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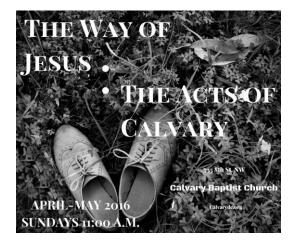
The Worship of God

MAY 8, 2016

ASCENSION SUNDAY AND SEVENTH OF EASTER

10:50 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.



GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Carol of the Stranger Abbie Betinis (b.1980)

In the Shadow I Will Sing! Linda Tutas Haugen Marietta College Concert Choir

Reverend Lea

Let Beauty Be Our Memorial J. A. C. Redford (b. 1953) Marietta College Concert Choir

> Alleluia, Sing to Jesus Hyfrydol

José González-Alfaro, Deacon of the Week

Oh Divina Voz: **You sing and the universe comes into being.** Oh Divino Aliento: **You breathe and all things spring to life.** Oh Divina Palabra: **You call and creation is sustained.** Oh Divino Espíritu: **You contain all that has been formed.** Oh Divina Vida: **You are the pulse of all that is.** (*Continues, next page*)

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed – Alleluia!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 233

CALL TO WORSHIP

Y así, en fe y expectación, en asombro y celebración, nos reunimos para recordar este misterio: In You, all things live and move and have being. In all things, You live and move and express Your Divine Artistry. And so we join with all creation in the eternal song of worship and devotion. Let us worship God!

0	MORNING PRAYER	José González-Alfaro
0	PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST	José González-Alfaro
	La paz del Señor sea contigo. Y contigo también. The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.	
0	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.	
	MUSICAL MEDITATION	<i>O Quam Gloriosum</i> Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611) Marietta College Concert Choir

O how glorious is the kingdom in which all the saints rejoice with Christ. Clad in robes of white, they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts/Hechos 16:16-34 Reverend Leah Grundset Davis

Reverend Lea

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' 18She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He

brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

¹⁶Aconteció que mientras íbamos a la oración, nos salió al encuentro una muchacha que tenía espíritu de adivinación, la cual daba gran ganancia a sus amos, adivinando. 17 Ésta, siguiendo a Pablo y a nosotros, gritaba, diciendo: Estos hombres son siervos del Dios Altísimo, quienes os anuncian un camino de salvación. ¹⁸Y esto lo hacía por muchos días; Pablo, cansado ya de esto, se volvió y dijo al espíritu: Te mando en el nombre de Jesucristo, que salgas de ella. Y salió en aquel mismo momento. ¹⁹Viendo sus amos que había desaparecido la esperanza de su ganancia, prendieron a Pablo y a Silas, y los arrastraron hasta la plaza pública, ante las autoridades; ²⁰y presentándolos a los magistrados, dijeron: Estos hombres, siendo judíos, alborotan nuestra ciudad, ²¹y proclaman costumbres que no nos es lícito recibir ni hacer, pues somos romanos. ²²Y se agolpó el pueblo contra ellos; y los magistrados, rasgándoles las ropas, ordenaron azotarles con varas. ²³Después de haberles azotado mucho, los echaron en la cárcel, mandando al carcelero que los guardase con seguridad. 24El cual, recibido este mandato, los metió en el calabozo de más adentro, y les aseguró los pies en el cepo. ²⁵Pero hacia la medianoche, Pablo y Silas oraban, y cantaban himnos a Dios; y los presos les escuchaban. 26Entonces sobrevino de repente un gran terremoto, de tal manera que los cimientos de la cárcel fueron sacudidos; y al instante se abrieron todas las puertas, y las cadenas de todos se soltaron. ²⁷Despertó el carcelero, y viendo abiertas las puertas de la cárcel, sacó la espada y se iba a matar, pensando que los presos se habían fugado. 28 Mas Pablo clamó a gran voz, diciendo: No te hagas ningún mal, pues todos estamos aquí. 29Él entonces, pidiendo luz, se precipitó adentro, y temblando, se postró a los pies de Pablo y de Silas; ³⁰y sacándolos, les dijo: Señores, ¿qué debo hacer para ser salvo? ³¹Ellos dijeron: Cree en el Señor Jesucristo, y serás salvo, tú y tu casa. ³²Y le hablaron la palabra del Señor a él y a todos los que estaban en su casa. ³³Y él, tomándolos en aquella misma hora de la noche, les lavó las heridas; y en seguida se bautizó él con todos los suyos. 34Y llevándolos a su casa, les puso la mesa; y se regocijó con toda su casa de haber creído a Dios.

EPISTLE LESSON

Apocalipsis/Revelation 22:14-17, 20-21 Reverend Palacios

¹⁴Bienaventurados los que lavan sus ropas, para poder tener acceso al árbol de la vida y para entrar por las puertas en la ciudad. ¹⁵¡Fuera los perros, y los hechiceros, los fornicarios, los homicidas, los idólatras, y todo aquel que ama y practica la mentira! ¹⁶Yo, Jesús, he enviado mi ángel para daros testimonio de estas cosas en las iglesias. Yo soy la raíz y el linaje de David, la estrella resplandeciente de la mañana. ¹⁷Y el Espíritu y la Esposa dicen: Ven. Y el que oye, diga: Ven. Y el que tiene sed, venga; y el que quiera, tome del agua de la vida gratuitamente... ²⁰El que da testimonio de estas cosas dice: Ciertamente vengo en breve. Amén; sí, ven, Señor Jesús. ²¹La gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo sea con todos vosotros. Amén.

¹²'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁶'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift... ²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.

Alleluia Richard Proulx (1937-2010)/Leo Nestor Teresa Blessing, Cantor

Alleluia, alleluia! **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!** Let her alone; she has performed a good service for me. She has done what she could. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!** (*Mark 14, adapted*)

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark/Marcos 14:3-9 Reverend Paula Dempsey

³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

³Estando él en Betania, en la casa de Simón el leproso, sentado a la mesa, vino una mujer con un vaso de alabastro de perfume de nardo puro, de mucho precio; quebró el vaso de alabastro, y derramó el perfume sobre la cabeza de él. ⁴Pero había algunos que se decían entre sí, indignados: ¿Para qué se ha hecho este derroche de perfume? ⁵Porque este perfume podía haber sido vendido por más de trescientos denarios, y haberse dado a los pobres. Y estaban irritados contra ella. ⁶Pero Jesús dijo: Dejadla; ¿por qué la molestáis? Ha realizado en mí una buena obra. ⁷Porque a los pobres siempre los tenéis con vosotros, y les podéis hacer bien cuando queráis, pero a mí no siempre me tendréis. ⁸Ella ha hecho lo que ha podido; se ha anticipado a ungir mi cuerpo para el sepelio. ⁹Y en verdad os digo: Dondequiera que se proclame el evangelio, en el mundo entero, se dirá también en memoria de ella lo que ha hecho.

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

O HYMN 522

We sing each verse in Spanish then English.

Amarte Sólo a Ti, Señor Loving Only You, O Christ AMARTE SÓLO

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Ken Meyers

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.

Do What You Have the Power to Do Reverend Paula Dempsey

Poor Wayfaring Stranger Southern American Folk Song/arr. Russell Robinson Marietta College Concert Choir

GIVING AND SERVING

INVITATION TO GIVE AND TO SERVE

MUSICAL OFFERING

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Alleluia. Jerusalem, city of light, vision of true peace. Alleluia. All holy, all elegant, is that which shows itself in thee.

O HYMN 50

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN Graham Velsey, Organ

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

BECOMING DISCIPLES

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN 220 We sing the complete hymn: v.1 All, v.2 Women, v.3 Men, v.4 All, v.5 Women, v.6 Men, v.7 All.

C AFFIRMING GOD'S CALL

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

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Sons and Daughters, Sing Your Praise O FILII ET FILIAE Graham Velsey, Organ

> Improvisation on O FILII ET FILIAE Graham Velsey, Organ

When in the Presence of Music Donald McCullough (b. 1951) Marietta College Concert Choir

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

SERMON

Carol Blythe

Jerusalem Luminosa Abbie Betinis Marietta College Concert Choir

Carol Blythe

Reverend Palacios

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Reverend Lea

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.

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Lectionary Passages for May 15, Pentecost, are Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NEW THIS WEEK: Amparo Palacios

Carmen Angdisen; Demy Angdisen; Theresa Beaton; 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; Joe Crumpler, Amy Shaw's grandfather ; Jenny Goon; Kelly Green, Ashley Coates Becker's father; Janet Grove; Berniece and Bill Harward; Sabrina Jawed's father; Rena Jirack; Lucy Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; Carmen Myers, cousin of Theresa Beaton; Tom Newcomb, Amy Shaw's grandfather; Al Nielsen; Kyin Oo; Mary Pat, Isaac Wright's friend; Amelia Powell, Andrea Powell's mother; Paul Rice ; Harold Ritchie; Ruby Shepherd; Jennifer Snowden, Cheryl Branham's niece; Sunny Soto's mother; Joe Stout, Holly Miller's brother-in-law; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents; peace in El Salvador; refugee, asylum seekers, and immigration reform; victims of gun violence; racial reconciliation and justice everywhere.

WELCOME, BABY MABEL! Mabel Rio Appiah-Duffell was born Tuesday, April 26. Proud parents are Salima Appiah-Duffell and John Appiah-Duffell. Proud grandparents are Denny Duffell and Joan Duffell, Yolanda Appiah-Kubi and Kwaku Appiah-Kubi. Congratulations to all!

ENGAGEMENT NEWS! Congratulations and best wishes to **Francene Blythe and Keevin Lewis** who recently became engaged. Stay tuned for further information as they make plans and set the date for marriage sometime next year. Keevin and Francene ask their Calvary family to "Please join us in prayer as we continue to walk together in the years come." We celebrate with you, Francene and Keevin!

TODAY

LATINO FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST, 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Everyone is invited to enjoy fellowship and good food as we honor mothers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES meet at **9:45** a.m.; children, youth, and adults on level G3, and Latino Fellowship in the Chapel, level G2.

THE WAY OF JESUS: THE ACTS OF CALVARY. Join us in worship each Sunday in May as we continue our special series. The Lectionary (3-year cycle of Bible texts for Sunday service) includes readings from Acts. Early Christians referred to their faith and discipleship as The Way of Jesus. How is Calvary growing in discipleship? How does Calvary reflect The Way of Jesus?

CALVARY WELCOMES ALLIANCE LEADERS. Today Calvary celebrates Alliance Sunday with guest preacher **Rev. Paula Dempsey**, as well as **Rev. Leah Grundset Davis**, **Rev. Dr. Ken Myers**, and Calvary's own **Carol Blythe.** Paula Clayton Dempsey serves as director of partnership relations for the Alliance of Baptists. To that position she brought more than 25 years of ministry experience as a pastor, campus minister, hospice chaplain, and director of Advent Spirituality Center. Paula lives with her family in Western North Carolina and travels to be with Alliance of Baptist congregations and ministry partners everywhere. Leah serves as the Communications Specialist and Kenneth Meyers serves as the Faith Formation Specialist. Thanks to all for leading in worship today! Join these guests for meet and greet in Woodward Hall during Coffee Hour.

THANKS TO ALL OF TODAY'S MUSICIANS! Calvary welcomes Marietta College Concert Choir, conducted by Dr. Daniel Monek. The Choir is on tour in the DC area from their home base in Marietta, Ohio, and today

they bring us a special program of music old and new to close out the Easter season in worship. Our thanks to Dr. Monek and everyone in the Choir. Thanks also to organists **John Dautzenberg and Graham Velsey**, and to everyone in **Calvary Sanctuary Choir**. Bravo to all!

COMING UP

WHAT'S 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.

APPLE PAY AND ANDROID PAY. Calvary now accepts contributions and payments by 'Contactless' Apple and Android Pay, the new chip credit cards, as well as the traditional 'swipe' method. See Paul Rosstead.

WELCOME, SABRA BARRETT! Sabra officially joined the Calvary staff this past week as the new Communications/Administrative Assistant! Thanks to the Personnel Committee for hiring a great person to join the Calvary staff!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION. WMS is collecting Box Tops for Education to support Mundo Verde Bilingual Public Charter School in DC. Please drop off your Box Tops at the Visitor Table in Woodward Hall.

CALL FOR USHERS. Are you looking for a way to get involved at Calvary? We are seeking a few willing people to join our team. As an usher you'll help to set up the altar, welcome members and visitors to worship, and collect the offering. Contact Abbey for more information, abbey.ammerman@gmail.com.

THEOLOGY ON DRAFT meets each **Tuesday**, **6:30 p.m.** in Butler Hall, for conversation about current events, theology, the Bible, and how our faith intersects with it all. Contact Pastor Elijah.

POLITICAL THEOLOGY FROM THE POOR. Join Pastor Edgar for this series of reflections on theology and politics, and the interaction between them, **Wednesday evenings**, **May 4 through June 1, 6:30 p.m.** in G310/311. Contact Pastor Edgar for more information.

ARISE: A QUEER THEOLOGY COLLABORATIVE meets each Thursday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Calvary Library, to discuss *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton. *Arise* is an ecumenical group for any LGBTQ-identified people. Contact Pastor Erica.

FRIDAY MORNING MUSIC CLUB. Calvary's Resident Partners in FMMC are on a break for the summer. The 2016-17 season begins next October, when FMMC musicians offer free recitals each Friday at 12 noon.

HOLISTIC HEALTH PROJECT is back! Join Pastor Edgar each **Friday**, **6:00-8:00 p.m.** in Shallenberger Hall and gym (GB on the elevator), for a time of wellness, yoga, and soccer.

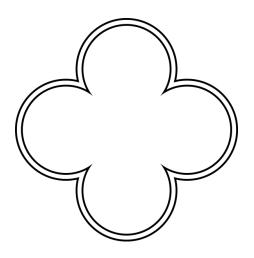
CALVARY DAY AT THE PARK. Our Membership Development team is focusing on congregational life, helping members and friends get to know one another better through social gatherings and fellowship. The first event we've planned is an afternoon of fun in the sun! Join us for Calvary Day at the Park, **Saturday, May 21, 1:00-5:00 p.m.** (Rain Date, June 18) at Watkins Regional Park, Upper Marlboro MD. Look for information in *Latest Happenings* or contact Salima Appiah-Duffell, salimaya@gmail.com.

YOUTH CAMP. Teens and families, mark your calendars for Youth Camp, **May 28-30** at Camp Fraser. Contact Pastor Edgar for more details.

CALVARY'S 154TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY is coming up, so invite friends and family to attend with you on June 5. We'll wrap up the 2015-16 church season beginning with churchwide breakfast, hosted by Calvary Latino Fellowship. In worship we'll celebrate with a Hymn Festival, and we need your smiling face in our annual congregational photo. Churchwide lunch follows in Woodward Hall. Don't miss it!

CALVARY PRIDE 2016: SAVE THE DATES! Interfaith Pride Service hosted by Covenant Baptist UCC, Tuesday, June 7, 7:30 p.m. Capital Pride Parade, Saturday, June 11. Pride Inclusion Sunday at Calvary, Sunday, June 12, 11:00 a.m. worship, with guest preacher Ben Mann. Capital Pride Festival, Sunday afternoon, June 12. Be in touch with Pastor Erica as soon as possible if you would like to participate.

CHILDREN PROTECTION & SAFETY TRAINING. The next training opportunity is **Sunday, July 17.** Save the date! All volunteers who work with Calvary nursery, children, youth and vulnerable adults at any time during the year are expected to attend one training session each year. Contact Pastor Erica or Daniel Alcazar-Roman.



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