respondieron: Unos, Juan el Bautista; otros, Elías; y otros, alguno de los profetas. ²⁹Entonces él les dijo: Y vosotros, ¿quién decís que soy? Respondiendo Pedro, le dijo: Tú eres el Cristo. ³⁰Pero él les mandó que no dijesen esto de él a ninguno. ³¹Y comenzó a enseñarles que le era necesario al Hijo del Hombre padecer mucho, y ser desechado por los ancianos, por los principales sacerdotes y por los escribas, y ser muerto, y resucitar después de tres días. ³²Esto les decía claramente. Entonces Pedro le tomó aparte y comenzó a reconvenirle. ³³Pero él, volviéndose y mirando a los discípulos, reprendió a Pedro, diciendo: !!Quítate de delante de mí, Satanás! porque no pones la mira en las cosas de Dios, sino en las de los hombres. ³⁴Y llamando a la gente y a sus discípulos, les dijo: Si alguno quiere venir en pos de mí, niéguese a sí mismo, y tome su cruz, y sígame. ³⁵Porque todo el que quiera salvar su vida, la perderá; y todo el que pierda su vida por causa de mí y del evangelio, la salvará.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reverend Glaze

Lord Jesus, like each of us, you want to be known and loved as you really are. Is this why you ask, "Who do you say that I am?"

We do want to know you. Help us to put on your mind, to follow after you, to do what you do, and to love the ones you love. Then, we will know you. **Amen.**

SERMON

How Would You Answer? The Reverend Dr. Joseph Edgar Glaze

LISTENING IN SILENCE

SHARING COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN 421

Hasta Tu Altar / Unto Your Table, Lord
HASTA TU ALTAR

We sing each verse in Spanish then English.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Reverend Lea and Congregation

Gracious God, you came to us in your Child, Jesus. He shared our life and in every way loved us, even as we nailed him to the cross and watched him die. But then, because of your love for him and for us, you raised him from death to reign forever in mercy and in love.

But, while we know the story and believe it, too often it has made little difference in our lives. There have been times when we should have stood up for Jesus, when we should have told clearly and confidently what he means to us and to this world. But, instead, we were timid and silent. For those times, have mercy on us.

Enable us to reflect more deeply on the sacred story and the one to whom it testifies, so that our love for him may increase, our hope in him be more sure, our service for him be more joyful, and our testimony of him more courageous. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

1 Corinthians 2:18, 23-24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Reverend Lea

Friends hear truth of the Gospel: the message about Jesus Christ and his death on the cross is nonsense to those captive to this world's lies, but to those who've tasted of God's grace it is the very power of God—changing us from people weak and fearful into people alive and strong, in love with God and with all people!

Yes, Jesus Christ and his cross are the very power of God. Thanks be to God!

GIVING THANKS Reverend Glaze

SHARING THE MEAL

To celebrate communion by intinction, approach the stations using inside aisles. Return to your seat using outside aisles. A gluten-free option is available at the front, to your left. To receive communion where you are seated, raise your hand and we will be happy to serve you.

CONGREGATIONAL MEDITATION

Shepherd Me, O God

We sing the Refrain as we participate in Communion.

SHEPHERD ME

Try singing the simple words from memory as the Choir leads us.

Refrain.

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

GIVING AND SERVING

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS

Reverend Zehyoue

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold W. Friedell (1905-1958) Sanctuary Choir

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

Reverend Zehyoue

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 234

Crown Him with Many Crowns
DIADEMATA

AFFIRMING GOD'S CALL

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

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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!

Today at 12:30 p.m., everyone in the Calvary Community is invited to participate in the Quarterly Business Meeting, postponed from July. Be sure to join us in the Chapel for this important work of the church. We'll discuss Calvary's second quarter, upcoming events, and Calvary's financial health.

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

Lectionary passages for September 20, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, are Proverbs 31:10-31; Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22; Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmen Angdisen; Demy Angdisen; Nardita (Edith) Angdisen; Maria Bensussen, Ryan Harvey's grandmother; Sara Bermúdez, Lorena Pereira's mother; Dylan Canfield, Laura Canfield's nephew; Cristina Chacón; Roberta Clyburn, Janice Glover's sister; Grace Evans; Bill Fahey; Brenda Fahey; Radost Fortunova, Liubov Russell's sister; Charles Gayflor, Elijah Zehyoue's family 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; Jerry Parr, Edgar Palacios' friend; Amelia Powell, Andrea Powell's mother; Paul Rice; Ed Smith, Paul Rosstead's brother-in-law; Joe Stout, Holly Miller's brother-in-law; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents; refugee, asylum seekers, and immigration reform; racial reconciliation and justice everywhere.

TODAY

PROMOTION SUNDAY! Combined Sunday School in the Chapel to celebrate Promotion Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

SANCTUARY CHOIR: WE'RE BACK! If you love to sing, join us for Sanctuary Choir! Weekly rehearsal schedule begins **today**, **9:45 a.m.** in Music Suite. Contact Cheryl Branham and plan now to visit us any Sunday this fall! Also stay tuned for info on upcoming Festival Choir rehearsals on Sunday afternoons.

CALVARY WOMEN'S SHELTER DINNER. Calvary provides supper this afternoon, serving homeless women in the Shelter. To help out with planning, cooking, or serving, talk with Claudia Moore.

COMING UP

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT CALVARY? Sign up on the Calvary website for Latest Happenings, Calvary Caller, and pastoral emails 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.

CALVARY IS ON MEETUP.COM! Check out our group page and invite your friends to see Calvary events, http://www.meetup.com/Calvary-Baptist-Church-Downtown-DC-Small-Groups.

THEOLOGY ON DRAFT is back! For the next month we'll study *Convictions* by Marcus Borg and examine why we believe what we believe. Don't miss this awesome conversation about God, Jesus, the Bible, doubt, faith, and much more. See you **Tuesdays** at 6:30 p.m. in Butler Hall. Contact Pastor Elijah.

CALVARY'S 5TH ANNUAL YARD SALE, THIS WEEK! September 16-18 in Kendall Hall. Donate new or gently used items; no clothes or computers, please. We can use boxes of all sizes and tissue paper. *Volunteers are needed to help with set-up Tuesday, September 15, sales Wednesday through Friday, and cleanup after the sale.* Contact Gretchen White. Proceeds benefit Shalom Scholarship Fund.

NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE HOURS with Pastor Erica will be near **The Archives** at Native Foods Café (701 Pennsylvania Ave NW) Thursday, **September 17**, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Each week, Pastor Erica is available in locations around the city for conversation, pastoral care, or whatever!

HOLISTIC HEALTH PROJECT. Thursday, **September 17**, 6:00 p.m. Join us for Thursday yoga classes and other topics as we improve our physical, mental and spiritual health; through Oct 1st. Contact Pastor Edgar for more information.

ARISE: A QUEER THEOLOGY COLLABORATIVE will begin meeting on September 17, and continuing each Thursday, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Calvary Library. We'll socialize, study, and share from an LGBTQ Christian perspective. Arise is co-hosted by Queer for Christ President, Ben Mann, and Revive DMV cofounder, Tonetta Landis-Aina. Arise is an ecumenical group for any LGBTQ identified people. Contact Pastor Erica for more information.

ZUMBA MEETS FRIDAY EVENINGS, 6:00-7:00 p.m.; \$5 per person and scholarships are available. Contact Katie Harvey, katherine.s.harvey@gmail.com.

THIRD CALVARY SURVEY will focus on Calvary's future. Your answers will provide direction to the congregation as we live into that future, as well as a foundation for the work of our Pastor Search Committee and essential information for potential Senior Pastor candidates. Please complete this final survey by Monday, September 21. All constructive comments will be summarized and shared with the congregation after worship on September 27 in a Calvary Conversation. And, while it's not required, we'd appreciate your including your name for this survey so that the Board can follow up, if needed, on your ideas and suggestions. Pick up a paper copy in the church office or visit—https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OurFutureAtCalvary. Thanks for participating!

CALVARY CONVERSATIONS about Calvary's future, Sundays after Coffee Hour on **September 27** and **October 11**, 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Be sure to join us and contribute to the conversation.

DC BAPTIST CONVENTION annual meeting, **October 26-27** at Clifton Park Baptist Church, on the theme *Cover Me* from Ephesians 6:13. Registration fee of \$75 covers meals and sessions, or attend one session with one meal for \$25. Contact Becky Vaughn, Claudia Moore or Paul Rosstead if you would like to represent Calvary as a delegate.

FALL RETREAT LED BY CALVARY'S DEACONS, Saturday, November 7, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Camp Fraser. This year's theme: *We Are the Story*, based on Mark 7:24-30 and the account of a Syrophonecian Woman. Activities include sharing our own stories, meals together, and of course, a campfire!

WILLING WORKERS! Do you have an hour or two during the week or on Saturday to help with painting, cleaning, landscaping? Contact Tim Shaw, tnshaw21@gmail.com, to join Calvary's new "Willing Workers" program, helping to keep Calvary beautiful, safe, and clean for our congregation and resident partners!

BASEMENT FOR RENT NEAR BENNING ROAD METRO. Fully furnished basement, all utilities included, on the DC – Maryland border. Metro bus stop only a half-block away. Location is just 15 minutes to downtown DC. Accessible and easy commute into the city and neighboring towns via main roads and highways. Nice, quiet street. Flexible lease. Contact Corina Lopez, clopez_260@hotmail.com.

WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY (WMS) needs sturdy shoe and boot boxes. They will make boxes to support local homeless people through S.O.M.E (So Others Might Eat). Contact Gretchen White.

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